NEW MEXICO INTERAGENCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE
Public Meeting – May 24, 2007
Minutes

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                Linda Roebuck, CEO BH Collaborative
Sec. Dorian Dodson, CYFD           Theresa Gomez, IAD
Sec. Debbie Armstrong, ALTSD       Patricio Larragoite, HPC
Bill Belzner, ALTSD               Gary Beene, DVR
Director Pat Putnam, DDPC         Jacqueline Cooper, PDO
Deputy Sec. Rick Martinez, DFA    Michelle Welby, GHPC
Deputy Sec. Erma Sedillo, NMCD    Director Jay Czar, MFA
Deputy Sec. Catherine Cross Maple Ricardo Campos, DOT
Mary Beresford, GCD

2. Review and Approval of Minutes
Bill Belzner moved to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2007 meeting. Director Patricio Larragoite seconded, and the motion was approved.

3. BHPC Report – Letty Rutledge, Carol Luna-Anderson
Letty Rutledge and Carol Luna Anderson reported that new members have been appointed, 79 new members have been seated. The BHPC and the subcommittees will meet every other month. Secretary Hyde and the Collaborative presented Beck Beckett with a certificate to thank her for her role as interim chair. BHPC members were recognized throughout the meeting as they were present.

4. Housing Plan Status and Next Steps – Marti Knisley, Joseph Montoya, Marisol Atkins
Marti Knisley reported on the supportive housing plan that is being developed in New Mexico. In November 2006 the Collaborative began developing a statewide housing plan. In January 2007 the Governor requested new funds for supportive housing in the HSD budget. In May 2007 strategic goals are being recommended to the Collaborative for review and approval. These goals will become the key strategic steps for implementing the plan. (See Attachment) The BHPC and Local Collaboratives will review the recommendations during the months of June-July 2007. In September 2007 a final draft of the statewide housing plan will be presented to the Collaborative for approval. The Mortgage Finance Authority will play a major leadership role in the outcome of this statewide plan. The housing plan will have specific strategies and information for statewide initiatives and
actions stapes that can be taken over time in each community..

Among the key reasons for the Collaborative implementing a Housing Plan now is the rising costs for housing for people with disabilities. In 2006, housing costs nationally reached a new threshold; the cost of a market rate rent for a one bedroom apartment is now more than an individual’s monthly social security income. In New Mexico that rent is 88% of an individual’s social security income. Supportive housing is also proven to be cost effective and there is strong consumer and community support for this initiative. A number of Collaborative agencies are working with The Technical Assistance Collaborative, the Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico and the Mortgage Finance Agency to develop these strategies including building capacity in the affordable housing and the services communities bringing the two systems together to expand access to housing and to help people retain their housing. This also includes working on developing the “how” for a new rental assistance program.

Marisol Atkins reported on the demonstration program to provide permanent supportive housing for transitioning youth. The demonstration in Bernalillo County will begin October 1, 2007 with 20 beds for youth, transitioning out of the JJS or Child Welfare system; clinical homes may be used for those youth who have behavioral health issues.

Marti Knisley reported on the action to better serve adults with serious and persistent mental illness including those individuals with co-occurring disorders. ALTSD APS (adult protective services) has agreed to be the pilot project for this demonstration which will focus on adults in the Adult Protective Services Program. The demonstration will give TAC the opportunity to see how the processes will work best.

Joseph Montoya described the support MFA can bring to this endeavor including incentives for new developers who include supportive housing projects in their MFA awarded projects and requirements for communities who want to develop affordable housing as well as work with Regional and local housing authorities.

Secretary Hyde moved to accept the recommendation with the exception that TAC gives the Collaborative more input by the September date and that the wording on Strategy 3, second bullet includes the words capital outlay, Director Pat Putman seconded, motion passed.

5. VONM Contract Status Reports FY07 3rd Q – Matt Onstott, Geri Cassidy
Matt reported on the Directors’ reports provided by VONM. The purpose of the Directors’ Reports for direct and indirect costs, consumers served and expenditures by service, and consumers serviced by ethnicity is to provide an overview of information received by the Oversight Cross Agency Team (CAT) about VONM’s use of Collaborative dollars and delivery of services for the 3rd quarter of FY07 (January - March 2007). A discussion ensued re the information provided. (See attached handouts)

6. Public Input
Deb Fickling – Ombudsperson for Medicaid.
Running into problems with mentally ill individuals regarding services, she also introduced Janice Barsky who is an advocate for a person who is currently housed in an institution for persons with mental illness.

**Janice Barsky – Guardian Angels, court appointed guardians for adults.**

She is strongly advocating for a client that is in the facility in Las Vegas. She has been able to meet with representatives from several agencies that serve on the Collaborative. There are no options for her client at this time. She is asking the Collaborative to strongly consider the idea of a group home pilot project for adults such as her client.

**Nancy Jo Archer – Bernalillo LC, Hogares**

She is complementary of having the Directors’ Reports available to the public. Bernalillo County Local Collaborative (BCLC) supports the mix of reinvestment dollars and enhanced services. The Collaborative is making a major effort in the area of collaboration, and she is concerned about an article in the newspaper regarding the contract between VO and the state in which it was stated that complaints were coming from providers. She feels the article portrayed providers very badly. She is asking that as we move forward with collaboration, she is hoping we look at providers as part of the solution rather than part of the problem.

**Bruce Evans – Co-chair of Santa Fe Local Collaborative**

Bruce provided feedback from people in this community to the Collaborative. The number of homeless people has increased, most of them are Native Americans from northern states. A lot of them have substance abuse problems. Any help that can be addressed towards the homeless issue will be greatly appreciated. Another comment he is hearing is that there are more denials from VO than what is anybody is aware of. Most people don’t have anybody to help them with the appeals process so they give up and don’t pursue services. LC 1 doesn’t have very many providers to serve on the LC, as the providers are discouraged and don’t want to participate. The Collaborative needs to look at getting people housed as a priority; and how the government is spending money. We don’t need a spaceport or things like that; we need money for shelters and getting people off the streets.

7. **FY09 Legislative and Budget Priority Settings – Debbie Armstrong, Karen Meador and Jane Ann Oldrup**

Secretary Debbie Armstrong gave an update on the FY09 Legislative and Budget Priority setting process. She noted that a new more consistent statewide process will be put into place for Local Collaboratives to gather information regarding their legislative priorities. This process is happening between now and the end of June. A document will be created and given to Local Collaboratives explaining what was done with their list of priorities. This document will go out soon and will be shared with the Collaborative at its June meeting.

8. **Collaborative CEO Report – Linda Roebuck**

**Enhanced Services**

Enhanced Services should be part of a master service plan for an individual and the plan should describe the need for the services, goals, planned utilization and anticipated length of service episode. These services are not part of the Medicaid benefit package, and they therefore they cannot be dealt with as open access services. rather they should be managed and targeted to an individual’s special needs and goals.
Secretary Hyde motioned that the Collaborative take the recommendations from VONM (see attached) as a start, but that VONM come back to the Collaborative in June with more detailed recommendations that include budget and management criteria. Secretary Armstrong seconded, the motion passes.

**Total Community Approach**
Marizza Montoya-Gansel reported on Total Community Approach (TCA) funding. This approach is a partnership between the Collaborative and local communities most affected by substance abuse to address problems caused by use of these substances. Total Community Approach means teaming with local municipalities and targeting resources from prevention to treatment, to the areas where they are most needed to deal with substance abuse and behavioral health challenges. Depending upon the community, some substances are more prevalent than others. This includes alcohol, methamphetamine, cocaine or other drugs. $3 million is available for this initiative. The criteria were provided (see attachment) and discussed by the Collaborative with additional input provided regarding selection of the LCs to plan for these funds based on the application of these criteria. Number of drug related domestic violence incidents will be added. Linda and Marizza will report on the selection of LCs for these funds at the June meeting.

**Strategic Plan**
Pam Sanchez reported on the strategic plan being a multi year comprehensive plan. Three more priorities have been added, they are, Transportation, Crisis Response and Jail Diversion and Law Enforcement. A discussion ensued re the information provided. (See attachment) The Collaborative agreed to accept this as a preliminary plan until the Collaborative meets in August to discuss strategic planning.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.