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New Mexico Behavioral Health Planning Council
Wednesday, April 18, 2007 – 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
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Guests

William Turner
Jill Reichman
Mark Simpson
Frank R. Sanchez
Douglas Fraser
Christina Welz
Tom Alvarez
Kaye Sinclair
Marcia Prophet
Carolyn T. Morris
Connie Romero
Erin Hourihan
Tami Spellbring
Liz Urioste
Amy Collins
Kathy Albrecht
Steve Johnson
Norma Faries
Jesse Chavez
Woods Houghton
Liz Lopez
Patricia Gallegos
Pamela Holland
Vivian Heye
Lisa Knapp
Dale Reinhart

Guest speakers:
Linda Roebuck
Chris Carson
Steve Johnson

State Staff: Letty Rutledge, Pam Sanchez, Lori Giron
Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC) Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8:38 by Chair Becky Beckett

I. Welcome, Housekeeping and introductions of Members and Guests – Following welcoming remarks and introductions a quorum was established at 8:42 a.m. Several new BHPC appointees were in attendance as guests.

II. Agenda - The Report to the Governor was requested to be added as an agenda item. Jane Ann Oldrup moved to approve; second by Carolyn Luna-Anderson. **Motion passed.**

III. Approval of March 28, 2006 minutes – Changes/corrections: Page 2 b regarding behavioral health day at the legislature, add “…recognition awards from Governor Richardson were presented by Lt. Governor…” Page 2 h. - Patricio Larragoite will be writing letter to Linda Roebuck requesting that the Health Policy Commission become a member of the Collaborative Steering Team

   Jane Ann Oldrup motioned to accept the minutes with changes; Carol Anderson seconded. **Motion passed.**

IV. Announcements and Action Item Follow-Up
   A. Large maps showing Local Collaboratives are being updated and will be posted at future BHPC meetings.
   B. Follow up - Bill Daumueller had suggested to Secretary Hyde at last month’s meeting that audit training be made available for providers and others as a result of increased auditing by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). After some discussion, the council agreed that the Steering Committee discuss and consider this matter to take to the Purchasing Collaborative.
   C. Follow up - Following discussion regarding creating an ad hoc committee on non Medicaid services, the consensus was reached that each BHPC subcommittee will address the service needs of the non-Medicaid eligible individuals and pass related recommendations along to the BHPC Ad Hoc Legislative Committee.
      o Deb Fickling and Cathy Kinney offered to give presentations to the BHPC on how Medicaid expansion will affect adults and persons with work disabilities; the plan for the $1 million dollars allocated by the Legislature for prescriptions medications for non-Medicaid eligible persons; and the plan for expanding Medicaid State Plan to include substance abuse services.
   D. Nominating Committee – Members for this committee members appointed by BHPC Executive Committee are Frankie Seofoiel, consumer; Ophelia Rinaldi, advocate; Brenda Crocker, family member; Carol Luna-Anderson, provider; and Marlene Velarde, Native American. The committee will create a slate for election at the May BHPC meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. The positions to be filled are Chair, Vice Chair, Family Member, Consumer, Provider, and Advocate members of the Executive Committee. If members are interested in running for one of these positions, they were asked to contact any one of the committee members or send an email to Letty Rutledge too be sent forward to the committee.
V. Strategic Plan – Linda Roebuck
Linda Roebuck, Collaborative CEO, reported on the BHPC/Steering Team Strategic Planning Session held on April 17, 2007 to provide feedback and input on the five Strategic Plan goal areas. Over-arching concerns noted were: reduce acronyms and jargon and the ambitious nature of the plan. She stressed that the plan is meant to be multi-year and that the Steering Team is developing year one priorities, which will come back to BHPC. Some priorities are driven by recently passed funding allocations, i.e., housing plan, Los Lunas, Total Community Approach. Feedback from goal teams included the following:

Goal 1: Assist consumers to participate fully in the life of their communities - Language needs to be clearer, broaden range of populations to be served, provide technical assistance to Local Collaboratives.
Restraining Forces: 1. Stigma 2. Duplication of effort and lack of coordination

Goal 2: Reduce the adverse effects of substance abuse and mental illness - Use consistent language and define terms, include youth and adults when discussing Co-Occurring Disorders, address the availability of basic services in all communities before moving to evidence based practices, address services for women and sexual abuse of both adults and children.
Restraining Forces: 1. Under-funded 2. Limited workforce

Goal 3: Promote Behavioral Health - Needs to have better connection between measures and actions, elderly are overlooked, not enough emphasis on cultural competence, and need further clarity on how success will be measured.
Restraining Forces: 1. Silos among state agencies 2. Protection of “turf” and funds

Goal 4: Develop Behavioral Health Workforce - Need more clarity of terms, broaden focus and language, broader view of telehealth (to include schools), more clarity about what Consortium for Behavioral Health Training and Research is, access is a statewide issue not just a rural issue, need training and technical assistance to make EBPs work.
Restraining Forces: 1. Complexity of recruiting behavioral health professionals in rural areas 2. Lack of funding for training and technical assistance on EBPs

Goal 5: Manage available funds effectively and efficiently - More focus on pooling and braiding funds is needed, define “effective,” make clear that Collaborative vision is bigger than ValueOptions, more involvement of consumers and providers in evaluating effectiveness, more focus on provider readiness, more clarity on how data can be used to improve system.
Restraining Force: Medicaid Regulations

Discussion followed. Comments were noted and will be added to the April 17 report and incorporated, as possible, into the next draft of the plan to be presented to the Collaborative on April 25th. BHPC members are encouraged to forward additional input to Pam Sánchez, at pamela.sanchez@state.nm.us. Linda applauded the discussion and the quality of feedback and ideas, making clear that tension and change are often paired and that spirited discussion is a positive aspect of a change process.

Next Steps: Incorporate input; Provide documentation of driving and restraining forces; Present to Collaborative on April 25th for possible approval

VII. Review of BHPC Goals – Chair Becky Beckett
Becky Beckett read the BHPC goals and asked members to review and provide input regarding current and future goals and how they integrate with Collaborative’s Strategic Plan. Question was raised and staff was asked to research the disposition of BHPC recommendations to the Governor over the last three years.
VI. Proposals for Future BHPC and Subcommittee Meetings – Bill Daumueller
Bill Daumueller reflected on the increased strength of the soon to be newly constituted BHPC membership and the huge step forward that it represents in terms of increasing consumer and family voice in the transformation process. The increased size of the Council from 50 to 80 members is, however, a challenge. In order to most efficiently use members’ time and resources, the Executive Committee proposes to conduct meetings on alternate months. Mr. Daumueller made the motion that the BHPC meet as a full body alternating months, with BHPC subcommittees meeting the other months and that this new meeting schedule begin in July with subcommittee meetings, and be re-evaluated in six months. Kooch Jacobus made a second. There was 1 no vote and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Next steps: The BHPC will meet the fourth Wednesday of every other month after the June meeting. Immediate next meeting dates are May 23, June 27, August 22, October 24, and December 26 (to be determined).

VII. Update on the NM Behavioral Health Plan for Children, Youth and Families – Steve Johnson
Steve Johnson, Deputy Director of the Purchasing Collaborative, reviewed the Children’s Plan document which was distributed at the March 29th Purchasing Collaborative meeting. He noted that its key aspect is that of creating a clinical home for consumers, a care coordination model that centers accountability in one place and strives to create a seamless flow of services as based on a consumer-built service plan. The Clinical Home Pilot, which began 4/15/07, is focusing on keeping juvenile justice related youth who are at risk of placement in the community, receiving wrap-around services. This population and the providers selected to be involved in the pilot are simply a first step and evaluation of the model and expansion to other populations and areas of the state will quickly follow.

The Children’s Sub-Committee of the BHPC will play a key role in the ongoing evaluation and in increasing the involvement of youth and family members in the evaluation process.

A Capacity Plan for the state will also follow, which identifies service needs (type and amount of services, beds, etc) by areas of the state, answering the questions, “What would a more balanced (residential/community-based) system look like both statewide and in local communities?”

Based on all that is learned from the initial pilot project, certification and standards will be developed over the coming months. As the concept is expanded to adult consumers, the Adult Subcommittee of the BHPC will also be involved.

Key issues identified in the discussion among BHPC members included:
- Can the data used as a foundation for the pilot be validated?
- Is there a plan for a process evaluation, so we can learn about how to “do change” effectively?
- When will this be expanded to Native American communities?
- Since no additional dollars were appropriated to this project, some cost shifting will occur.

VIII. Legislative Update (unofficial addition to the agenda)
Chair Beckett asked about status of Governor’s action on behavioral health related bills. Deb Fickling will provide information to Letty to share with BHPC. Chair Beckett also asked Marilyn Rohn to request a final report from Protection and Advocacy.

IX. Public Input Session Re Strategic Plan and Children’s Plan
Input will be included with documentation from April 17th work session
X. **Legislative Ad Hoc Committee**  
Chair Becky Beckett reported that the Executive Committee has voted to create this committee to get the Council involved in the early stages of legislative priority setting. She passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested in being involved. The following people signed up for this ad hoc committee: Jane Ann Oldrup (Chair), Bill Daumueller, Marilyn Rohn, Carol Luna-Anderson, Cathy Kinney, Kristine (Kooch) Jacobus, Deborah Fickling, and Ophelia Rinaldi.

XI. **ValueOptions Update – Dr. Chris Carson**  
Dr. Chris Carson reported on the Clinical Home Pilot reiterating that it is just a pilot and that it represents the most real and substantial change for consumers since the inception of the Collaborative as it addresses the fundamental values of the transformation and addresses the need for ensuring basic services in all areas of the state. He hopes the pilot will expand quickly, especially in rural areas of the state and that in each area, while building on the essential elements of clinical home, i.e. Community-based services and consumer driven service planning, the model will take shape according to the unique needs and cultural elements of the community. He expects and encourages widely variant approaches to the model. He explained that new approaches and expansion must recognize that we currently only serve about 10% of those needing behavioral health services, so the system we build must be built for the other 90% not just for those currently receiving care. System change must be driven by the needs of those currently served and un-served.

Dr. Carson said that rural and frontier access to service is a key need. He reported advances in the use of telehealth for psychiatric evaluations and medicine management, with the expectation for significant increased use within three years.

Dr. Carson also reported that based on Collaborative requests and the need to identify service gaps by geographical area, VO is increasingly attempting to report data by Judicial District. They are contemplating making distance of service requested to the consumer’s home a factor in determining medical necessity.

**Public Comment** on ValueOptions Update included that the data provided in the data report handouts appear incomplete and/or questionable; that provider alerts regarding enhanced services would be helpful; and that children should be placed in foster homes close to home.

VIII. **Meeting adjourned at 12:00**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pam Sanchez and Leticia Rutledge on April 23, 2007.

**NEXT STEPS:**  
1) The nominating committee will meet next week to discuss the nominating process and procedures.
2) The BHPC will meet the fourth Wednesday of every other month after the June meeting. Immediate next meeting dates are May 23, June 27, August 22, October 24, and December 26 (to be determined).
3) The ad hoc legislative committee has been created and will begin meeting soon.
4) Deb Fickling will provide information to Letty on behavioral health related bills to be shared with the entire BHPC. Marilyn Rohn will request a final report from Protection and Advocacy.
5) BHSD staff will research the disposition of BHPC recommendations to the Governor over the last three years.