1. **Welcome and Review of Agenda**

Secretary Dorian Dodson called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 pm. She noted this was an open session and that a quorum was present.

**Attendees**

- Secretary Dorian Dodson, CYFD
- Deputy Secretary Katie Falls, HSD
- Secretary Betty Sparrow, Doris
- Director Bill Belzner, ALTSD
- Deputy Secretary Teresa Gomez, IAD
- Linda Roebuck, BH Collaborative, CEO
- Deputy Secretary Erma Sedillo, NMCD
- Deputy Secretary Rick Martinez, DFA
- Deputy Secretary Catherine Cross Maple
- Jacqueline Cooper, PDO
- Liz Stefanics, HPC
- Mercy Lopez, NMDOT
- Peter Bochert, AOC
- Gary Beene, DVR
- Pat Putman, DDPC
- Julienne Smrcka, Children’s Cabinet
- Michelle Welby, Governor’s Health Policy Advisor

2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Deputy Secretary Katie Falls moved to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2007 meeting. Secretary Betty Sparrow Doris seconded, and the motion passed.


Researchers from three different entities reported on the evaluations they have been doing with Local Collaboratives. The purpose of the evaluations is to examine the Local Collaborative initiatives as it unfolds, honor the perspective of diverse stakeholders involved in the implementation of this initiative, offer critical insight into the internal operations of the initiative and to provide user-friendly information to make mid-course corrections for improvement purposes. The researchers also reported on what’s working well with Local Collaboratives and what some of the challenges LC’s are facing. The full presentation is posted to the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative web site.

4. **QEO Committee & Performance Measures Report – Catherine Cross Maple, Betty Downes**

Catherine Cross Maple and Betty Downes updated the Collaborative on the Governors Performance Measures and the FY17 targets. The handout Betty Downes presented reflects the progress in meeting the FY07 targets set for each of the Performance Measures. There are 42 individual metrics. To date, final data are available for 71% of the performance measures. The data for the balance of the metrics will be submitted by November 2007. At that the progress on all measures will be calculated and summarized. The full presentation is posted to the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative web site.
5. **CEO Update – Linda Roebuck**

Linda Roebuck gave a brief update on the following items:

- Bill Belzner has been named the Deputy Director for the New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative effective October 15, 2007
- The Quality Improvement Director position will be posted soon.
- The Governor announced that he will be supporting and asking the legislature for $1.5 million dollars to expand the Veterans PTSD initiative.
- Pam Galbraith has retired from her CEO position at VONM. Mary Mastrandrea will be acting CEO. Ms. Roebuck and Ms. Mastrandrea will be coming back to the Collaborative with some new and exciting ideas that VONM would like to see happen.
- The LFC Audit has been done. Collaborative members will be receiving an electronic copy of the audit as well as the Collaborative response to the audit. Ms. Roebuck asked that the Collaborative discuss the audit at the next Collaborative meeting.
- Ms. Roebuck met with Local Collaboratives regarding the Children’s Purchasing Plan. The LC’s were provided information on the dollars spent on children in their community. The LC’s will start analyzing the information and report back to Linda and Suzanne Pearlman sometime in January. Data for final feedback may be moved to March 2008 based upon discussion with LC’s in January.

6. **New Mexico Housing Plan Update – Marti Knisley, Richard Chavez, Pam Sanchez**

Marti Knisley reported on the progress of the Housing Plan. The CYFD Housing First Pilot Program will begin November 1st in Albuquerque. 20 young adults who have been involved in the JJ or PS system will be provided permanent rental housing and support services to retain housing using “housing first” model. SHC-NM will manage the rental program and CYFD the referral and support services. The pilot will be evaluated as part of T-SIG evaluation. The Linkages Rental Pilot program will begin in January 2008. This program is a joint project between VO-MFA with local housing and service partners. Up to 30 bridge rental vouchers will be offered to adults with a serious mental illness through local housing organizations under contract to MFA. The full presentation is posted to the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative web site.

7. **Indian Affairs Update – Teresa Gomez**

- In April of 2004, Governor Richardson signed House Bill 39 which established the IAD as a State Department. The creation of IAD unified the administration of all laws and all functions formerly administered and executed by the New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs.
- For NM’s 22 Tribes, Pueblos and Nations, the elevation of IAD is a demonstration of Governor Richardson’s commitment to breaking down barriers that have prevented tribes from equal access to many of the State’s basic services.
- Since its establishment, IAD has worked diligently to stabilize the department as the coordinating agency for intergovernmental and interagency programs concerning tribal governments and the state. Some of the major policy areas that are coordinated by IAD include: health & social services, natural resources & environment, education, economic & community development, transportation, public safety, emergency preparedness &
homeland security, veterans affairs, aging & elder affairs, housing & infrastructure, urban Indian affairs and behavioral health.

- The department currently has a total of 13 employees including a capital outlay unit, a policy unit, administrative services unit, public information officer, general counsel.
- IAD has worked hard to implement landmark state-tribal policies to move New Mexico forward, such as Executive Order No. 2005-004 which directs NM executive departments to adopt pilot tribal consultation plans; the enactment of the Indian Education Act which addresses the unique cultural and educational needs of American Indian students and the Tribes they belong to; the Reburial Grounds Act which creates a mandate to rebury Native American and indigenous remains and artifacts currently held in state archives and repositories; and the Tribal Infrastructure Act which creates a permanent fund for infrastructure development to promote economic development on tribal lands.
- The development of IAD and the implementation of landmark state-tribal policies has earned NM the status as a national leader in ground-breaking state-tribal government-to-government relations.

IAD INVOLVEMENT IN STATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
- IAD is involved with State Behavioral Health, in particular the Purchasing Collaborative, Planning Council, and the Native American Subcommittee.
- IAD is a member of the Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative. While IAD does not provide direct behavioral health services, IAD’s participation in the Collaborative ensures that the behavioral health issues of Native Americans are accounted for and addressed in actions taken by the Collaborative.
- IAD also participates in the Behavioral Health Planning Council as an Executive Committee member because IAD chairs the Native American Subcommittee, a statutory standing committee of the Council. The NA Subcommittee meets regularly to address specific Native American behavioral health issues. Approximately 40 people attend the NASC meetings representing most of the 22 tribes and off-reservation interests.
- Behavioral health is an important issue to tribes, nations, pueblos, as well as the native urban community, which is why IAD remains committed to working with the Purchasing Collaborative, Planning Council, and the Native American Subcommittee.

SANTA CLARA POLICY ACADEMY
- One project that IAD has been involved with is the Santa Clara Policy Academy. Along with several other collaborative members such as HSD and CYFD, the State is supporting the efforts of the Santa Clara team.
- IAD is a member of the Pueblo of Santa Clara’s workgroup which is responsible for developing strategies to prevent, treat, and promote recovery from co-occurring substance abuse and mental health in the Santa Clara community.
- As part of that strategy development, IAD staff recently attended the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Policy Academy on Co-Occurring Substance Use and Mental Disorders for American Indians and Alaska Natives.
- The Academy was a policy-building forum to develop Tribal-level Strategic Plans. Some issues that were addressed were ways to improve and expand access to prevention and
recovery services for Native American individuals with or at-risk for co-occurring substance use and mental disorders. In addition, tribal policymakers gained assistance in identifying issues or areas of concern that may result in a formal request for technical assistance.

- IAD is pleased to report that the Pueblo of Santa Clara was recently awarded a SAMHSA grant, which will fund the creation of a program to treat adolescents with substance abuse issues through family-based therapy (TCE). IAD continues to supports Santa Clara’s efforts to address behavioral health issues in its community.

TRANSFORMATION GRANT FUNDING (TSIG)

- Keeping in line with the purpose of the TSIG funding, in Year 1 IAD awarded $22,500 to each Native American local collaborative to assist the LCs with building infrastructure and capacity. Both Local Collaboratives will be hosting Behavioral Health Summits in November 2007. LC14 is planning a 4-track summit (consumers, leadership providers, and youth) scheduled for November 19-20 at the Santa Fe Hilton. LC 15 is planning a multi-track summit scheduled for November 29-30 at the Albuquerque Hilton.
- Using Year 2 funding, IAD partnered with the Center for Native American Health (CNAH) to conduct a study that identifies, collates reviews, interprets, and formulates an empirically-based document that will inform current Native American (NA) behavioral health (BH) and mental health (MH) needs and priorities. CNAH will be among other things, summarizing existing reports and conducting a scientific literature review specific to NA BH services and needs.
- CNAH was established in 2002 as a part of the UNM Health Sciences Center. Their mission is to build and strengthen health alliances between UNM communities and the 22 tribes (Navajos, 19 Pueblos, 2 Apache Tribes) and urban native communities located throughout the state. CNAH provides technical assistance, capacity building, student pipeline initiatives and health policy development to tribal and urban communities.

REGION 6 EXPANSION SUBCOMMITTEE

- During the August 23 Purchasing Collaborative meeting, Secretary Dodson announced the formation of a subcommittee to address the structure of Region 6 – the Native American Region. While this issue is not new, the work of the subcommittee will lend itself to developing a structure that should adequately address the BH needs of the Native American communities.
- IAD was tasked to lead this subcommittee. The subcommittee has met several times to discuss this issue. These discussions are on-going and the subcommittee will present its recommendations to the Purchasing Collaborative in March 2008.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES

- IAD has a capital outlay unit. The Capital Outlay Unit was established in 2004 under the leadership of Secretary Shendo, which administers capital outlay appropriations. This streamlines the administrative process to help tribal communities and entities complete their projects in a timely manner. As of this past month, IAD administers approximately 670 projects.
- Of these 670 projects, one project that receives capital outlay money is the construction of a 72-bed residential, behavioral health facility in Shiprock, Navajo Nation. The capital outlay monies that have been awarded to this project is approximately $2,347,500. This
treatment center will provide services and therapies previously unavailable within Navajo communities, which has forced patients to be referred to off-reservation providers and facilities at substantial cost to the tribes and individual families.

- During the 2007 Legislative Session, SB827 “An Act Relating to Capital Expenditures” appropriated “three million dollars ($3,000,000) for infrastructure improvement at Native American behavioral health services facilities statewide.”

- This appropriation is being administered by the Division of Finance and Administration (DFA), Local Government Division (LGD). Because Mr. Robert Apodaca, the Director of LGD is also a member of the Tribal Infrastructure Board (TIF), he asked the TIF Board to consider using the TIF process to allocate the funds. Mr. Apodaca did present this matter to the TIF Board, but no action was taken.

- Mr. Apodaca has pulled together an advisory group, which includes IAD, to create an application, criteria, and notice of available funding in order to fairly and equitably distribute the funds.

- To date, a draft notice of available funding and application has been created. This Notice should be made available within the next few weeks. None of the $3 million has been distributed.

CONCLUSION

- IAD is committed to continuing our participation with the Purchasing Collaborative, Planning Council, and the Native American Subcommittee, as well as engaging in the broader discussion about behavioral and mental health throughout this state.

8. **Director’s Reports – Matt Onstott**

Matt Onstott reported on the Director’s Reports provided by VONM. The purpose of the reports for direct and indirect costs, consumers’ served and expenditures by service and consumers served by ethnicity is to provide an overview of information received the Oversight Cross Agency Team (CAT) about VONM’s use of Collaborative dollars and delivery of service for the 4th quarter of FY07. A discussion ensued regarding the information provided. The Director’s Reports can be found on the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative web site.

9. **Public Input**

   **Ginny Wilson – NAMI, Santa Fe Clubhouse**

Ms. Wilson is concerned about the fee for service funding through VONM and she would like to know how providers will keep going. Ms. Wilson is also inviting the Collaborative members to attend the open house of the Santa Fe Clubhouse after the meeting.

   **Douglas Frazier**

Mr. Frazier does not like for people to be labeled as consumers or family members he would like to be recognized at a human being. Mr. Frazier stated that if the Collaborative would like to know what the Local Collaboratives are thinking or what they are doing, the Collaborative should invite them to a meeting. He would like to see the Collaborative dedicate a full afternoon to listening to the LC’s. **LC 13 had a get together where approximately 200 community members attended and supported LC 13.**

   **Christina Welz**

Ms. Welz stated that LC 2 hosted a meeting for interested LC’s around the state. Ms. Welz likes the idea of bringing together the BH Planning Council and the LC’s. Ms. Welz believes that the one big issue is the lack of communication between the LC’s and the state. She also
stated that the state should re-visit the matrix of roles and revisit the definitions of family member, consumer and provider.

Peter Cubra
Mr. Cubra would like to again see the denial/authorization reports from VONM. Mr. Cubra has a copy of the LFC audit, he is happy to send it out to Collaborative members if they would like to see it. Mr. Cubra is also encouraging the Collaborative to re-read the McArthur report, the report is harshly critical of the Collaborative. Mr. Cubra stated that he is happy that Linda Roebuck has agreed to meet with the LC’s but he agrees with Mr. Frazier’s comment about inviting the LC’s to the be heard at a Collaborative meeting.

Sara Couch
Ms. Couch stated that she feels de-humanized; she doesn’t like being labeled a consumer. She stated that LC 2 makes everybody feel like they are welcome. Ms. Couch does not like the Anti-Stigma Campaign, she would like for LC’s to be involved in the campaign. Ms. Couch stated that she is upset that LC 2’s priorities were not included in the budget requests. Ms. Couch also stated that LC 2 invited all LC’s to a meeting to discuss the legislative priorities, she provided the Collaborative with recommendations that came out of that meeting.

Norman Joe
Mr. Joe has great respect for what the Collaborative is doing across the state. He is currently involved with the LC in Shiprock. Mr. Joe stated that he really likes the idea of the NM Housing Plan and that he hopes that this will help some of the consumers in his area. Mr. Joe is asking the Collaborative to support the residential treatment center in Shiprock.

10. Telehealth Privacy, Services and Issues – Bob Mayer
Bob Mayer reported on the proposed legislation for the Health Information Act. This is an act that is relating to health records, authorizing the creation, maintenance and use of electronic health records; providing individual rights with respect to the disclosure of information contained in health records; providing for the protection of privacy of health records. The proposed legislation can be found on the New Mexico Behavioral Health web site.

11. Anti-Stigma Campaign – Betina McCracken
Betina McCracken presented the Anti-Stigma campaign to the Collaborative. The goal of the campaign is to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and substance abuse in New Mexico. The television and radio announcements are currently being produced. The campaign will run from May 2008 through December 2008. The presentation can be found on the New Mexico Behavioral Health web site.

References – Updates and Presentation:

Linda Roebuck, CEO of the Behavioral Health Collaborative, gave brief pre-meeting updates on the following:

- Work Group on services for individuals with DD/MI
- Core Service Agency Process: Beginning series of 4 meetings with LC’s, BH Planning Council, providers, VONM and state agency members in December 2007. The purpose is to define CSA.
• Clinical Home Expansion: Plans to expand to NW, SE, Las Cruces and the Native American Steering will proceed with this expansion; specific regarding financing the existing and expanded services must be resolved.
• Local Collaborative Legislative Funding Priorities – Karen Meador (the handout can be found on the NM Behavioral Health website)

All presentation/documents can be found on the Behavioral Health Collaborative website: http://www.bhc.state.nm.us/pastmeetings

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.