Revised Local Collaborative/Health Council/Community of Care Concept

- We need to rebuild community-based treatment and gather communities in support of their own systems.
- Much can be done to strengthen communities by bringing potential partners together to work on community needs. Most innovation in our state comes from those collaborative efforts.
- Meetings need to identify and actually address needs in communities. If relevant parties are at the table, all things are possible.
- LC’s can be closely linked to local governments – counties or municipalities. Local governments know that there are savings if BH services work in their communities. Jails are expensive alternatives to treatment.
- There will have to be sub-groups of new LC’s so that people can be comfortably engaged. Consumers, Families, and Youth should have their own meetings apart from those who they may not be comfortable with, but their voice needs to reach the powers that be, by developing leadership that can carry their collective voice. Their meetings need to be worth attending i.e. help them find services, provide support. Providers and government representative meetings should be structured and productive. Teams for different projects need to come together and they may need facilitation too.
- Funding for facilitation of LC’s, including subgroups, must be found – but could be through Health Councils, local governments, foundations, State, and other possible sources. Maybe meeting space, childcare, snacks, can be lined up locally.
- Ties to state government through the BHPC subcommittees and ?. LC Alliance? Who serves the role CATS did?
- Support community projects with TA. This could be BHSD or from experienced communities.

Potential projects:
- Youth SOC following NM Community of Care values and Wraparound fidelity
- ROSOC
- Crisis response
- Prevention efforts
- Housing
- Jail Diversion
- Specialty courts
- Pregnant women
- Infant Mental Health
- Seniors

Getting Started
Way to begin is already developed by SAMHSA in the National Conversation on Mental Health framework.
Useful documents on this page.  http://www.creatingcommunitysolutions.org/resources

Discussions are happening around the country.  http://www.creatingcommunitysolutions.org/events

We can get help facilitating these kinds of meetings as kickoffs.

Who comes to the table depends on community size and needs:

**LC = Community of Care**

- Youth
- Consumers
- Families
- Providers
- Local Gov’ts/ Tribal Gov’ts
- Schools
- Police and Justice System
- Local CYFD staff
- MCO’s – reps and Care Coordinators
- Natural Supports for kids and adults
- Foundations

Many of these are organized at a state level and could be communicated through their statewide organizations.