## Meeting Minutes

**New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative**  
**Meeting – July 24, 2008**  
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Town of Taos Convention Center – 121 Civic Plaza Drive – Taos, New Mexico

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<td><strong>Present were:</strong></td>
<td>Pamela Hyde/HSD, Alfredo Vigil/DOH, Bill Dunbar/CYFD, Linda Roebuck/BHC CEO, Patrick Putnam/DDPC, Teresa Gomezz/IAID, Liz Stefanics/HPC, Gary Beene/DVR, Richard Chavez/MFA, Sherry Helwig/NMCD, Lynne Anker-Unnever/ALTSD, Vince Baca/DWS, Ricardo Campos/DOT, John Block III/ GCD, Peter Bochert/AOC, Julienne Smrcka/CYFD, Angel Roybal/BHC</td>
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<td><strong>Pre Meeting Updates</strong></td>
<td>Data is being updated and is not available for this meeting. The Workgroup with ValueOptions New Mexico (VONM), providers, and the Collaborative Staff continues to meet to resolve CCSS implementation. Mary Ann Shaening and Linda Roebuck will facilitate regional meetings to discuss the CSA concept paper. A report is due back to the Collaborative at the September 25, 2008 meeting.</td>
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<td><strong>CCSS/CSA Data Update</strong></td>
<td>Funding for the Native American Local Collaborative Expansion will be through a Non-competitive Federal appropriation. Funding had originally been set aside for a Procovery model that New Mexico was looking at. It was decided that the model was not right for New Mexico at this time. Therefore the funding will be used to support the expansion.</td>
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| **CAFE Update**              | Linda Roebuck reported on the Consumer Initiatives Update- Office of Community Affairs and Consumer and Family Engagement  
1. The Collaborative is in the process of re-examining the policy, processes and activities of the Consumer and Family Engagement (CAFE) and the Office of consumer Affairs (OAC) in order to revitalize the energy, drive and dedication to consumer and family initiatives. The Immediate focus is to develop a Strategic Plan based on a clear Vision of consumer, family and youth participation. The strategic plan will be inclusive of adults, families and youth to be able to effectively advise, advocate and participate in the design, development, implementation and evaluation of the behavioral health system of care.  
2. The first major step in the development of the Strategic Plan has been a two (2) day retreat held on July 17th and 18th. It was lead by the national consultant, Wilma Townsend, in cooperation with a newly formed consumer policy work group, Employees within CAFE and OCA and senior state management personnel.  
3. Five (5) key areas were identified in the two (2) day retreat as requiring both short term and long term attention. These areas are:  
   - Vision;  
   - Renewal of Office of Consumer Affairs;  
   - Revival of CAFE;  
   - Communication; and  
   - Expansion and inclusion.  
4. The membership of the Collaborative holds strong to the concept of consumer, family and youth participation. |                                 |
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<td>Concept Paper</td>
<td><em>Handout</em>- New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative 2008 Concept Paper - The goal of this concept paper is to provide a brief overview of the progress in implementing the Collaborative’s vision over the past three years, and consider future priorities for the Statewide Entity (SE) and the system as a whole. A major lesson learned over the past three years is that the plan and accompanying RFP must be flexible and adaptable to an ever changing behavioral health system. The best source for identifying needed changes is at the local level, thus, stakeholder input is critical. Stakeholders are encouraged to continue to provide written feedback regarding priority areas to focus on in the next phase of this developmental process.</td>
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<td>Report On LHHS Hearing</td>
<td>Linda Roebuck reported that Bill Belzner attending the LFC Hearing and an update will be provided at the Purchasing Collaborative Meeting on August 28, 2008.</td>
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<td>Call to Order:</td>
<td>Alfredo Vigil, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., with a quorum present.</td>
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<td>Introductions and Announcements</td>
<td>Collaborative Members introduced themselves.</td>
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<td>Approval of NM Behavioral Health Collaborative Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2008</td>
<td><strong>MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED</strong> to amend the motion from the June 26, 2008 Purchasing Collaborative Meeting to include the recommendations regarding the Native American Local Collaborative Expansion by inserting the words “which includes the Workgroup’s recommendations on the timeline for the application and approval process” after the words “Region 6”. The amended motion reads as follows:</td>
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<td>A <strong>MOTION</strong> was made by Liz Stefanics for the approval to establish three (3) additional Native American Local Collaboratives within Region 6 which includes the Workgroup’s recommendations on the timeline for the application and approval process. Funding will be provided through the FY09 budget. The Motion was <strong>SECONDED</strong> by Patrick Putnam and was <strong>PASSED</strong> unanimously.</td>
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<td>A <strong>MOTION</strong> was made by Vince Baca to approve the minutes from June 26, 2008 Behavioral Health Collaborative Meeting. The Motion was <strong>SECONDED</strong> by Sherry Helwig and was <strong>PASSED</strong> unanimously.</td>
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<td>Executive Session</td>
<td><strong>MOVED AND SECONDED</strong> to go into Executive Session to discuss the Contract and Request for Proposal (RFP).</td>
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<td>Dr. Vigil announced that the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss contract issues.</td>
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<td>Discussion of RFP Evaluation Process</td>
<td><em>Handout</em>-Evaluation by Behavioral Health Planning Council Consumer &amp; Family RFP Subcommittee - The Process for receiving consumer and family input into the RFP is the process for the 2005 procurement. In 2005, the Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC) was asked to convene a Consumer &amp; Family RFP subcommittee (RFP Subcommittee) this group was advisory only, offering an assessment of strength and weaknesses of RFPs from each bidder. It did not score proposals or otherwise rank or recommend bidders.</td>
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<td><strong>Total Community Approach for Local Collaborative #4</strong></td>
<td>A <strong>MOTION</strong> was made by Pam Hyde to use the 2005 procurement process for receiving consumer and family input into the RFP. The Motion was <strong>SECONDED</strong> by Lynn Anker-Unnever and was <strong>PASSED</strong> unanimously.</td>
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| **Handout** – Marino Rivera, Patricia Gallegos and David Griego reported on the current status of the Total Community Approach (TCA) Project in Local Collaborative 4. The topics discussed in detail included the following:  
  - Successes;  
  - Challenges;  
  - Issues to be addressed; and  
  - And Reasons for Our Success. |  |
| **Total Community Approach Evaluation** | **Handout** – RL Hough presented a power point presentation on the New Mexico TCA program evaluation. The presentation consisted of the following:  
  - TCA Sites;  
  - TCA Evaluation Organization;  
  - Local Evaluators;  
  - Evaluating the Use of the TCA Model in Local Collaborative (LC) Planning;  
  - Evaluating Organizational Implementation of TCA Programs;  
  - Outcomes Evaluation;  
  - Local Collaborative #4 (San Miguel County);  
  - Local Collaborative #5;  
  - Local Collaborative #6 (Hidalgo County);  
  - Local Collaborative #15 (Navajo);  
  - Local Collaborative #1 (Rio Arriba, Santa Fe Counties);  
  - Local Collaborative #8 (Taos County); and  
  - Statewide Evaluation Coordinating Committee. |  |
| **Behavioral Health Planning Council Report** | Chris Wendel, Chair reported the following:  
  1. The Planning Council meeting that took place on July 23, 2008 and was video-conferenced. The host site was in Albuquerque and satellite sites were in Roswell, Las Vegas and Las Cruces. Some of the subcommittee meetings have also been video-conferenced.  
  2. Among the many business issues that were discussed:  
    - Block Grants:  
      An update on the status of the Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) Block Grant and final recommendations will be presented to the Council at the August meeting.  
      An introduction to the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant and final recommendations will be presented to the Council at the September meeting.  
      Several BHPC (Behavioral Health Planning Council) members are part of each of the above review teams.  
    - An invitation has gone out to the BHPC members and Local Collaboratives to become part of a LC ad hoc Subcommittee. One of the purposes of this ad hoc committee would be to bring local community issues to the forefront and come up with solutions. They will also work on the |  |
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**Discussion**

upcoming BHPC/LC Summit. We anticipate that this committee will meet at least through the fall and may be on-going after that.

- The new Executive Committee met for an all-day retreat on July 10 to conduct preliminary planning and address pressing issues.
- There will be a Subcommittee retreat on September 2 in Albuquerque to discuss the functioning and roles of the statutory subcommittees.

3. Flyers for the BHPC/LC Summit, scheduled for September 23 in Santa Fe, were emailed this week to the members of the Planning Council, LC’s and the Purchasing Collaborative.

4. The Planning Council continues to re-evaluate the size of its membership, the number of meetings it has, and increasing the use of video conferencing.

*Handout*- A copy of the Behavioral Health Planning Council Agenda from their July 23, 2008 meeting was provided to the Collaborative Members for review.

*Handout – Recommendations for Enhancing the Behavioral Health System Activities Through the Local Collaboratives, The Behavioral Health Planning Council and the Purchasing Collaborative consisted of the following parts:*

- Part One: Recommendations from the Executive Committee
- Part Two: Additional comments from the BHPC Council Individuals
- Part Three: Additional Comments From Local Collaborative Representatives
- Part Four: Additional Individual Comments From Local Collaborative Members

Linda Roebuck reported that she met with the Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC) Executive Council to discuss concerns regarding efficiency of current BHPC structure and membership. The Executive Committee agreed with the need to streamline BHPC structure for both efficiency and effectiveness. The Council will bring forward recommendations in November regarding Council membership and structure. Chris Wendel reported that the Council will work with Ms. Roebuck on these recommendations.

*Handout – Pat Putnam reported that the Purchasing Collaborative has formally approved the formation of the Clinical Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) to problem solve high risk, high need cases that come to an individual member's attention. The Team will have standing members from DOH, ALTSD, BHSD (HSD) and VONM. Members shall be independently licensed clinicians (psychologist, LISW, LPCC, LMFT, MD). Ad hoc team members may include, on an as-needed bases, representatives of, DDPC/OOG and all other Collaborative members; the individual's guardian; community-based treatment providers; and other service delivery agencies. The MDT facilitator is Bette Betts. Other items discuss within the report were:*

- Goals;
- Objectives; and
- Process/Procedures for Referrals.

Sarah Couch and Gay Finalyson from the Bernalillo County Local Collaborative presented a video Call “Speak into the Silence” in which people talked openly about how the programs help them overcome their individual and collective problems as well as the stigma and discrimination encountered in the external

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**Behavioral Health Collaborative**

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| Public Input        | Environment. How can we make sure people get the services they need to be healthy? *Handout* - The Bernalillo County Local Collaborative Mentorship Project (BCLC) was a simple brainstorm. It went something like this: Wouldn't it be super cool if people with behavioral health needs and family members had mentors who met them where they are at and said "what are you interested in"? What can we learn together? Where in your life are you having some difficulty using your voice and how can we, as a community, work on helping you empower yourself?  

In October 2006, the BCLC received a $15,000 reinvestment fund grant to do the above. The grant money was to support the development and participation in the project, which ran from October 2006-October 2007. The intention of the Mentorship Project was to teach people who use/have used/would like to use but can't find or afford services and family members about self, family, community, and systems advocacy. The hope was that through the Mentorship Project, people would gain a clearer understanding about the Local Collaborative and become engaged on a broader level. Other items discussed were:  

- What they did:  
- Outcomes:  
- Links to the LC and the Community; and  
- Beyond the Grant.  

Carlos Miera, Taos Tri-County Community Services Inc:-  
The Tri-County Community Service (TCCS) Board of Directors, Staff, Consumers and I would like to acknowledge the New Mexico Human Service Division and Value Options for the support they have provided TCCS in its endeavors to provide quality affordable behavioral health services to the residents of Taos, Colfax and Union Counties. With the additional funding we received this past year, TCCS has been able to keep it doors open and continue to focus on delivering services.  

Fact Sheet:  

- Did you know that during the past three years 45 individuals have lost their lives to suicide in Taos County and thirteen in Colfax County and four in Union county?  
- During the past three years, TCCS has admitted 3,228 clients.  
- From 7/1/06 to 6/30/07 TCCS admitted 1,166 new clients.  
- From 7/1/07 to 5/29/08 TCCS admitted 897 new clients.  
- TCCS provides Social Detoxification Services to 275 clients annually.  
- TCCS maintains an active case load of over 900 clients on a monthly basis.  
- TCCS see on an average 200 clients per day.  
- TCCS provides Substance Abuse Prevention Services to 450 student’s annually in Taos and Colfax Counties and to 60 parents utilizing the DTBU Program.  

Wrap Around Services:  

- 24 hour crisis line  
- Suicide prevention/intervention services  
- Psychiatric evaluations/medication management  
- Individual/family/group counseling-Adults/Youth |
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| • Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Services  
  • Comprehensive Community Support Services  
  • Patient Assistance Program-Pharmacy Services  
  • Social Detoxification Services  
  • Substance Abuse Prevention Services  
  • Outpatient Substance Abuse Counseling  
  • Intensive Outpatient Services (Matrix Model) | Regina Roanhorse, Co Chair Dine Local Collaborative #15-  
• LC 15 Dine Local Collaborative Chair Regina Roanhorse thanked the Purchasing Collaborative for finding the funds to support 3 more Local Collaboratives for Region Six because the LC’s make the systems transformation “culturally appropriate”.  
• Video of LC #2 was great and LC 15 should do one on the Native American Consumers to lend their voices to this transformation.  
• LC #15 Total Community Approach is a complex, multi-level, multi-jurisdictional project in the Eastern Navajo Agency of the Navajo Nation. We hope to provide an update and presentation on the TCA in the future.  
• Project TRUST: would like to be on the agenda in the future, regarding the Adolescent Native American behavioral health issues in Indian Country. Report submitted. | |
| Sarah Couch, Co Chair Bernalillo County Local Collaborative-  
• I recently received a letter about Coordinated Long Term Services from Human Services Division (HSD). I am dual eligible (Medicare and Medicaid) and the letter said all dual eligibles must enroll in CLTS.  
• I am totally confused about CLTS as are others in my local collaborative who are also dual eligible.  
• Would super appreciate it if the Purchasing Collaborative would put out something formal on how CLTS works with behavioral health, especially for the dual eligible population, so we will know how to navigate this new terrain of managed care.  
• Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC) has planned a summit for September 2008. The premise of the summit is to celebrate the work of local communities, specifically local collaboratives. The summit is being held the same day as our local collaborative meeting, which has been on the 4th Tuesday of the month for about 3 years. If the BHPC truly wants local collaborative involvement—all local collaborative involvement—in such activities, it would be mighty helpful if such events didn’t conflict with our local collaborative meetings. We will always choose our local community over state sponsored events, as our local community is our priority. | |
| Gay Finalyson, Co Chair Bernalillo County Local Collaborative-  
• We need an autism specific intervention benefit through Medicaid. The dollars given to us by the legislature in 2007 are not federally matched, and serve only 80 children. There could be over 1000 children with autism who qualify for Medicaid. The American Association of Pediatrics has determined autism intervention to be medically necessary. We are being discriminatory by not providing this service. | |
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<td>Adjourn</td>
<td>- Our state agencies still do not work together on autism issues. ValueOptions has to take on children with enormous need who have not been appropriately served at school or in their communities. Families have to contact their legislators and the governor in order to get their children's needs met. This is wrong. We need to do better.</td>
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<td>There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.</td>
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