New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative
Public Meeting – December 15, 2005
DRAFT Minutes

Secretary Bolson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:15 p.m. and welcomed those present.

Attendees

Sec. Mary Dale Bolson, CYFD                  Director Karen Meador, DOH
Sec. Pam Hyde, HSD                           Director Patricio Larragoite, HPC
Deputy Sec. Erma Sedillo, NMCD               John Block III, GCD
Director Pat Putnam, DDPC                    Ricardo Campos, DOT
Deputy Sec. Catherine Cross Maple, PED       Miguel Gomez, DOL
Lynne Anker-Unnever, ALTSD                   Katherine Miller, MFA
Regina Roanhorse, IAD                        Judith Reed, Public Defender’s Office
Director Gary Beene, DVR                     Rick Martinez, DFA
                                                Sec. Michelle Lujan Grisham, DOH

1. Approval of Minutes

Secretary Bolson called for a review of the minutes from the November 14, 2005, meeting and made a motion to approve the minutes subject to quorum approval. Director Meador seconded the motion, and the motion was approved. At the end of the meeting, the minutes were passed since a quorum was present at that time.

2. Updates from Collaborative Coordinator – Leslie Tremaine, others

- Strategic Plan for Collaborative. Dr. Tremaine presented the plan for calendar year 2006 and stated this is a broad outline of priorities. A discussion about the plan followed. Secretary Hyde encouraged the Collaborative to focus on specifics (for example, housing) rather than general themes such as “best practices.” Secretary Hyde motioned to adopt the plan. The motion was seconded by Ricardo Campos, and the motion passed.

- Comprehensive Planning Process. Fred Sandoval gave an overview of the 2006 planning process for a Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan for the State of New Mexico to be produced by September 1, 2006. The first orientation meeting of this Planning Committee is scheduled for December 16, 2005. Several Collaborative members complimented Mr. Sandoval on the quality of the document he prepared to accompany his presentation.

- Quality and Outcome Subcommittee Report. Deputy Sec. Cross Maple discussed the differences between strategic planning and management activities, and provided a matrix
of each agency’s concerns and desired outcomes. A draft document with general themes that had emerged from this matrix was attached. Ms. Anker-Unnever noted the absence of some agencies from the “themes” document. Dr. Tremaine indicated this was a draft document and that the missing agencies would be added to the form.

- **ValueOptions FY2006 Contract Performance Status.** Matt Onstott and Jeff Miles discussed performance, as outlined in nine different reports provided by ValueOptions. Discussion followed regarding higher levels of prior authorizations this month from last month and last year; lower number of grievances in October than September; lower number of critical incidents (one-half of which were elopements) this month. The reason for the improvement in these areas was attributed to ValueOption’s active outreach and education activities. Mr. Putnam expressed concern that providers continue to drop out because of low reimbursement rates, especially in the rural and frontier areas. Mr. Miles stated that, although providers are learning the billing system, there are still those who do not know how to bill accurately. It is crucial for each department to work with its providers on problem areas. Secretary Hyde commented that reimbursement rates would be further discussed when we talk about the contract itself. She also requested that ValueOptions provide the summary reports at least a day in advance of Collaborative meetings so that members can review beforehand.

3. **ValueOptions Presentations – Pam Galbraith, CEO**

- **System Issues Identified to Date.** Ms. Galbraith described the complexity in reimbursement and braided funding and the time spent with Information Systems to refine claims reimbursement. Also, a challenge has been the number of new employees, both at VO and at the State, and learning each other’s culture. Ms. Galbraith reported another challenge was that VO did not fully understand the depth of involvement required by the State’s elimination of some service definitions. Some positives have been the acquisition of meeting spaces, changing agency liaisons to population liaisons, and having Jeff Miles work with providers. Dr. Tremaine noted that they have been working with the Technical Assistance Collaborative to provide parameters for reimbursement rates and the rationale for them, with the goal being more consistency without disruption of services.

- **Community Reinvestment Funds Proposal for FY2006.** There was a great deal of discussion about both general areas of reinvestment and specific programs that have submitted requests for monies from this pool. Highlighted were 10 different programs, the services they offer, and the dollar amount each has requested. There was discussion about the pros and cons of funding now. Sec. Hyde expressed her struggle with, on the one hand, providing funds to good programs right now and, on the other, implementing a formal application process and waiting until March to see if even better programs apply. Sec. Hyde motioned to authorize ValueOptions to spend up to $500,000 for any of the 10 programs that are ready to go and, in the meantime, develop an application process to bring in possible other programs. The motion was seconded by Deputy Sec. Cross Maple and was passed unanimously.

Sec. Hyde noted that member agencies have until close of business on December 23, 2005 to provide feedback on the current version of the contract. A summary of how and to whom to comment was provided. The next version of the contract will be on the web site by mid January. Between March 2 and March 30, 2006, formal negotiations with VO will take place, and the contract must go to the federal government by April 1, 2006. Paul Ritzma did a walk-through of the contract. Sec. Hyde noted 3 issues that would be the focus of the contract discussion later in the agenda: funding changes this year; performance indicators; and moving toward commonality of rates.

5. **Public Input**

**Marcia Prophet, NAMI SF.** Ms. Prophet recommended the Collaborative fund the NAMI Peer-to-Peer Program, a 9-week course for consumers based on a recovery model. Ms. Prophet requested $15,000 of re-investment dollars in order to implement the program right away.

**Peter Cubra.** Mr. Cubra, speaking as a representative of LC2, stated that, despite repeated requests, his LC has had no guidance from the Collaborative on how to conduct its business. Speaking as an advocate, Mr. Cubra expressed concern based on his belief that the service code changes were made by one agency (HSD), not the Collaborative. He invited the Collaborative to change Medicaid State Plan to expand services such as housing during this window of opportunity when there is funding. Sec. Hyde stated that Dr. Tremaine will meet with Mr. Cubra regarding the Transformation Grant and State Plan Amendment.

**Becky Beckett, family member.** Ms. Beckett reported she has a daughter with schizophrenia and quoted another individual’s concerns about issues such as keeping people on their medication, etc. She asked that the Collaborative please keep families in mind throughout the bureaucracy of planning.

**Dr. Arturo Gonzales, Executive Director, Sangre de Cristo Community Health Partnership.** Dr. Gonzales stated he was pleased to see that discussions between ValueOptions and DOH regarding the sustainability of federal grants such as SBIRT were taking place.


Collaborative members discussed the three policy areas of concern in the FY07 contract. While some members wanted to see additional performance measures, Sec. Hyde indicated the 16 performance measures currently in the contract reflect the Governor’s accountability contract, and that it is not efficient to have a multitude of indicators. With regard to moving toward commonality of rates, Sec. Hyde stated that a discussion needed to be held about goals in this area to accomplish by 2007. There was a discussion about the discrepancy of rates among agencies and services. Sec. Hyde iterated the necessity of being more explicit in the contract. Comments regarding the contract are due by December 23, 2005.
7. **Policy and Planning Subcommittee**

Two policy & planning team statements/action items were discussed. Regarding the Collaborative’s Housing Initiative, Ms. Anker-Unnever moved to form a Housing Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam, and was unanimously approved. An amendment to adopt the work group recommendations of this Policy and Planning team was also approved.

Regarding the Proposed Consumer and Family Definition by the BHPC for use by the Local Collaboratives, Dr. Tremaine proposed extensive dialogue and comments on this. Mr. Putnam motioned to add definitions for 30-day public comment and to ensure there is understanding of their limited purpose use. The motion was seconded by Deputy Sec. Cross Maple and approved.

Deputy Sec. Sedillo asked the Collaborative for a letter of support for NMCD for an extension of the re-entry grant.

8. **Next Meetings/Primary Topics**

**March 2, 2006 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Apodaca Hall, PERA Building, 2nd Floor (1120 Paseo de Peralta), Santa Fe**

Region 6 Native American Local Collaboratives (Jack Callaghan/Benny Shendo/Pat Putnam)
FY 2007 ValueOptions Contract (Paul Ritzma, Leslie Tremaine)

**March 30, 2006 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., State Capitol, Room 222, Santa Fe**

School BH Standards, School Coordination & Performance Issues (Catherine Cross Maple/Pat Putnam/Steve Adelsheim)
BHPC Policy Discussion (Steve Johnson/Carol Luna Anderson/Debbie Armstrong)
FY 2007 ValueOptions Contract Final Decision (Paul Ritzma, Leslie Tremaine)

**May 2006, Date and Place TBD**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:20 p.m.