NEW MEXICO INTERAGENCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE
Public Meeting – March 29, 2007
Minutes

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               Linda Roebuck, CEO BH Collaborative
Sec. Dorian Dodson, CYFD         Mary Beresford, GPC
Sec. Michelle Lujan-Grisham, DOH Kevin McMullan, HPC
Sec. Deborah Armstrong, ALTSD    Gary Beene, AOC
Director Pat Putnam, DDP         Ricardo Campos, DOT
Deputy Sec. Teresa Gomez, IAD    Deputy Sec. Erma Sedillo, NMCD
Deputy Sec. Catherine Cross Maple, PED
Deputy Sec. Rick Martinez, DFA

2. Review and Approval of Minutes
Secretary Debbie Armstrong moved to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2007 and the January 18, 2007, meeting. Director Pat Putman seconded, and the motion was approved.

3. Executive Session
Secretary Debbie Armstrong moved the Collaborative go into Executive Session. Secretary Hyde seconded, the motion was approved. The Collaborative discussed legal issues around the ValueOptions (VONM) contract and contract negotiations. The Collaborative also discussed legal issues stemming from the recently filed lawsuit regarding enhanced services.

Following the discussion, Secretary Michelle Lujan-Grisham moved the Collaborative go back into public session. Director Pat Putman seconded, and the motion was approved.

4. Public Input Meeting on Draft VONM Contract
The Collaborative agreed to have a public meeting and hear public input on April 18, 2007 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., regarding the draft VONM contract. Decisions about how to finalize the contract or take other appropriate action re the FY08 contract may also be made at that meeting. The expectation is that final action will occur at the April 25 meeting.

5. Enhanced Services and Community Reinvestment – Secretary Hyde, Linda Roebuck
In light of the failure of the NM State Legislature to approve the request for supplemental and on-going funding to continue the enhanced early childhood and respite services for
children, Secretary Hyde moved that the BH Collaborative authorize VONM to utilize the remainder of its community reinvestment obligation for FY07 (approximately $1.5 million) to continue these two services through June 30, 2007, to the extent that they are not fundable through other sources (e.g. Medicaid service billings for eligible clients through Medicaid certified providers). VONM may also utilize its remaining community reinvestment obligation for FY07 to pay for enhanced services that are being eliminated but are required by a court order to be continued until notice of termination is given to affected individuals.

To the extent that there are additional community reinvestment dollars available for FY07 after these authorized expenditures, VONM shall make decisions about the expenditure of those dollars based on the criteria adopted by the Collaborative in September 2006, targeting those projects most likely to move the NM behavioral health system toward the Collaborative’s goal of support for recovery and resiliency in community-based settings. Secretary Debbie Armstrong seconded, motion passed.

6. **VO Contract Status Reports, Second Quarter FY07 – Matt Onstott**

The purpose of the Director’s Reports for direct and indirect costs, consumers served and expenditures by service, consumers serviced by ethnicity is to provide an overview of information received information about VONM’s use of Collaborative dollars and delivery of services for the 2nd quarter of FY07 (October - December 2006). A discussion ensued re the information provided.

7. **Status of VONM Contract FY08 – Linda Roebuck, Matt Onstott**

FY08 contract negotiations with VONM began during the legislative session. Given the intensity of the session, the complexity of the issues, emerging legal issues and the amount of dollars and obligations unresolved until after the end of the session, the contract discussion could not occur in earnest until after the session was over. Draft language has not yet been completed to submit for public comment and Collaborative members’ review. The contract team expects to have draft language completed or near completion by the end of the week (March 30, 2007). The six issues designated as needing joint priority work plans for FY08 are: children and adults in custody or under state supervision; core service agency concept; youth transitioning to adult system; co-occurring disorders (especially mental illness and substance abuse, and mental illness in persons with developmental disabilities); school health and school success; data and reporting. The Collaborative is committed to having some time, even if short, for public input and comment about the FY08 contract before finalizing the language.

8. **Children’s Residential Treatment & Community Services Planning – Linda Roebuck, Chris Carson and Marisol Atkins**

Linda Roebuck gave an overview of the Children’s Plan and the steps for implementing a clinical home pilot program. The pilot program will target youth legally involved with juvenile court and who are in or at risk of out-of-home placement. The goals are to develop alternative pathways for these youth; develop related provider competencies; determine correct treatment mix; empower families and providers; identify and achieve key outcomes for these youth; offer incentives for providers and develop a learning community. Providers for the pilot program have been identified in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Cruces. The participating provider agencies will accept all referrals from the Collaborative and the
statewide entity; perform a face-to-face assessment within 24 hours; have 24/7 capacity to respond to requests for service; develop and implement initial service plan within 72 hours; provide youth and families with a community support worker and provide immediate access to crisis stabilization. The timeline to implement the pilot program will be as follows: in July 2007 a draft plan will be available for review and comment; October 2007 the final plan will be approved and in November 2007 implementation begins. VONM will support providers in transitioning and developing new services; shift funding to needed services and most importantly ensure children, youth and families receive the services they need. Collaborative members suggested several changes be made to the Children’s plan before it is implemented, Secretary Armstrong made a motion to accept the plan with the proposed changes. Director Beene seconded, the motion passes.

9. **Public Input**

**David Ley – Executive Director, NM Solutions**
Supports the clinical home concept but is concerned about funding available to make the transition.

**Nancy Jo Archer – Hogares**
Support David’s statements, see’s the pilot as a service, should be a process to help people get the best possible service. Hogares is really excited about the pilot project and the wrap around services. The rates, clinical home, have a very effective MIS system. More dollars in the system, have not had the dollars to provide this kind of service for kids or adults.

**Roque Garcia Rio Grande Behavioral Health**
For the first time in the last two years, he feels optimistic about some of the things that have happened in the legislature, increased rates to providers for outpatient services, main issue. On the rural concept, he feels it will be easier to implement because of the structure. This pilot can only work if there is a good partnership between ValueOptions, state and providers.

**Bill Daumueller - BHPC**
Lots of needs out there, the equalization of rates has been a big issue. Take an average provider, area of concern, the uninsured population, has been funded fairly flat.

**John Snowden – Westside NAMI**
Parent of mental health son, start the planning of a mental health court program, jail diversion program, received $80,000 to start the planning of this program. That amount of money is not going to be enough to fully support this program, wants support for this program.

**Dr. Christopher Morris**
Concern and request, support the pilot project, concern about the funding issues regarding the continuum of care. Residential services are being over utilized. Request, the rationale for not including any rural sites in this project. Can specific plans be made for rural providers and native American providers re how and when they will be included?
Chuck Noon
Does the Collaborative know how many accredited or JCAHO accredited residential beds that you would want across New Mexico? The plan in July should break out how many residential beds New Mexico is likely to need.

Arturo Gonzales – Sangre de Cristo
Two concerns he would like to raise; the sustainability of SBIRT, screening and treatment of substance abused and co-occurring disorders. Second concern, the pilot is very innovative. Some resources are already in place for the rural areas, specifically licensed behavioral health providers in the school based health centers.

Debbie Salazar – TeamBuilders
TeamBuilders was chosen as one of the pilot sites. They are ready to participate in whatever capacity they can, although there are funding concerns.

Bruce Evans – Co-chair of Local Collaborative I
Concerns with the uninsured, the plan has made a lot of positive steps, glad to hear that. The uninsured population needs to be addressed. Has a lot of funding concerns with providers. So many people, especially juveniles, with needs and it is very hard to get them into the behavioral health system. There fore, they are coming in through the criminal justice system. Need more prevention and outreach. Quality and continuum of care for adults is an issue.

10. VONM FY08 Contract
Secretary Hyde is proposing that there will be some sort of draft out for public comment soon, and the usual e-mail address (bhcollaborative@state.nm.us) will also be available for the public to make comments. On April 18, 2007 the Collaborative will hold the public meeting to discuss the draft VONM FY08 contract and on April 25, 2007 final action will be taken on the FY08 contract by the Collaborative.

10. BHPC Report – Becky Beckett
The Governor’s appointments to the BHPC went out last week, and now the BHPC is just waiting for the final process of the appointments. Orientation for new members is set for May 23 – 24, 2007.

The first Behavioral Health Day at the Legislature was a huge success. There were 22 exhibits and over 75 people in attendance. 13 consumers received awards for their work in local collaboratives, presented by Lt. Governor Diane Denish.

11. Collaborative CEO Report – Linda Roebuck
A handout was available for the Collaborative members to view which legislation was passed by both houses, which legislation that had not been signed or vetoed as of yet. CBHTR needs to be up and running, Linda recently met with staff from UNM and Highlands University to discuss a way that CBHTR can be more effective. Members of the Annapolis Coalition also made some suggestions regarding CBHTR. Secretary Hyde recommends that grant dollars be used to get CBHTR started and then maybe funding can come at a later time from the legislature. The Collaborative conference planning is being put together by Steve Johnson. The conference is planned for fall 2008.
Ms. Roebuck also provided her initial perspective about the Collaborative and its process. Staff across departments learned a lot during this year’s contract negotiations about how to work together and with VONM, and about their responsibilities in making the contract with VONM and the Collaborative successful. There is a need to focus activities and accomplish a few rather than trying to meet all expectations at once. Linda will be working on priorities and the strategic plan with staff and BHPC for presentation and adoption by the Collaborative.

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