New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative
Meeting – December 20, 2007
State Capitol Building – South Room 322- Santa Fe, NM

Attendees:
Dorian Dodson –CYFD		Linda Roebuck –BH CEO
Bill Belzner-ALTSD		Dr. Alfredo Vigil-DOH
Erma Sedillo-NMCD		Jacqueline Cooper-PDO
Patrick Putnam-DDPC		Ricardo Campos-DOT
Julienne Smrcka-CC		Kristine Jacobus-HPC
Richard Chavez-MFA		Betty Sparrow Doris-DOL
Gary Beene-DVR		Teresa Gomez-IAD
Rick Martinez-DFA		Peter Bochert-AOC
Catherine Cross-Maple-PED	Katie Falls-HSD

Announcements:
• No January Meeting
• Next Meeting March 27th

Approval of Minutes from November 29, 2007
• Ricardo Campos made motion to approve November 29th minutes.
• A second motion made by Bill Belzner to approve the November 29th minutes.
• Motion carried minutes approved.
• Pat Putnam asked if his request for the DD/MI addition to October’s minutes had been added and requested a copy of the amended minutes.

Housing Plan (Decision Item): Marti Knisley, Richard Chavez, Janie McGuigan
• Dorian Dodson stated that the collaborative was provided a summary of changes to the plan prior to the meeting and if any collaborative member felt they need more time for review of the housing plan before a final vote is made to please make the request before the final vote.
• Pam Sanchez introduced Janie McGuigan who is now the supportive housing Coordinator for the Behavioral Health Collaborative
• Marti Knisley provided the final draft for review with the summary of the housing plan.

Comments
• The adult pilot housing program will start in January. Three communities have been chosen for the pilot housing program.
• There will be a performance review in April through June to evaluate the housing pilot program.
• Pat Putnam stated that Georgia has an easy living model community-housing program. The program provides housing with doors and restrooms that are accessible to people with disabilities and developers can certify the home as an easy living home. This was a suggestion to the housing committee so they can review the model as an option.

A motion to approve the housing plan was made by Teresa Gomez, IAD. Ricardo Campos seconded the motion.
Motion was approved unanimously.

**VONM FY09 Contract: Bill Belzner, Paul Ritzma**
- The intention is to make only essential wording changes to the FY09 contract, with the exception of rate negotiations and funding changes (Attachment D).
- Input will be sought from key Collaborative agencies on these essential changes in early February.
- Negotiations will begin soon after the end of the Legislative Session, during the week of February 25th.
- A draft of the contract will be provided to Collaborative members for their review on or about March 10th.
- The Collaborative will vote on contract approval at their March 27th meeting.
- CMS must receive the approved contract on or before April 1st, with the exception of rate and funding (Attachment D) changes.

**Consumer Satisfaction Survey: Betty Downes, Marcia Prophet**
- See attached presentation
- This annual survey is based on 1035 consumers. The survey is consumer led.
- New Mexico is the only state that has added empowerment as a category to be surveyed.
- The question was posed to Marcia Prophet and Betty Downes if any consumer youth were surveyed. The response was affirmative. The evaluators tried to get people over the age of 15 to answer the questions.
- Dorian Dodson suggested getting help from the youth groups involved with the collaborative to get more children to respond.
- The evaluation team is working actively with Value Options to obtain data for the survey.
- Jacqueline Cooper asked how participants were chosen. Betty Downes responded that anyone who was provided services through VO were eligible and the candidates were pulled randomly from both the children and adult populations that were surveyed.

**Timelines for RFP Development: Bill Belzner, Paul Ritzma**
The following are the Preliminary deadlines for the Request for Proposal (RFP) to award a new contract.
- A preliminary state collaborative group of 8-10 core members will be created.
- The state collaborative group will have January through April/mid May to draft the guidelines for the RFP.
- There will be a month for public input.
- The state collaborative group will have a concept paper & final RFP guideline for approval by the May 22nd collaborative meeting.
- The month of June will be used for final edits.
- The RFP guidelines will be ready for distribution by July 1st.
- The timeframe to submit RFP proposals will be 90 days.
- Proposals will be reviewed October 1st through November 30th.
- December will be used to negotiate a final agreement with the provider selected as the Statewide Entity
- In January 2009, the final contract will be signed.
The new contract will take effect July 1, 2009.

BHSD Medication Fund Update: Sally Kroner, Mary Mastandrea
- Mary Mastandrea stated the fund is working well. One obstacle is low utilization. The preliminary idea for the long-term solution to overcome low utilization is to try to work more with the consumers directly. One way to increase consumer awareness is by providing consumer brochures.
- The short-term proposed plan was to be voted on during the January meeting. The request for the short-term recommendation by Sally Kroner and Mary Mastandrea is to consider pharmacy dispensation payments. The supporting argument for consideration of these payments was that most providers have medication rooms and samples provided by the distributors. The argument was that providers do not lack medication but qualified people to dispense the medication so they meet state requirements. Southwest Counseling received $60,000 as a pilot to help support their medication room.
- The Collaborative recommended that Value Options distribute fund information to the pharmacy board, to the jails for released consumers, and to providers to address the low utilization.
- Pat Putnam made a motion that no more than 40% of the fund go to pharmacy dispensing payments before the attempt to distribute information to the jail, the pharmacy board, and to providers.
- Erma Sedillo stated there was not enough information to vote.
- Pat withdrew his motion.

Rick Martinez made a motion to have a proposed plan for the available medication funds go to the chair and co-chairs to review the plan and distribute to collaborative members for comment. The chair and co-chairs could do final approval of the plan or wait for final approval during the March meeting. Bill Belzner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Legislative Guidelines
- The 2009 legislative guidelines draft was included in November’s binder. This is the third year for collaborative legislative guidelines. The guidelines are intended to prioritize community based funding requests. The intent is to make legislative requests that are consistent with statewide initiatives. This also reduces the competition of providers so there is fair and equitable distribution of available funds. The guidelines provide strategic priorities for the year, and technical assistance.

Pat Putnam made the motion to approve. Richard Chaves seconded the motion. The motion was approve unanimously.

CCSS Update: Karen Northfield, Linda Roebuck, Bill Belzner
- New Mexico Medicaid will be changing services from Case Management to Comprehensive Community Support Services (CCSS).
- The CCSS services focus is on recovery and resiliency and is a consumer driven treatment. This service is ideal for people with more complex needs. Key
features of CCSS include a comprehensive assessment and service plan, followed by needed community-based support services.

- Providers that have historically provided case management services will be given a 90-day provisional certification, effective January 1, 2008. VO has made available technical assistance, and is willing to assist providers with any questions regarding CCSS.

Public Input

**Ginny Wilson**

- This question was posed to the collaborative: With the new RFP coming up what does the Collaborative, State and VO plan to do about outreach to consumers?
- Ms. Wilson requested that the Collaborative consider mandating advance directives.

**Richard Malcolm**

- Mr. Malcolm thanked the collaborative for addressing and implementing the medication fund. One consideration is that the care recipients have consistency over time.
- Regarding CCSS, there is a need identified for a standard training curriculum that would be provided by the collaborative.
- Mr. Malcolm questioned if anything concrete has happened because of public comment.
- He stated that 51 people have died homeless in Albuquerque to date.

Motion to adjourn Campos
Bill Belzner seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 3:42