### Meeting Minutes
**New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative**  
**Meeting – December 18, 2008**

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
State Capitol Building, Room 321 – Corner of Don Gaspar and Paseo De Peralta – Santa Fe, New Mexico

*Handouts:* Copies of the NM Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative Meeting public hand-outs may be obtained from the website [www.bhc.state.nm.us](http://www.bhc.state.nm.us)

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<td>Present were:</td>
<td>Pam Hyde/HSD, Dr. Alfredo Vigil/DOH, Dorian Dodson/CYFD, Linda Roebuck/BHC CEO, Patrick Putnam/DDPC, Alvin Warren/IAD, Christina Stick/IAD, Kristine Jacobus/HPC, Ralph Vigil/DVR, Ricardo Campos/DOT, Cindy Padilla/ALTSD, John Block III/GCD, Richard Chavez/MFA, Patrick Simpson/AOC, Betty Sparrow Doris/DWS, Bruce Perlman/GHPC, Gail Oliver/NMCD, Catherine Cross Maple/PED, Angel Roybal/BHC</td>
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<td>Pre-Meeting Updates from Collaborative CEO</td>
<td>Harrision Kinney reported that the 2008 Behavioral Health Conference was a great success. About 700 people attended. Goals have been accomplished and they continue to gain knowledge that will be used as a change agent to pave the way for the creation of effective and positive systems. Everyone was recognized for their tireless dedication and devotion to enhancing the system of care here in New Mexico. A date for next years conference is on the way.</td>
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| 2008 Behavioral Health Conference          | Bill Belzner briefed the Collaborative regarding the Medication Fund update which included the following:  
- 300 consumers were effected  
- There was outreach in order to conduct the communication (letter, phone, prescriber needs to be contacted)  
- There were about 173 unknown phone numbers  
- Prescribers are aware of the alternatives  
- Homeless are eligible for Medicaid |                               |
| Medication Fund Update                     | Comments:  
-Dorian Dodson suggested that they contact the NM Coalition for homeless to help get the word out.  
-Pat Putnam stressed a concern about the “Generic” substitute-it’s not quite the same. Sometime it causes problems that affect the individual. Mary Mastrandrea indicated that they do work with these individuals. It is a case-by-case basis. VONM also works with the prescriber to help avoid complications. Bill Belzner expressed that VO has specialized care coordination and that the issues are being addressed. Mr. Putnam also asked if there are programs out there to help leverage our dollars to implement as quickly as possible. |                               |
| Budget Compilation                         | The FY2010 BHC Budget Compilation has been distributed. It will need to be adjusted. A revised one is on the way. At this point in time it does not reflect deductions. |                               |
BHSD Fee-For-Service Conversion Update

Bill Belzner and Harrison Kinney reported the following:

1. Reporting is being received on a monthly base. Each month there is improvement.
2. The conversion continues to take place.
3. There are constraints that continue to be addressed:
   **Issues:**
   - Few providers that do not have the census capability to demand the services. Mainly in small communities
   - Programs have stated that the conversion (CCSS) has affected them
   - Supportive employment
   - Several of the larger programs are having problems with the billing process
   - Staff is not trained adequately to complete in a timely and accurate manner
   - Technical system issues
   - Single entity system complication
   - Claims
   - Satellite programs that are part of a larger system. Usually centralized billing
   - BHSD is meeting with VONM and provider representatives to develop strategies to assist providers in meeting the “Fee-For-Service” requirement
   - Exceptions to “Fee-For-Service” are being identified (e.g. jail diversion, prevention, sexual assault services) based on cost reimbursable deliverables

**Comments:**
- Pat Putnam had concerns about how are the rural areas are being addressed.
- June 30th is the deadline for the move-over.
- Dorian commented on the “over funded” agencies.
- Linda commented that the fundamental principals have been agreed upon and the recognition of where we are has been acknowledged.
- Principals will be brought back to the Collaborative next month.

Community Reinvestment

Eddy Broadway announced that VONM will be accepting applications for FY09 Community Reinvestment Funds. FY09 Community Reinvestment Funds require that funds be used to further develop a continuum of care within a region or address the needs of a specific population.

FY09 Community Reinvestment Funds will be focused on the following funding priorities:
- Native American programs/services
- Services for individuals with mental illness and developmental disabilities
- Consumer-run and –operated services

**Proposal Timelines:**
- Proposals must be submitted to VONM by January 23, 2009.
- Proposals should be delivered by mail, in person, or electronically to Dr. Tom Sims (Tom.Sims@valueoptions.com)
- Proposals will be reviewed by the BHPC and LCs by February 27, 2009
- Recommendations for award will be given to the New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative CEO/Deputy CEO by March 6, 2009
- Awards will be announced at the Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative meeting on March 26, 2009
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<td>Core Service Agency (CSA) Update</td>
<td>Linda Roebuck reported that she and Maryann Shaening have completed the final CSA road show. The data is in the process of being summarized. The recommendation is to continue to pursue the goals of CSA. Details on how CSA will roll out will be provided at next month’s Collaborative meeting.</td>
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<td>Call to Order</td>
<td>Dr. Alfredo Vigil, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, with a quorum present.</td>
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<td>Approval of the NM Behavioral health Collaborative Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2008</td>
<td>A MOTION was made by Dorian Dodson to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2008 Behavioral Health Collaborative Meeting. The Motion was SECONDED by Betty Sparrow Doris and was PASSED unanimously.</td>
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| Quality Performance Measures | Betty Downes reported on the Performance and Accountability Outline- A Healthy New Mexico: FY 2008 As Of December, 2008. The report was based on a three (3) year analysis which consisted of the following components:  
**Goal 4.0 Improve Behavioral Health through and Interagency Collaborative**  
- Task 4.1 Reduce the Suicide among youth and high-risk individuals  
- Task 4.2 Reduce the adverse impacts of substance abuse and mental illness on individuals, families and communities  
- Task 4.3 Promote recovery and resilience for high-risk and high-need individuals with mental illness and/or substance abuse by increasing access to housing, education, employment, transportation and positive social interactions  
- Task 4.4 Promote positive behavioral health and reduce stigma associated with behavioral health issues  
- Task 4.5 Develop New Mexico’s behavioral health workforce  
**The Collaborative discussed in detail concerns that were raised regarding the following:**  
- The Number of Calls to DH-funded crisis lines  
- Percent of adults with serious mental illness receiving services in competitive employments of their choice  
- Percent of people receiving substance abuse treatment who demonstrate improvement on two or more domains on the Addiction Severity Index (ASI)  
- Percent of readmissions to the same level of care or higher for individuals (under 21 yrs) in managed care discharged from residential treatment centers (Medicaid Only)  
- Tracking utilization is claims based  
**Comments from the Collaborative to Betty Downes:**  
- May be reality issues vs. measurable issues  
- Find a way to describe accurately what we are reporting (we want make sure we are capturing what is being reported)  
- Benchmark differently  
- The goal would be to reduce the number of measures  
- Department of Public Safety helped provide measures regarding the Number of DWI arrests among persons receiving substance abuse treatment/services and the number of illicit drug arrest among persons receiving substance abuse treatment/service | |
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| Native American Expansion Update          | - Gaps remain  
- It was suggested that the report reflect the fact that it is reporting perception  
- Pam Hyde suggested that this item needs more time on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting | MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED for the Behavioral Health Collaborative to approve the proposal for the expansion of Native American Local Collaboratives by three, which will increase the number of Native American Local Collaboratives to five and the total number of Local Collaboratives to 18 across the state. Alvin Warren ABSTAINED. |
| Behavioral Health Planning Council Report | Using proposals, assessment of readiness, and geography as the criteria, the Collaborative selected the following three proposals for the Local Collaborative expansion:  
1. **Rain Cloud**, an off reservation group,  
2. **Sandoval County Consortium** (Santa Ana, Santo Domingo, Zia, Cochiti, Jemez, Sandia, and San Felipe Pueblos as well as urban tribal populations in Sandoval County), and  
3. **Eight Northern Pueblos** - with the stipulation they must provide a list of members (Nambe, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Ohkay Owingeh, Santa Clara, Taos and Tesuque Pueblos).  
The Jicarilla Apache Nation, who also submitted a proposal for a Local Collaborative, will be given the option to join one of the three expansion collaboratives, or remain a part of Local Collaborative 14. Any Local Collaborative must accept Jicarilla Apache Nation and all Local Collaboratives must affirm their willingness to be inclusive and not refuse anyone’s participation.  
This expansion leaves Local Collaborative 14 with more geographic integrity with Mescalero Apache Tribe and the southernmost Pueblos (Isleta, Acoma, Laguna and Zuni Pueblos) and Navajo Chapters (Ramah, Alamo and To'Hajiilee.) The Mescalero Apache Tribe proposal that was submitted was very strong and this expansion plan is intended to recognize their strength and maintain geographic integrity. | Refer to Handout-  
Behavioral Health Planning Council report- Thursday, 18 December 2008  
Chris Wendel, chair Reported the following items to the Collaborative:  
**UPDATES:**  
**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
Due to the weather, only three of the statutory subcommittees (Adult, Substance Abuse and Children) met on Tuesday, the 16th of December. They are considering further reorganization, as follows: the Adult and the Substance Abuse subcommittees will meet simultaneously; they will also overlap with the Medicaid subcommittee for 30 minutes to promote the opportunity to discuss common issues; the attendance reporting for these meetings will identify those people who are representing a local collaborative or the BHPC; they will standardize the format for the minutes across these subcommittees.  
**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY:**  
They would like to invite the Collaborative to co-host Behavioral Health Day on Thursday, February 26th, 2009 with them. |
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<td><strong>BY-LAWS:</strong></td>
<td>The subcommittee met for two hours to finish the first revision of the operating procedures manual. They will have one more meeting later this month to finalize those revisions, and then they will send the draft out to the membership early next month for their comments. They are on track to approve the revised by-laws and operating procedures manual at their next BHPC meeting in February 2009.</td>
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<td><strong>STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:</strong></td>
<td>Michael Coop presented the summary of the input he has received from the Subcommittees, the Local collaboratives and the BHPC membership to the BHPC meeting yesterday. After discussion, the BHPC voted to recommend those strategic priorities to Linda Roebuck.</td>
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<td><strong>AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE / COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCE:</strong></td>
<td>There was a great turn out of members from the Local Collaboratives as well as the BHPC; the general consensus of feedback that they have received was that the participants learned a lot and enjoyed the opportunity to network with their colleagues.</td>
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<td><strong>LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TRAINING:</strong></td>
<td>The Legislative training from Steven Randazzo, Legislative Liaison for the Human Service Department, for the local collaboratives and BHPC members on Monday, the 15th of December, was cancelled due to the weather and the fact that the system was down; it will be rescheduled in the near future.</td>
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<td><strong>QUESTIONS:</strong></td>
<td>No one raised any questions at the BHPC meeting yesterday.</td>
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<td><strong>FUTURE MEETINGS:</strong></td>
<td>They are planning a meeting with the chairs and co-chairs of the statutory subcommittees to determine how to incorporate each of the strategic priorities as primary and secondary issues for each subcommittee as well as the possible reorganization previously mentioned.</td>
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<td><strong>SPECIAL PROJECTS:</strong></td>
<td>Community Reinvestment: The Executive Committee will be meeting with Michael Coop to determine the best way to proceed as well as the necessary timelines to get Local Collaborative and BHPC input for community reinvestment recommendations.</td>
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<td>Electronic Format: In early January, they will be testing the electronic format procedure for Local Collaborative input on the legislative priority process next spring. They are very excited about this development because they believe that it will not only simplify and expedite the legislative priority process but also will be helpful in gaining Local Collaborative input on next year’s annual report and the strategic priorities for FY11 and the monthly reports to the Purchasing Collaborative. Many thanks to the State staff who have worked so hard on this endeavor.</td>
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<td>Endorsements: The BHPC voted yesterday to endorse two programs: Project Trust and Success in Schools.</td>
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<td>OTHER:</td>
<td>Members of the Executive Committee wish to express two additional points:  First, the BHPC is functioning well and continuing to improve; in addition, the video conferencing is very beneficial.  Second, that there is a great deal of concern and uncertainty among some people about the future, especially regarding the financial sustainability of the Local Collaboratives.</td>
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<td>Refer to Handout- A copy of the Behavioral Health Planning Council Agenda from their December 17, 2008 meeting was provided to the Collaborative Members for review.</td>
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<p>| LOCAL COLLABORATIVE REPORTS | Refer to Handout- Local Collaborative # 15  Action Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:  * Review of the Total Community Approach LC 15 Leadership evaluation tool  * Discussion of the Legislative initiatives for 2009 Session  * Coordination of a Joint LC 11 and 15 meeting for January, 2009  * Discussion regarding the regular meeting dates (Friday is better for all)  Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this subcommittee is addressing:  * Endorsement of Project TRUST particularly related to the need to recognize Native American promising practices  * State budget cuts to the TCA project for our Native American consumers is disheartening  * Video conferencing for LC 15 meetings, are there funds in the state budget to do one as a test pilot?  * Need funds for a Medicaid outreach video in Navajo. The youth who developed the effort in the Pueblo of Laguna need help finding a film or video crew to develop. Most consumers and family members of consumers in rural Indian Country are eligible for Medicaid benefits. A script is available by contacting Regina Roanhorse  * Did the state staff find the Native American subcommittee strategic plan done last year? (That included the state's priorities)  * Long distance travel for consumers in this economic crisis is hurting participation in LC activities.  Other:  * LC Chair and the Business Manager, and their TCA Coordinator Linda Ionta work collaboratively to do much of the interagency coordination of their TCA project  * They attended the NM Public Health Association's policy forum and facilitated a roundtable discussion: The discussion was that the Local Collaboratives may not have a full voice in strategic initiatives of the state; other comments include: the design of the transformation is not easily understood by community  * They presented the LC 15 TCA to the American Indian Health Advisory Council as a slide show of activities  * They continue to support the Native American subcommittee membership | |</p>
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| Public Input              | **Joe Harris-** Co-chair of the New Mexico Youth Provider Alliance extended and invitation to an open house for the Santa Fe Club House. He also expressed concern regarding:  
  - The sustainability of funds  
  - Denial of services  
  - Adjusting to the areas of Therapeutic Foster Care  
  - Let’s be proactive in terms of impact while we are trying to move forward  

**Regina Roanhorse-**  
- She thanked the Collaborative and expressed the appreciation for the Native American Expansion  
- She congratulated the tribes who were approved for the expansion  
- If funds are available next year, she recommends including Mescalero Apache Tribe and Jicarilla Apache Nation for additional NA expansions  
- Another request for the topic of Project Trust to be put on the Collaborative agenda in the near future  
- Local Collaboratives help make the states Cultural Competency plans better  
- Funding should to be provided to the apache tribes that that need help  

**MOVED AND SECONDED** to go into Executive Session to discuss the Request for Proposal (RFP). |
| Executive Session         | Dorian Dodson **MOVED** that the Collaborative approve the Procurement Manager’s recommendations to enter into contract negotiation with OptumHealth New Mexico as the next step in finalizing the selection of the Statewide Entity for SFY2010-2013. Pat Putnam **SECONDED** and was passed unanimously.  
Now that the Collaborative made its decision to enter into contract negotiations with OptumHealth New Mexico, Dr. Vigil reminded the Collaborative and the audience in attendance that the selection and contract negotiations are the next steps in the procurement process. When and if OptumHealth and the Collaborative conclude contract negotiations, a final announcement of the award shall be made. In the even the OptumHealth and the Collaborative cannot reach agreement on the terms of a contract during the negotiations, the process allows for the Collaborative to go back to the remaining bidders to determine if an agreement can be reached with them. |
| Open Session              | There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. |
| Adjourn                   | **Adjourn**                                                                                                                                                                                                 | **Adjourn**                     |