Announcements from NASC meeting on February 19, 2010

• The Behavioral Health Planning Council has added more phone lines for those who would like to call in to Subcommittee meetings. Chris Wendel will also be presenting the strategic priorities to the Collaborative at their next meeting and Linda Roebuck-Homer will be sending out periodic email updates to the LCs and BHPC at least twice a month or as needed. Topics for these emails will include Medicaid cost containment and other hot button issues. If you have specific questions for Linda, please submit them to Letty Rutledge (leticia.rutledge@state.nm.us). The next BHPC meeting is scheduled for May.

• CYFD, DOH and Tribal representatives planning the Third Annual Indian Child Welfare and Protection Conference, April 22-23, 2010 at the Hard Rock/Isleta Casino and Conference Center. For more information, please call (505) 454-2583. Registration is required, and attached is flyer for the conference if you would like more information.

• Substance Abuse Prevention Training for Substance Abuse Providers is being scheduled. CEU Credits will be offered. For more information, please contact

• The 10th Annual Wellness Healing Skills Conference is scheduled for April 20-23, 2010. The first night is will be a PowWow at the Rio Rancho Inn and the following night will feature Dine entertainers, including James and Emie. The Conference offers 21 hours of CEUs. Scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Frank Adakai at Navachip@aol.com.

• LC 18 is developing a Region 6 Behavioral Health Summit and seeking help with fundraising. The meeting will be held at the Buffalo Thunder Resort, and will be bringing together consumers, family members, advocates, providers, and policy
makers. Please contact Regina Roanhorse for more information about fundraising.

- A FAQs about Core Service Agencies (CSAs) has been uploaded to the Optum Health website under Resources for Providers. This FAQ will answer common questions about CSAs and the process to become a CSA. A request for more specific information about tribal providers becoming CSAs has been made. You can also contact Kim Horan, Tribal Liaison for BHSD, for more information at kim.horan@state.nm.us or 476-9279.

Linda Roebuck-Homer will also be sending out an update on CSAs soon. Should you have any additional questions about CSAs that you would like her to address, please send your request to Letty Rutledge (leticia.rutledge@state.nm.us) or Kim Horan (kim.horan@state.nm.us) as soon as possible.

- Kim Horan announced that HSD is also in the final stage of writing the Access to Recovery Grant Phase 3 grant application. The BHPC Council will be voting to support this grant and providing a letter of support. BHSD is also looking at developing outpatient clinical support with providers around the state, including tribal providers. There may be more information about this at the next subcommittee meeting.

- Optum Health gave an update about their recent activities. They are engaging in a lot of consultation with regional consumer cases concerning care coordination. They have recently been out to Alamo and Mescalero and addressing veterans substance abuse issues. They are looking in to providing services for PTSD and other accompanying issues. Alex Fragua, Region 6 Peer Specialist, is also working with communities to develop support groups in multiple areas, for example suicide, domestic violence and other related issues. OHNM has also finalized contracts for IHS and 638 providers.

The Tribal Advisory Committee is scheduled for February 24 from 12-4pm where there will be a discussion of systems of care for
youth and adolescents. Look for more details coming through an email.

- LC 14 Update: next quarterly meeting is on February 26, 2010 from 11-2pm at the Center for Rural and Community Behavioral Health. We are continuing to work on our communication and it is important to get information to them in a timely fashion. A big part of the meeting will be focused on strategic planning and using the identified priorities for the LC and apply them to their community work. There will be a call in number for people to attend. LC 14’s new website is www.lc14.org. The LCs will also be in discussions about how best to maintain sustainability over the next fiscal year, and it is looking for opportunities to gather and partner with other LCs around this issue. Please contact Clarence Hogue at choguejr@msn.com for more information about LC 14 and their activities.

- LC 15 Update: Meeting will be held March 19 in Gallup. LC 15 is also not involved with the TCA project anymore. For more information about LC 15, please contact Regina Roanhorse, Chair, at begayroanhorse@yahoo.com.

- LC 16 Update: LC 16 has their membership meeting today, February 19, and so that’s why they are not here today. They are working with the PED grant with the Bernalillo Schools and doing trainings at their meetings based on needs expressed by their community. For more information about LC 16, please contact Valerie Quintana at valerie.quintana@state.nm.us.

- LC 17 Update: Meeting Feb. 25, 2010. All welcome to attend at the Albuquerque IHS Hospital from 2-5pm. One of the representatives from LC 17, Terry, has had knee surgery and will be out for a little while. LC 17 is also working on improving access to services at the Albuquerque Indian Center. To answer questions about this, the Albuquerque Indian Center has requested time on the upcoming NASC agenda.
• LC 18 Update: no update

• Region 4: Recently conducted a workshop on a Success in Schools Initiative by helping children learn about impact of taking drugs.