### Meeting Minutes

**New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative**

**Meeting - March 27, 2008**

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
State Capital Building – South Room 321 – Santa Fe, New Mexico

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<td>Present were:</td>
<td>Dorian Dodson/CYFD, Linda Roebuck/BH CEO, Bill Belzner/ALTSD, Sherry Helwig/NMCD, Dr. Alfredo Vigil/DOH, Patrick Putnam/DDPC, Ricardo Campos/DOT, Teresa Gomez/IAD, Liz Stefanics/HPC, Jacqueline Cooper/PDO, Gary Beene/DVR, Katie Falls/HSD, Betty Sparrow Doris/DWS, Rick Martinez/DFA, Richard Chavez, MFA, Julienne Smrcka/CYFD, John Garcia, DVS, Catherine Cross Maple/PED, Peter Bochert/AOC, John Block III/GCD, Angel Roybal/HSD, Yvette Gonzales/HSD</td>
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**Pre Meeting Updates**

**Director’s Report – Bill Belzner**

_Handout: DATA COLLECTION – Behavioral Health Legislation Compilation for Behavioral Health Collaborative Agencies FY2008 Legislative Session_

Mr. Belzner referred the Collaborative to the following selected items:

**Consumers**
- 37% increase (double mid-year total)

**Direct Services Costs (difficult to compare)**
- Direct services 6.5% increase
- Administrative services 80% increase (Due to increase in Medicaid enrollment and an increase of administrative costs ($25 million to $45 million) from the period of FY07 thru FY08)

**Services**
- RTC consumers – 4% decrease
- Inpatient consumers – 3% decrease
- Group Home consumers – 28% increase
- Outpatient txs consumers – 35% increase in consumers and 12% decrease in units
- Case Management consumers (children) 41% increase.
- Case Management consumers (adults) 24% increase in consumers and -9% decrease in units
- BH Day Tx consumer (children) - 51% increase
- IOP SA consumers (adults) – 13% increase

A number of increases may have secondary causes that we need to take a look at. Overall Mr. Belzner said that the system is beginning to do what we want it to do.
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<td>VO Corrective Action &amp; Sanction Update – Bill Belzner, Sally Kroner &amp; Geri Cassidy</td>
<td>Handout- A Letter of Sanction with an effective date of 2/14/08 was discussed. The State and VO are working to reduce, streamline, and clarify report requirements. The first impact will occur on the March monthly reports and April quarterlies.</td>
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<td>CCSS Update – Geri Cassidy, Linda Roebuck</td>
<td>Comprehensive Community Support Services (CCSS)-A new service replaced case management. A letter is going out to extend the provisional certification for the agencies that were granted provisional certification in Jan-Mar 2008. Several of the providers who do non-Medicaid services will not need to be certified. Details will be provided at the April 24 Collaborative meeting.</td>
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<td>Medication Fund Report – Sally Kroner</td>
<td>The State of New Mexico has money to help pay for behavioral health medication for people who don't have any other way to pay for them. The medication fund is designed to help people who might end up in the hospital, in jail, or homeless because they can't get the medication they need to help control their symptoms. The medication fund can be used just in a crisis or can be a source of longer term help if needed. The money is available only for medications used to treat mental health or substance use disorders. Priorities for this year are for individuals in the community with no other resources for medication, individuals leaving state facilities, and medication dispensing costs for procedures. The number of individual accessing these funds has grown substantially in the past three (3) months. This growth is expected to continue and the funding next will probably only cover individual access.</td>
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<td>Call to Order: Dorian Dodson, Chair</td>
<td>Dorian Dodson, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., with a quorum present.</td>
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<td>Introductions and Announcements</td>
<td>Collaborative Members were introduced.</td>
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<td>Discussion of Meeting Sites Proposal for April Meeting Site – Las Cruces</td>
<td>The next meeting is scheduled on April 24, 2008 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.</td>
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<td>Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2007</td>
<td>A MOTION was made by Catherine Cross Maple to approve the minutes from December 20, 2007 and to accept the amendment of the minutes from September 27, 2007. The motion was SECONDED by Ricardo Campos and was PASSED unanimously.</td>
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| FY09 Contract – (Decision Item) Bill Belzner, Geri Cassidy & Linda Roebuck | Modifications to ValueOptions (VO) FY09 Contract that were presented to the Collaborative members included the following key changes:  
- Outdated Language;  
- Deletions;  
- Non-Medicaid Program Language; and | |
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| **Timelines & Process Discussion for FY09 RFP – Linda Roebuck, Bill Belzner** | • Medicaid Program Language.  
A **MOTION** was made by Katie Falls for the approval of the 2009 VO Contract in its present form and as discussed today. The motion includes delegating the authority to the co-chairs and Linda Roebuck to finalize the remaining outstanding contractual issues and to give them the authority on the behalf of the Collaborative for final approval of the contract once those outstanding contractual issues are finalized. In addition, the contract, as approved by the co-chairs and Linda Roebuck will be signed by all Collaborative members in June. The motion was **SECONDED** by Pat Putnam and was **PASSED** unanimously.  
The VO contract was posted to the Behavioral Health Collaborative website on March 27, 2008.  
**Handout**-The Behavioral Health Statewide Entity Request for Proposal (RFP) Process & Timelines was presented to the Collaborative Members. The document for review included the following:  
• Request for Proposal (RFP) Process;  
• Public Input Response to Draft Concept Paper;  
• Public Input on Draft Request for Proposal (RFP);  
• Native American Consultation; and  
• Next Steps.  
For those who were interested in discussing the Draft Concept Paper at several public input meeting locations, a sign-up sheet was made available.  
Ms. Trinidad De Jesus Arguello presented a slide show of the Behavioral Health Day during legislation. She said, “it was a very exciting and positive day. In addition, people worked very hard to make things possible”.  
Presentation for the Behavioral Health Planning Collaborative as follows:  
• **BHPC (Behavioral Health Planning Council) Children’s Subcommittee**- The following requests were made:  
  1. For the BHPC to explicitly include in their mission “addressing the needs of Protective Services System (PSS) and the Juvenile Justice System”.  
  2. For the CYFD to provide data to the BHPC and Children’s Sub-Committee on Protective Service System (PS) and the Juvenile Justice System (JJS) populations (numbers, demographics, placement information, services, etc.).  
• There is strong need for access to medication and services in many parts of the state.  
• Concern was expressed related to the use of video/teleconferencing.  
• Local Collaboratives (LC’s) continue to express their need for technical assistance.  
• Lack of consumer involvement in the Behavioral Health transformation process is still considered a concern for many. | |
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| Community Reinvestment Proposals – (Decision Item) Mary Mastandrea, Geri Cassidy & Linda Roebuck | - Adult Sub-committee is seeking support in their proposed Jail Diversion Program.  
- The education system needs to be looked at. The increase of youth with higher level of severe problems has doubled in New Mexico school systems.  
- BHPC members suggested that ValueOptions and State Agencies do not schedule activities/trainings/events/etc., during the BHPC scheduled monthly meetings. It has an impact on obtaining a quorum for the BHPC meetings.  
- Communication between BHPC and LC’s continues to be a problem.  
- All of the BHPC members who were appointed last year are on until 2010. However, there will be 14 At Large members leaving in June 2008. At present we have seven (7) vacancies and two (2) At Large vacancies, three (3) counting Joseph Lunn (Youth member).  
- The BHPC membership is down to sixty-five (65) members. Over the past year 11 members have left the BHPC for various reasons. The term of several Executive Committee Members will expire in June 30, 2008.  
- Video Conferencing is now available for the BHPC meetings. There are ten (10) different satellite sites. This will allow Council members to participate without a lengthy drive. This is a more inclusive process for many, particularly for those out in rural/frontier areas.  
- The BHPC Review Team and Council voted and approved the ValueOptions NM Reinvestment Proposal recommendations.  
- On Behavioral Health Day during Legislature, BHPC acknowledged the (2) two STARS from each Local Collaborative representing the mix of consumers and or family members.  
Mary Mastandrea, ValueOptions New Mexico (VONM), announced the appointment of Mr. Eddy D. Broadway, former deputy director for the Arizona Department of Health Services as CEO of VONM.  
Handout-The ValueOptions New Mexico Community Reinvestment 2008 Recommendations were presented to the Collaborative members which included the following components:  
- Applicant;  
- Location;  
- Description of Applicant; and  
- Amount.  
A MOTION was made by Ms. Liz Stefanics to approve the ValueOptions New Mexico Community Reinvestment Proposals. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Pat Putnam and was PASSED unanimously.  
As of March 17. 2008 over $5 million dollars has been spent. The concern was expressed that an increase of money was paid out to the Family Stabilization Intensive (FSI) services. As a result, the FSI who provides enhanced services, have been directed not to accept new | | |
<p>| Update on Enhanced Services – Mary Mastandrea | | |</p>
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<td>By-Laws Subcommittee Report – Dr. Alfredo Vigil, Linda Roebuck &amp; Paul Ritzma</td>
<td>Admissions. The latest figures also reported that money was over spent by the Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Programs (SA IOP). It was brought to the Collaborative Members attention that monies can be shifted around to help meet the needs of service categories that are overspending. If By-Laws are approved, a Resolution of the Interagency Behavioral Health Collaborative Rescinding a Memorandum of Understanding dated June 25, 2004 will be needed. <strong>Handout</strong>- A draft resolution was presented for review. The recommended draft Bylaws consist of the following Articles: • Article 1 Purpose and Objectives; • Article 2 Membership; • Article 3 Chair, Co-Chair, Executive Committee, Chief Executive Officer; • Article 4 Committees of the Collaboratives; • Article 5 Exercise of Powers; • Article 6 Responsibilities of Members and Committees; • Article 7 Collaborative Procedures; and • Article 8 Amendments. Voting on the draft By-Laws will take place at the April meeting in Las Cruces.</td>
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<td>Local Collaborative Native American Subcommittee Report – Teresa Gomez</td>
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<td>A revised Rate Equalization Plan Components &amp; Timelines was presented to the members. The revised plan was proposed by VONM to replace the plan presented and approved in August of 2007. The Collaborative’s rate equalization budget request was not funded during the recent legislative session and VONM determined that the rate equalization plan and the plan to have providers come off the 1/12th draw could not go forward with the initial rate equalization funding. VONM will provide details of the work plan to the Collaborative at the May 22, 2008 meeting. The approved detailed work plan will be ready for implementation by July 1, 2008. <strong>A MOTION</strong> was made by Ms. Katie Falls to approve the recommended changes of the Rate Equalization Plan. The motion was <strong>SECONDED</strong> by Mr. Gary Beene and was <strong>PASSED</strong> unanimously. Ms. Teresa Gomez, Deputy Secretary Indian Affairs Department spoke on the subject of the Region 6 Expansion. Discussions at length took place regarding the following: • Determining Need/ Interest: The Indian Affairs Department (IAD) received three (3) completed “Interest Worksheets” from the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Tesuque Pueblo Tribe and the Sandoval county Native American Consortium; and • Funding availability for any expansion of LC’s. Dr. Vigil requested information regarding current funding available for Local Collaboratives.</td>
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| **Public Input** | Ms. Roebuck explained that there are no general funds available in FY09. Local Collaboratives will continue to receive $21,000.00 per LC in FY09: $3,000.00 per Collaborative from VONM; and $18,000.00 per Collaborative from the Transformation State Incentive Grant (TSIG) fund. The Collaborative members expressed their desire to continue the funding for current and potential expansion for LC's.  
**Marilyn Rohn-** Ms. Rohn expressed concerns that assuring the comprehensiveness and integration of overall needs for consumers and family members are not being met. Consumers are being left out. Reinvestment monies were originally intended for consumers and family members; community reinvestment priorities have been delivered and the families and consumer faces have been lost. What happened?  
**Santiago Rodriguez-** It was brought to the Collaborative's attention that the Otero County Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Program has been in business since 1993. There are serious financial problems; employees have not received their paychecks for over two pay periods and counting. Mr. Rodriguez expressed his special thanks to the dedicated staff. He stated that the program does not and will not turn individuals away.  
**Regina Begay-Roanhorse-** Ms. Begay-Roanhorse asked if an eight (8) minute video called 'We Have voices' that was filmed in different tribal communities could be presented at the next Collaborative meeting on April 24, 2008 in Las Cruces. It involved the Native American youth consumers. The Collaborative agreed to allow the film to be presented. A special thanks to Secretary Alvin Warren/IAD and Rep. Ray Begay for their support with the Shiprock Community Center as well as their involvement to bring culturally sensitive services to our Native American consumers. Ms. Begay-Roanhorse reported the following information about Local Collaborative #15:  
- Consumer Summit in November, 2007;  
- Total Community Approach In Place;  
- Legislative Session Productivity;  
- The appropriation for a Native American Veteran’s PTSD project; and  
- Native American Youth Peer to Peer Suicide Prevention funds.  
**Chris Wendel-** Introduced herself as a Planning Council member and consumer. Ms. Wendel suggested that if the Collaborative and public know of any one who is recovering from a substance abuse addiction, they are encouraged to participate, especially those who have a lobbying background. | ACTION ITEM: At the May 22, 2008 Collaborative meeting, Linda Roebuck will review funding opportunities for LC support. |
| **Adjourn** | 5:00pm |