1. **Welcome and Review of Agenda**

Secretary Pam Hyde called the meeting to order at approximately 1:10 pm. She noted this was an open session and that a quorum was present.

**Attendees**

- Sec. Pam Hyde, HSD
- Sec. Dorian Dodson, CYFD
- Kristen Doellinger, DOH
- Jay Czar, MFA
- Director Pat Putnam, DDPC
- Deputy Sec. Teresa Gomez, IAD
- Sec. Deborah Armstrong, ALTSD
- Deputy Sec. Catherine Cross Maple, PED
- Jacqueline Cooper, PDO
- Ricardo Campos, DOT
- Mary Beresford, GPC
- Patricio Larragoite, HPC
- Peter Bochert, AOC
- Deputy Sec. Rick Martinez, DFA
- Deputy Sec. Erma Sedillo, NMCD
- Claire Dudley, Children’s Cabinet

2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Dorian Dodson moved to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2007, meeting. Deputy Secretary Rick Martinez seconded, and the motion was approved.

3. **LFC Behavioral Health Review – Charles Sallee**

The LFC review of the Behavioral Health Collaborative was done over the summer of 2006 and the report was completed and available November 2006. The three review objectives were: Status of transition to single entity and system; efficiency and effectiveness of Collaborative oversight structure; access to high quality care, ease of administration, and cost effective services. In FY06, the Collaborative through ValueOptions (VONM) has spent approximately $300 mil on behavioral health services for about 70,000 New Mexicans. The Collaborative has accomplished a lot in its short time in existence. It has set clear goals and objectives for the system and the Collaborative; included performance measures and funding appropriated or identified additional funding needed to accomplish goals; addressed both long-term strategic goals and short-term benchmarks to assess the system’s progress; and reported regularly to the Legislature and the public.

Recommendations going forward include: improve fiscal oversight; phase out the use of pre-payment arrangements to SE no later than the end of FY08; reconcile pre-payments monthly, rather than quarterly; add efficiency measures for services and administration; amend the contract to require Collaborative approval of treatment guidelines; prepare an annual report; finalize geo-access reports to assess quarterly whether people receiving care live appropriate distances and to set targets for improvement of specific areas or providers within SE network.
and measure progress as part of strategic plan; consider reducing SE administrative fees or require participating agencies to help fund or request additional funding to expand scope of external audits to include all fund sources.

Recommendations requiring legislation include: provide the Collaborative with rulemaking authority to establish standards for delivery of BH service through the statewide entity; create a unified behavioral health budget; use Collaborative developed performance measures for reporting; consolidate staff under authority of the Collaborative using BHSD as the location of that staff; and use HSD for indirect administrative purposes.

Co-Chairs’ Response – Secretary Dodson
The Collaborative transformation is a 10-year work in progress. ValueOptions had to merge multiple contracting systems and is implementing changes directed by the Collaborative in timeframes allowing for changes that the system can absorb. The Collaborative was implemented and transition occurred without any new state dollars (all short term federal grant dollars). Therefore, while many of the recommendations in the LFC report are issues the Collaborative is working on, they may not be able to be accomplished in the timelines set forth in the report. Additionally, some of the recommendations regarding consolidation of budgets and staffing would undercut the collaborative nature of this enterprise and therefore are not directions the Collaborative wishes to go at this time.

The LFC recommendations will be considered by the Collaborative as it proceeds with this system transformation process.

4. Collaborative Chairs’ Report – Secretary Hyde
Secretary Hyde introduced Linda Roebuck who is the new Behavioral Health Collaborative Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Governor’s BH Czar.

A subcommittee is being established to review PED substance abuse/methamphetamine prevention curriculum, Secretary Hyde asked Collaborative members to let her know if they would like to be part of the subcommittee.

5. VO Contract Oversight Report, 1st Quarter FY07 – Alana Reeves, Geri Cassidy
Directors’ reports regarding expenditures, clients and services for FY06 and the first quarter of FY07 were distributed. Critical indicator summaries were also distributed. The purpose of these executive summaries for prior authorizations, grievances, appeals, critical incidents, contracting and network operations, pharmacy and call statistics is to provide an overview of information received from VONM for the 1st quarter FY07 (July-September 2006).

6. Community Reinvestment FY06; Status of Community Reinvestment & Enhanced Services FY07 – Pam Galbraith and Chris Carson
Pam Galbraith and Chris Carson reported that VONM has an additional $250,000 to give to the Collaborative for community reinvestment for FY06.

VONM is projecting that it will spend more money on enhanced services for FY07. Estimates are that the amount expended on enhanced services for FY07 will be significantly higher than for FY05, under the previous Medicaid MCOs. Expenditures anticipated for
enhanced services for FY07 will be reconciled by ValueOptions and the Collaborative staff before it is made available to all Collaborative members. Through this process, VONM has begun the consultation with the Collaborative required by the contract for changes to enhanced services. Changes will be made and announced by VONM after this process is completed. A special meeting of the Collaborative is scheduled for January 18, 2007 to discuss the status of these services.

7. **FY 2008 Contract with VONM – Paul Ritzma**
The VONM contract needs to be submitted to the federal government (CMS) at least 90 days prior to the effective date. Some of the issues that need to be worked through are community reinvestment/enhanced services; management letters; fee for service and provider oversight issues. Secretary Lujan-Grisham reminded Collaborative members to get all suggested changes to the contract to Paul Ritzma so that they can be included in the contract negotiations. The contract negotiation team for the Collaborative will be led by Matt Onstott and Linda Roebuck, with participation by staff from HSD, CYFD, DOH, ALTSD, NMCD and any other Collaborative member agency that wants to participate. The March 29th meeting of the Collaborative will consider the contract issues that arise pursuant to this process and determine how to finalize the contract for submission to CMS.

8. **BH Legislative Priorities (Budget and Legislation) Secretary Armstrong and Secretary Hyde**
BH Legislative budget priorities FY08 (handout) reflect requests from Collaborative agencies, local collaboratives, BH Planning Council and stakeholders. Some of the requests are already reflected in department budget submissions or in the Governor’s announcements. This document has already been presented to the LFC and the Legislative Health and Human Services subcommittees, as well as individual legislators and the Governor’s office.

9. **Public Input**
Deanna Martinez – Consumer
She is concerned with the mandated treatment issue. She would prefer to provided services in places other than jail where people with mental illness can go for detoxification and other services.

Sara Couch – Bernalillo Local Collaborative
Local collaboratives need more support. They need to be provided with more resources and staff to complete their jobs.

Jenny Wilson – NAMI
The clubhouse project is being supported by legislators. It is a great help to see that this project is on the legislative proposals list.

Dr. Arturo Gonzales
Gave update on his program, the program status is in the 4th year of funding; it is achieving positive outcomes, real outcomes for real people. He would like to see expansion of the programs into different counties. The program did receive support from the BHPC substance abuse subcommittee. He would like the Collaborative to help with the contract negotiations
with VO in regards to the federal funding. He would like to speak to Secretary Hyde and Grisham about this program, especially for years beyond when the federal grant is available.

Peter Cubra
Mr. Cubra works with the ACLU in regards to juvenile justice system kids. He stressed that many of the kids that are incarcerated are there because of behavioral health issues and not because of the types of crimes they have committed. He wants to see more community-based services for these kids.

10. BHPC Report
Katie Falls, Deputy Secretary of HSD, reported that the nominations for the BHPC appointments are being reviewed by the Governor’s office and a formal announcement will be made soon. Becky Beckett will serve as interim transition chair of the BHPC until a new chair is appointed. Behavioral Health Day at the Legislature is March 6, 2007.

11. Collaborative Coordinator Report – Steve Johnson
Steve reported on comprehensive community support service. CMS has been sent more information request regarding the rates. A concept paper has been drafted regarding the core service agency (CSA) concept, but it is not yet ready for public dissemination or comment. Discussions about pilots and approaches to reform will be presented in future Collaborative meetings.

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