BHPC TALKING POINTS
FOR OCTOBER 21 MEETING

Look for handout materials and minutes at the BH Purchasing Collaborative website soon. http://www.bhc.state.nm.us/BHCollaborative/subCommittee.html

These talking points are intended as a quick synopsis of the BHPC meeting proceedings and are not intended to substitute for the final approved minutes.

- The BHPC has a newly governor appointed member, Holly Wilson from LC14.
  - The Governor’s office has sent letters to individuals from LCs 16, 17 and 18 and is waiting for the paperwork process to be completed before final appointment is made.

- An overview of the LC fiscal guidebook was provided. The guidebook is intended to assist LCs with their budget planning. Important points on expected budget practices for LCs included:
  - LCs should implement a process that is available/open to all LC members
  - LC budget information should be provided at LC meetings
  - Information about how money is spent should be open to all LC members
  - At least 2 LC members should be authorized to sign off on expenditures

For more information, contact your local LC CAT.

- The Medication Fund has been available to consumers since July 2007. $1 million per year is allocated to pay for consumers who meet specific criteria:
  - Schizophrenia or
  - Bipolar disorder or
  - Major depressive disorder or
  - Posttraumatic stress disorder
  - Adolescents (17-20 years old) must meet 1 of the following criteria:
    - Involved with juvenile justice
    - In CYFD custody or have recently aged out of the CYFD system

For more information, contact Shawn Quinn, OptumHealth NM, at 505 798-5620.

- A presentation was provided on the Public Defender’s office and the work they are involved in with mental health courts, the juvenile justice system, jail diversion and other legal components with persons who have behavioral health illness.

- The Medicaid Containment Principles, developed by a BHPC sponsored ad hoc committee, was presented. The BHPC members provided feedback and approved the Principles upon amendment. Of the 8 principles, the principles with the most discussion included:
  - Any decisions made should protect the infrastructure of rural and frontier areas, and take into consideration the resource and service disparities between urban areas and rural/frontier areas.
  - Insist in-state care be provided to those currently receiving services out-of-state, when available.
  - According to FY10 MAD projections (5/5/09), behavioral health services are approximately 2% of the total Medicaid budget. Therefore, any cost
containment that affects behavioral health services should not exceed more than 2% of the total Medicaid behavioral health budget.

- OptumHealth NM provided an update. They recognize that there have been increases in administrative burden experienced by providers as a result of Service Registration and will take four actions in the short term. These four actions will take between 30-60 days to fully implement.
  - Providers will only need to register a consumer at the beginning and end of an episode of care
  - Services will not have to be entered prospectively
  - Providers will only have to enter one registration per consumer regardless of how many sites the consumer utilizes throughout a single organization
  - OptumHealth will bring “Facility” Service Registration in-house. This impacts a large number of providers delivering inpatient, residential, intensive outpatient and other services

Updates were also provided on the work being conducted on recovery and resiliency, pharmacy and contracting.

- Linda Roebuck Homer said that letter from to local collaboratives will be going out soon inviting LCs to a special meeting in November to follow up on a self assessment on how LCs are doing and to identify strengths and functions. This is the final year of the TSIG funding and the State as well as the LCs will have to evaluate what can be done in terms of sustainability.

- Presentations were also provided by the BHPC statutory subcommittees, the local collaboratives and the ad hoc subcommittees. Please read their minutes for details of the work being done in those subcommittees and work groups.