# Meeting Minutes

**New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative**  
**Meeting – January 22, 2009**

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
St. John’s United Methodist Church – 1200 Old Pecos Trail – Santa Fe, New Mexico

*Handouts: Copies of the NM Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative Meeting public handouts 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, David Martinez/CYFD, Bill Belzner/BHC, Patrick Putnam/DDPC, Christina Stick/IAD, Liz Stefanics/HPC, Ricardo Campos/DOT, Cindy Padilla/ALTSD, Dee Martinez/GCD, Richard Chavez/MFA, Patrick Simpson/AOC, Betty Sparrow Doris/DWS, Gail Oliver/NMCD, Catherine Cross Maple/PED, Jacqueline Cooper/PDO, Angel Roybal/BHC, Yvette Gonzales/BHC</td>
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<td>Call to Order</td>
<td>Dr. Alfredo Vigil, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm, with a quorum present.</td>
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<td>Approval of the NM Behavioral Health Collaborative Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2008</td>
<td>A <strong>MOTION</strong> was made by Liz Stefanics to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2008 Behavioral Health Collaborative Meeting. The Motion was <strong>SECONDED</strong> by Cindy Padilla and was <strong>PASSED</strong> unanimously.</td>
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<td>LC Video Broadcast</td>
<td>A video was presented to the Collaborative regarding New Mexico’s transformation and the way behavioral health services are delivered in the state. While many decisions are made in Santa Fe, the heart of the transformation is at the local level through what is called Local Collaboratives (LC’s). The video explained in LC’s words the achievements, difficulties, and goals for the future as the transformation process continues.</td>
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<td>Updates from the Collaborative Deputy CEO</td>
<td>Bill Belzner reported that good progress has been made regarding Comprehensive Community Support Services (CCSS). Right now they are down to four or five key activities that will finalize the implementation of the recovery based community support functions in our programs throughout the state.</td>
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<td>CCSS Update</td>
<td>In the process of finalizing certification standards as follows:</td>
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<td>1. Working on the Children and the Adult program standards so that they parallel each other.</td>
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<td>2. Audit tool for certification to be used by the NM state licensing certification agency and CYFD as well as the Division of Health Improvement at DOH on behalf of the adult providers and programs. It is the goal to have a single audit tool for both populations.</td>
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<td>3. Managing assessment and treatment planning function within CCSS.</td>
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<td>4. Continuing to reinforce training needs through out the state.</td>
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<td>5. Close to finalizing modification of the new seriously mentally ill or serious emotional disturbance definitions.</td>
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<td>At the March Collaborative meeting, the Collaborative will receive an in depth report regarding Core Service Agency and Clinical Home Expansion, by Linda Roebuck and MaryAnn Shaening.</td>
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| Native American LC Expansion | **Refer to Handout**: Region 6 Expansion: Progress on new Local Collaboratives & LC 14  
*The CAT Lead and Suzanne Pearlman met with each of the new Local Collaboratives to address items such as:*  
- Budget preparation  
- Membership in Behavioral Health Planning Council  
- Technical Assistance Needs  
- Upcoming dates/deadlines (Important Meetings, Community Reinvestment, Legislative Priorities, and Behavioral Health Day at the Legislature etc.)  
*Meeting Dates were held:*  
- LC 16 (Sandoval County Consortium): January 12th in Santa Ana  
- LC 17 (Rain Cloud Off Reservation): January 9th in Santa Fe  
- LC 18 (Northern Pueblos): January 13th in Espanola  
*First Public Meetings:*  
- LC 16: February 19th from 9am to 1pm, Santa Ana Pueblo  
- LC 17: February 13th from 3-5pm  
- LC 18: Tentatively in February at Picuris Pueblo  
*Local Collaborative 14:*  
- Former group continues to meet and discuss transition  
- They have composed a letter to address some concerns/suggestions  
- Remaining Tribes and Pueblos have not yet met  
- Need to meet with each individually, provide basic information, support, technical assistance  
- Updated Letter of Readiness/by-laws/budget etc.  
**Refer to Hand Outs:**  
- Updated Draft 2009 Local Collaborative Map  
- Updated Cross Agency Contact List (with new LCs included)  
- Sample LC Checklist |  |
*Bill Belzner reported on the Medication Fund:*  
1. **Consumers**: The Medication fun project has successfully provided a bridge for prescription medication for a lot of consumers in all regions of the state during the current 2009 fiscal year.  
2. **Expenses**: It is anticipated that current funds available will be sufficient to meet the needs of all remaining consumers who have current open authorizations. No new referrals have been accepted at this time.  
3. **Outreach**: Outreach to consumers since November 18, 2008 has involved three strategies:  
   - Letters to consumers inviting them to call for assistance or referring them to alternate sources for medication.  
   - Telephone calls directly to consumers.  
   - Contacting each prescriber to inform them of the changes in the fund and assisting them to find alternate sources of assistance. All consumers who seek additional prescription |  |
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| BHSD Fee for Service Conversion | Refer to Hand out-  
Harrison Kinney reported on the Fee for Service Transition project:  
  1. Overview  
  2. Activities  
  3. Medical Loss Ratio  
  4. Results  
  5. Specific Provider Issues  
  6. Going forward  
  7. Challenges |                                |
| Legislative Issues            | Karen Meador distributed a New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative Members 2009 Legislative Briefing Book. The contents included:  
  1. Collaborative  
  2. SE/Contract  
  3. Community Issues  
  4. Programs  
  5. Reference & Data |                                |
| Community Reinvestment        | ValueOptions New Mexico (VONM) continues to accept applications for Fiscal year 2009 Community Reinvestment Funds for Supportive Housing. As of today a total of sixteen (16) application packets have been received. The application packets will be given to the BHPC for review.  
VONM encourages all private non-profit agencies, public agencies, VONM contracted providers, and others who are interested in accessing Community Reinvestment Funds to submit proposals by the application deadline of February 27, 2009. Proposals should be delivered by mail, in person, or electronically to:  
Dr. Tom Simms/ValueOptions New Mexico, P.O. box 30650, Albuquerque, NM 87190-0650  
Tom.Sims@valueoptions.com |                                |
| Project TRUST                 | Kimberly Ross-Toledo's and Janie Lee Hall's PowerPoint presentation to the Collaborative represented their efforts to promote mental health and well-being of Native American youth, their families, and their communities through the development of policy, practice and research recommendations that emphasized the importance of traditional cultural teachings and healing practices. The project consists of a partnership of service providers, community members, community organizers, youth, university faculty and staff, and organizations that formed  
The PowerPoint presentation was based on the following components:  
  1. Trust and Healing-Truth about historical trauma and current inequities that impact the well-being of Native youth and their families; |                                |
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| BHPC FY10 Strategic Priorities                                       | 2. Responsiveness- Responsiveness to issues and needs identified by youth and their families;  
3. Understanding- Understanding of the effectiveness of traditional indigenous healing practices;  
4. Self-Determination- Self-determination of youth and families to guide their behavioral health services;  
5. Transformation- Transformation of individuals, families, communities, systems of care, and social structures;  
6. Process;  
7. Key Findings;  
8. Conclusion; and  

Refer to Handout- (Strategic Priorities Comparison Chart) - NM System of Care Strategic Priorities for Fiscal Year 2010 Proposed by the NM Behavioral Health Planning Council, January 2009  

Refer to Handout- NM System of Care Strategic Priorities for FY2010  
Recommendations to the Purchasing Collaborative by the Behavioral Health Planning Council  
The Strategic Priorities were broken down in the following categories:  
- Infants', Toddlers', Children's, Adolescents', and Families' System of Care  
- Adult Behavioral Health System of Care (many of these issues also impact the Children's System of Care)  
- Native American Community Based Services  
- Consumer Voice and Choice  
- Crisis Response System (Including Jail Diversion and Law Enforcement Initiatives)  
- Transformation  
- Supportive Housing  
- Support Local Provider Base  
- Effectiveness, Evidence Based Practices and Professional Training  

A MOTION was made by Pam Hyde for the Collaborative to accept the BHPC FY10 Strategic Priorities that were presented by the Behavioral Health Planning Council. The Motion was SECONDED by Pat Putnam and was PASSED unanimously.  
Pam Hyde recommended to the Collaborative that the BHPC identify the following:  
1. The nine priorities in order of importance.  
2. Because the issues relative to each of the priorities is so broad, which are the two or three issues we need to focus on right now.  
Pam Hyde reported on the Critical Behavioral Health issues as of January 7, 2009.  
Two-year time frame  
2. Establish permanent Collaborative structure support as federal grant funds disappear.  
3. Provider capacity and fragility  
4. Strategic shift in funding priorities in response to continuing revenue constraints and strategic
### Behavioral Health Planning Council

**Monthly Report**

**Transformation Directions (see below).**

**Five-Year Time Frame**

1. **Continued Transformation of Behavioral Health System, Years 5-10.**
   - Core Service Agencies/Clinical Homes
   - Systems of Care
   - Quality Service Review
   - Continued Implementation of Evidence-Based (and Promising) Practices for NM, e.g.:

2. **Service Capacity for Specific Populations, e.g.:**
   - Native Americans
   - Veterans
   - Children in JJS
   - Persons with DD who are MI and/or SA
   - Adults in or leaving jails/prisons/inpatient settings

3. **Workforce Development and Research**
   - Consortium for BH Training and Research (CBHTR)
   - Capacity to understand and incorporate new BH technologies
   - Adequate Numbers and Culturally Skilled Workforce
   - Peer Specialists

### Efficiencies

1. Ensure limited SGF dollars target highest need NM residents: SMI/SED/at-risk of institutionalization or incarceration.
2. Ensure all programs emphasize recovery and resiliency principles and include leadership by consumer and family members.
3. Continue to develop full spectrum of home- and community-based services that allow consumers to live and work in their chosen communities, with maximum natural supports.

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Refer to Handout:  
Behavioral Health Planning Council Report- Thursday January 22, 2009

Chris Wendel, Chair reported the following items to the Collaborative:

**Updates:**

**Subcommittee Reports:**

Four of the statutory subcommittees met on Tuesday, 20 January. The Adult and the Substance Abuse subcommittees met simultaneously and overlapped with the Medicaid subcommittee for 30 minutes to have the opportunity to discuss common issues.

We have initiated an ad-hoc Finance subcommittee of the Executive Committee to more adequately track our expenses. Gail Falconer, from LC7, will chair this committee.

**Behavioral Health Day:**

Behavioral Health Day is on Thursday, February 26th, 2009.

**By-Laws:**

We are on track to approve the revised by-laws and operating procedures manual at our next BHPC meeting in February 2009.

**Strategic Priorities:**
We presented the approved recommendations for the Strategic Priorities FY10 to Linda Roebuck and Bill Belzner on Friday, 16 January.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**
We are planning a meeting with the chairs and co-chairs of the statutory subcommittees on Monday, 2 February to determine how to incorporate the strategic priorities as primary and secondary issues for each of the statutory subcommittees as well as standardizing the format for the minutes and attendance.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**
- **COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT:** Susie Kimble, Vice chair of the BHPC, will chair the Community Reinvestment subcommittee. Value Options will provide us the applications electronically the week of January 26th. That committee is scheduled to have a telephone meeting on Monday, 2 February to discuss the review process and then a face-to-face meeting on Friday, 13 February to make their recommendations to the BHPC, which will vote on them at our meeting on Wednesday, 25 February. This timeline is in keeping with the request of Value Options.
- **STATE OF THE COUNCIL:** We sent out our State of the Council report to the Governor, all Collaborative members, Senators, Representatives, SAMHSA representatives, Local Collaborative and BHPC members in early January.
- **ELECTRONIC FORMAT:** This process is on hold pending security and fire wall issues that must be addressed prior to opening to the public.
- **ENDORSEMENTS:** The Executive Committee of the BHPC voted yesterday to tentatively endorse two programs: 1. The grant application for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program 2. School Mental Health Capacity Building Partnership Pilot Training Initiative. Both of these will be presented to the BHPC at its February meeting for formal endorsement.

**LOCAL COLLABORATIVE REPORTS:**

Refer to Handout-

Local Collaborative #6 December Report to the BHPC
Report provided by: Beverly Allen-Ananins

**Action Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:**
No consensus items due to training.

**Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:**
Our December meeting was cancelled and replaced with our Wrap-Around Training workshop that our local collaborative coordinated to bring to our Southwest New Mexico community. We invited Mary Grealish to come and provide the training and we had around 75 people attend this training from our 3 counties in our collaborative. The meeting was followed by a small group that will look at how we can implement this system in our communities and find funding to start this process. This process was coordinated by our local collaborative 6 Children’s Sub-Committee that has been working on a “System of Care” model for our area based on our local collaborative children’s plan.
We then welcomed a training the following week on the NM State Quality Service Review pilot project and had key community stakeholders in attendance from Grant County which is a pilot site for this project. Dates for startup of the process is projected for middle April. The training was very well attended and very successful.
Our local collaborative sent about 10 people to the Behavioral Health Systems of Care Conference in...
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<td>Albuquerque, NM and we were so proud to receive an award for Excellence in System of Care for Media for our media campaign for “May Mental Health Month”.</td>
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<td>Refer to Handout: Local Collaborative #6 November Report to the BHPC Report provided by: Beverly Allen-Ananins</td>
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<td><strong>Action Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:</strong> Consensus items included:</td>
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| | 1. LC6 Legislative Priorities:  
| | • Behavioral Health Workforce Development: Licensure And Credentialing Issues to include simplifying the process of credentialing and licensing regulations in the state to increase behavioral health workforce  
| | • Development of Early Childhood Mental Health Institute of WNMU  
| | • School Based Health Centers: increase in funding in order to offer more behavioral hours and services  
| | 2. Trying to get an existing exclusionary laws repealed that prohibits “idiots and the insane” from voting. Issue is tied to statewide anti-stigma campaigns. Local Legislators were interested in working on this issue. | |
| | **Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:** At our Local Collaborative November monthly meeting we invited our local officials and legislators to attend the collaborative meeting and hear our legislative priorities for this year. We had local mayors, judges, town council and our elected state senator and state representative attend this meeting. We had members of the local collaborative discuss the key points and issues around our legislative priorities with power point presentations, examples and first hand descriptions of our priorities and their need. We also invited our TCA to do a presentation as part of our legislative local collaborative meeting and had a personal testimony from a consumer that is benefiting from the services that TCA funds have brought to the community. Major issue: Continued funding for TCA “Project HEROES” program locally | |
| | | Other:  
| | • Consumer personal testimony presentation – Julie Pesnicak  
<p>| | • Report on continued work on the LC6 Children’s System of Care | |
| | <strong>Gwendolyn Packard:</strong> Ms. Packard distributed a letter to the Collaborative members on behalf of Region Six Local Collaborative 14. Region Six Local Collaborative 14 applauded the decision of the Collaborative to expand the number of Local Collaboratives in Region 6. Local Collaborative 14, along with the Rain Cloud Collaborative was highly instrumental in advocating for the change. Ms. Packard stressed concerns that the LC 14 membership had regarding the composition of the committee that led the selection process. Ms. Packard discussed the challenges that LC 14 has faced since its inception. In closing Ms. Packard itemized recommendations for moving forward. | |</p>
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<td>Greer McSpadden-&lt;br&gt;(Also included in the discussion were Elias Vigil and Rob Corabi)</td>
<td>Concerns were stressed regarding transitions that are taking place on July 1, 2009:&lt;br&gt;• Statewide entity will go into effect at the same time as “Fee for Service”&lt;br&gt;• Concerned with the transition process&lt;br&gt;• Based on the problems with the Medical Loss Ratio (MLR), it is indicative of the system not meeting the billing process standard&lt;br&gt;• Their occupancy rate at Circle of Life is 93% with a waiting list of up to 15 people&lt;br&gt;• Concerned for small rural RTC’s&lt;br&gt;• They are doing what they can with the funds they do have&lt;br&gt;• Based on where VONM wants them to be with the MLR, they can not maintain the level required&lt;br&gt;• They have been working on the numbers for months now. The current rate they have vs. the actual rate is going to affect them tremendously&lt;br&gt;• The 1/12 draw down is based on 13.4 beds vs. the 10 beds that they currently have&lt;br&gt;• They fear that they can not meet there rates&lt;br&gt;• Close the gap and give them rates where they can economically compete and survive</td>
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<td>Jane Jackson Bear-</td>
<td>Ms Jackson Bear extended sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Collaborative on behalf of the LC16 Sandoval County Consortium Native American expansion. Her main purpose was to introduce herself to the Collaborative so that they could get to know her and find who she is:&lt;br&gt;• Member of the Navajo Nation&lt;br&gt;• A social service director for the Santa Ana Pueblo&lt;br&gt;• Worked in this field for over 20 years&lt;br&gt;• Oversaw the homeless and substance abuse programs&lt;br&gt;• She is a native youth advocate&lt;br&gt;• Participated with assessments in prisons&lt;br&gt;• Helped implement PTSD among Native Americans Veterans&lt;br&gt;• Licensed Social Worker&lt;br&gt;• Supports foster families&lt;br&gt;• Born and raised in New Mexico&lt;br&gt;She looks forward to working with State leaders.</td>
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<td>Roque Garcia-</td>
<td>The Rio Grande Behavioral Health provided services to 17,000 unduplicated Consumers&lt;br&gt;• There are serious issues for providers across the state&lt;br&gt;• The 4.2% cut in the future is not easy to handle for such a short period of time&lt;br&gt;• It is unreasonable to only have a few months to plan&lt;br&gt;• It would be relatively easy to go back and look a the Value Added Services to make up the difference&lt;br&gt;• The urgency are the cuts&lt;br&gt;• There is a solution. Take a look at the reinvestment funds</td>
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<td>• Lets negotiate and recognize the urgency</td>
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<td>Regina Roanhorse-</td>
<td>Ms. Roanhorse asked the Collaborative members to look out for House Bill 35 during the legislation. It is the Native American Teen Mental Health Program sponsored by Begaye. Alliance for School Based Care and Project Trust are partners in the effort. The need for LC15 Consumer Network and Outreach project was also discussed in brief. Refer to Handout- 2009 Consumer Network and Outreach Project Report</td>
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|       | Delfy Roach- | • Strategic Priorities have been a struggle for a long time  
• Mechanisms for consumer choice is missing and has not been addressed  
• The issues need to be explored |
|       | Shannon Freedle- | • Concerns include cash issues  
• Medicaid shortfall  
• Utilization of Management  
• Treatment of Foster care has been targeted  
• Authorization by VONM has been changed.  
• Insight needs to be provided  
• The licensed practitioners will no longer be credentialed after January 2009 |
| Nityamo Lian- | Refer to Handout- Acupuncture Detoxification in New Mexico  
Thanks to legislative support with particular help form Rick Miera (Bernalillo County) and Elias Barela (Valencia County); in 2008, Alianza of NM helped seven programs provide 2852 treatment services to 691 New Mexican Substance users. |
|       | A MOTION was made by Pam Hyde to award the SFY10-13 Statewide Entity contract to United HealthCare Insurance Company and United Behavioral Health through their joint venture OptumHealth New Mexico and direct HSD staff to enter discussions with VONM and OptumHealth to develop and implement appropriate transition plans. The Motion was SECONDED by Pat Putnam and was PASSED unanimously. |
|       | There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. |                     |