1. **Welcome and Review of Agenda**
Secretary Dorian Dodson called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15 pm. She noted this was an open session and that a quorum was present.

**Attendees**

- Sec. Pam Hyde, HSD
- Sec. Dorian Dodson, CYFD
- Sec. Michelle Lujan-Grisham, DOH
- Bill Belzner, ALTSF
- Director Pat Putnam, DDPC
- Deputy Sec. Rick Martinez, DFA
- Deputy Sec. Erma Sedillo, NMCD
- Deputy Sec. Catherine Cross Maple
- John Block, GCD
- Linda Roebuck, CEO BH Collaborative
- Theresa Gomez, IAD
- Patricio Larragoite, HPC
- Peter Bochert, AOC
- Jacqueline Cooper, PDO
- Michelle Welby, GHPC
- Claire Dudley, Children’s Cabinet
- Jay Czar, MFA
- Daniel Roper, DVR

2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
Director Pat Putnam moved to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2007 meeting. Dep. Secretary Rick Martinez seconded, and the motion was approved.

3. **Quality and Evaluation Subcommittee Report – Linda Roebuck, Betty Downes, Deputy Sec. Catherine Cross Maple**
The QEO work has continued to build on the work that was presented at the May 1, 2006, where the Collaborative affirmed the direction of the Committee. Specifically, the Committee’s work has: observed a demonstration of the VO data reporting system; identified gaps in the current data reporting processes from various state groups; developed recommendations about the “vital signs” that would assist the Collaborative in determining the degree to which the strategic results that Collaborative participants identified as “Real Life Outcomes” are being met.

The QEO has defined success in measurable terms: employment - identify available employment indicators including ones for adults who are not employed; school - achievement in reading and math based on the NM Standards Based Assessment.

The QEO Subcommittee Report from April 25, 2007 (see attachment) was reviewed and discussed with Collaborative members.

4. **VONM Rate Equalization Plan Status – Pam Galbraith, Matt Onstott, Cathy Kinney**
VONM pays behavioral health service providers using multiple funding streams: (HSD BHSD, TANF, Medicaid Managed Care, Medicaid fee for service [FFS]) CYFD, DOH and NMCD. There is overlap in the services provided using these funding streams. Most funding streams pay for evaluation and individual therapy but rates paid to providers vary by funding stream. Rates also vary by type of provider, with MD’s usually getting paid higher than Ph.D. level, who in turn usually get a higher rate than nurses and Masters level practitioners.

There was a discussion of the uniform rate plan. The plan should describe how to move toward uniform rates across funding streams, how to develop a picture for Executive and Legislative bodies and stakeholders about what a true FFS/Entitlement program would look like and would cost, explore how rates can be used as incentives to move the system in a transformative direction and be a roadmap for what VO will be doing with rates so that the Collaborative, stakeholders and the public will know proactively how rates will be adjusted.

Activities to date: ValueOptions presented to the Collaborative on January 17, 2007; a cross agency work group was formed to work on a plan for rate equalization. The group meets twice a month and includes representation from Medicaid, BHSD, CYFD, NMCD and VONM. FY07 and FY08 appropriations for Medicaid provider rates increases are being implemented with rate uniformity as one of the guiding principles.

Next steps for the rate equalization planning process include:

- Continue to develop and implement a plan, to be approved by the Collaborative, for moving toward a uniform system of service rates and payment mechanisms across Collaborative funding streams.
- Utilize the Collaborative common service definitions.
- Present the plan to the Collaborative for approval no later than July 1, 2007.

Secretary Hyde suggested obtaining provider input through the Medicaid Advisory committee and the provider meeting that will be held on May 30th in Albuquerque.

5. FY08 VONM Contract – Linda Roebuck, Matt Onstott, Secretary Pam Hyde
There is a contract terms agreement in place with ValueOptions for FY08. There may still be some language changes from CMS that need to be done therefore Deputy Secretary Cross Maple made a motion that the Collaborative Co-Chairs be allowed to make the final language changes on the FY08 Contract on behalf of the Collaborative. Bill Belzner seconded the motion, the motion was approved.

6. FY08 Enhanced Services/Community Reinvestment –Pam Hyde, Linda Roebuck, Chris Carson
A handout (see attachment) describing FY07 changes in enhanced services and projections for use of enhanced services for FY08 was reviewed and discussed by the Collaborative. The Collaborative requested that Linda Roebuck and Chris Carson bring to the May Collaborative meeting recommendations for priorities for enhanced services and community reinvestment for FY08. The Collaborative will provide guidance to VO regarding use of FY08 enhanced services and reinvestment dollars. The Collaborative would like to make sure that there are some funds available for Community Reinvestment.
7. **Public Input**
Mr. David Abbey, Director, Legislative Finance Committee and Mr. Charles Sallee, Performance Auditor from the Legislative Finance Committee (Committee) addressed the Collaborative.

Mr. Abbey indicated that Representative Varela, a member and past chair of the Committee, had intended to address the Collaborative but unfortunately had to leave and asked Mr. Abbey and Mr. Sallee to make remarks in his absence. Mr. Abbey and Mr. Sallee said the Committee has tentatively scheduled a hearing in August regarding the Collaborative. Staff will conduct a follow-up to the recent audit this summer by assessing the status of the Collaborative’s implementation of recommendations from last year’s performance audit. Among the continued areas of interest will be completing the work started by the Committee to create a consolidated behavioral health budget, greater accountability measures, Collaborative rule making authority as well as methods to enhance legislative input for a program of such importance to New Mexico citizens. Mr. Abbey and Mr. Sallee conveyed that the LFC looks forward to working with the Collaborative during the interim.

Nancy Jo Archer – Hogares, Bernalillo Local Collaborative
Enhanced Services came about because of gaps in the community. There are tremendous consequences if enhanced services are cut. Please make sure we have a plan and know where we are going.

Peter Cubra
Enhanced Services need to be provided. He feels that the Collaborative cannot decide whether or not to provide enhanced services. He feels that the Collaborative needs to have a strategic plan in place and abide by it.

Barbara Conroy
Individual counselors need to be more connected with ValueOptions.

8. **BHPC Report – Becky Beckett**
Becky Beckett was not available to present to the Collaborative. The BHPC Report will be put on a future agenda.

9. **Collaborative CEO Report – Linda Roebuck**
**Strategic Plan update – Pam Sanchez, Linda Roebuck**
The Collaborative reviewed the draft strategic plan and requested time to provide written feedback in May. Pam Sanchez will incorporate any changes. The plan will be submitted to the Collaborative in May for approval. BHPC’s recommendation was to go ahead with the strategic plan. Secretary Hyde suggested that the Collaborative dedicate time to meet to work on the strategic plan; August 23rd scheduled for a Collaborative retreat for strategic planning purposes.

**Children’s Project Update – Steve Johnson**
The Pilot Project structure is in place; regional operations work groups meet weekly; a state steering group meets every two weeks; learning community work group meets monthly (first meeting to be held in May 07); pilot officially began April 16, 2007.
A referral and communication process among all entities has been put in place. In the first week there were 14 referrals to Clinical Home agencies. Coaches are scheduled to be on site May 2, 2007. CAFAS (Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale) training is scheduled for May 16-17, 2007.

The Pilot Project has already begun to serve its purpose—several difficulties in the system have surfaced that are obstacles to effective community-based care; communication breakdowns; lack of education for families regarding options; challenges with clients living in one community and receiving care in another.

Next steps; identify a process for doing an evaluation of the Pilot Project; review current geographic and demographic parameters of the pilot to see if expansion is necessary for phase 1; eventually begin consideration of expansion into Phase 2; consider development of an informational brochure to help families understand the process.

**Total Community Approach – Linda Roebuck**
A draft proposal (see attached) for the criteria to be used for selection of the communities who will be able to access the Total Community Approach funding was handed out and discussed. Mrs. Roebuck will work on this proposal with representatives from BHSD, VONM, the DWI Czar and the Drug Czar and bring final revisions to the Collaborative meeting in May for Collaborative approval.

**Update on TSIG Grant – Steve Johnson**
Steve Johnson, TSIG Project Director and Collaborative Deputy Director handed out a summary of TSIG funding (see attachment) for this year. This handout was for informational purposes; there was no discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.