NEW MEXICO INTERAGENCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE
Public Meeting – June 21, 2006
Minutes

1. **Pre meeting showing of *Not in My Family*** – A video re Youth Suicide – Presented by Steve Adelsheim.

2. **Welcome and Review of Agenda**
Interim Secretary Dorian Dodson called the meeting to order at approximately 1:10 p.m. She noted this was an open session and that a quorum was present.

**Attendees**

Sec. Pam Hyde, HSD
Interim Sec. Dorian Dodson, CYFD
Deputy Sec. Erma Sedillo, NMCD
Director Pat Putnam, DDPC
Deputy Sec. Catherine Cross Maple, PED
Deputy Sec. Bill Belzner, ALTSD
Patricio Larragoite, HPC
Gary Beene, DVR

Ricardo Campos, DOT
Jacqueline Cooper, PDO
Regina Roanoarse, IAD
Len Malry, OWTD
Rich Tavares, DOH
Mary Beresford, GCD
Rosa Valencia, DOL

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
Deputy Secretary Erma Sedillo moved to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2006, meeting. Ricardo Campos seconded, and the motion was approved.

4. **Co-Chair’s Report**
Secretary Pam Hyde stated that the minutes from the previous meeting will be going out to Collaborative members a day or two before the meeting for review. Steve Johnson has been named the interim Behavioral Health Manager. He officially starts on July 10, 2006. Steve will not be working on certain projects until September 1, 2006. The search committee will meet today at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the search for the new Behavioral Health Manager. The committee has begun to receive resumes for the position. A Legislative process team is in the process of being organized and will be lead by Secretary Debbie Armstrong. The LFC audit entrance meeting has been scheduled, Secretary Hyde is not sure if they are going to audit the Collaborative or the ValueOptions contract. She is also asking Collaborative members not to have contact until after the entrance meeting has taken place.

5. **Success in School – School BH Standards, School Coordination**
Catherine Cross Maple presented the Collaborative with a color schematic of what kinds of services are being offered, what is strategic versus operational and also looking at school based Medicaid eligible services in a school based setting. Mario Vigil presented a serious emotional disorder analysis. The analysis was of the 2005-2006 school year special education students. He talked about and described each column of the analysis. This
analysis looks at data regarding how successful students are in school, this is not academic data, but Mario is hoping to incorporate that into future analysis at a later date. The one noticeable part of the analysis is that there is a drop in attendance especially in emotional disturbance area. Secretary Hyde asked if there is a statewide total, Mario responded yes on the last page of the analysis. Rich Tavares asked for clarification of the percentages, is the percentage of the school year or the school day? Deputy Secretary Catherine Cross Maple responded, the school day. Pat Putnam asked if psych meant direct services, Deputy Secretary Catherine Cross Maple, yes. Steve Adelsheim presented a work plan from the SIS (Success in Schools for SED Students) Team. The information outlines deliverables, action items/milestones, responsible parties, due dates for action items, status on action items and outcomes of the action items. The work plan also lists team members. The tasks that need to be addressed are the roles of school mental health professionals, prevention and early intervention, how to ensure a smooth transition from early intervention to special education. Pat Putnam commented that the caseloads for social workers should be 25 special education students per social worker and right now they are 45 special education students per social worker, re-look at caseloads. He also commented that the inclusion of special education students into a regular classroom setting is not happening, still seeing a segregation issue between special education students and regular students in a classroom setting. Right now there are no trained personnel available to resolve the segregation issue.

A discussion of the school health standards occurred. Steve Adelsheim indicated these standards reflected only what should occur in school-based health centers rather than the standards for number of school behavioral health personnel compared to number of students, and their roles. Secretary Hyde indicated that the Collaborative may commission a group to look into those issues. Secretary Hyde asked if the Collaborative wanted to track certain students with SED (Serious Emotional Disorder), is there a way to track them in the school system. Deputy Secretary Catherine Cross Maple responded that sharing of data and information for two different purposes, privacy act or HIPAA regulations might make this difficult. Secretary Hyde asked if such data could not be provided in the aggregate to avoid HIPAA concerns. Deputy Secretary Cross Maple indicated yes it is possible. Mary Beresford, regarding the SED analysis, asked if data about graduation rates are available. Deputy Secretary Catherine Cross Maple said that PED can get that information to the Collaborative. Mary Beresford stated that New Mexico is far behind the national average in graduation rates, and asked what can the Collaborative do to ensure that New Mexico falls within the national average. Deputy Secretary Cross Maple said that regional training will be provided throughout the state, with professional development for everybody including parents and principals, including a monitoring process with data available throughout the school districts. Regina Roanhorse asked if the data can be broken down by ethnicity, Deputy Secretary Cross Maple indicated that it could statewide, but not by district. Deputy Secretary Cross Maple said she was unsure of what the procedure is for information requests. Secretary Dodson indicated that if PED can provide the data, then do so, when you get the data talk about the monies spent. Secretary Hyde promised to get the data/information to Collaborative members when it is available from PED.

6. BH Planning Council Report
Susy Ashcroft reported that the recruiting information needs to be submitted by August 18th to the BH Planning Council (BHPC). The BHPC voted and a motion was passed that they
submit two legislative priorities. The community reinvestment process has been a concern for the BHPC. There has been some discussion about the guidelines, and it is on the agenda for the next BHPC meeting. The concern is sustainability for new programs. At Secretary Hyde’s request, Susy Ashcroft provided the Collaborative with the details of the next BHPC meeting agenda, Leslie Tremaine will report on status of interim and transitional issues for the Behavioral Health Manager, reinvestment document discussion, legislative priorities, ValueOptions, complaints and grievances process (Deborah Fickling is handling the protocol to deal with complaints and grievances).

7. Community Reinvestment Funds
Pam Galbraith reported on the special reinvestment funds prior to June 30, 2006. Emphasis was placed on training for staff and consumers for program enhancements and computer equipment for infrastructure enhancement. ValueOptions gives the state of New Mexico $250,000.00 for special reinvestment. Mary Beresford, the project titled Warm Line what is that? Pam Galbraith, staff or consumers available to talk to consumers during a time of need that does not rise to full psychiatric crisis. Pat Putnam asked if there is any information in this outline regarding autism, Pam Galbraith said that VO has requested information on autism, but it has not yet been received. Amy Buchanan reported that she is still collecting information from Local Collaboratives regarding the reinvestment plan. ValueOptions is attending the Local Collaborative meetings. Secretary Hyde said that the Collaborative is going to decide, with input from Local Collaboratives, the criteria for FY07 and how the funds should be spent. The Collaborative will help guide ValueOptions to make decisions based on the criteria. The Collaborative has heard many suggestions from Local Collaboratives, BHPC, public meetings and individual or organization communications about what the criteria should be for the FY07 reinvestment funds. The Collaborative is considering maintaining the FY06 criteria for Special Reinvestment funds, but adding a requirement that the project or activity must show how it will address identified provider readiness needs. The nine criteria items are a place to start, but that legislative priorities, community reinvestment priorities all need to be considered. This cannot be finalized until the BHPC gives input, possibly in July. A motion to accept the process and have the Local Collaboratives and Planning Cross Agency Team (CAT) and Collaborative Subcommittee finalize these guidelines was made by Deputy Secretary Catherine Cross Maple and seconded by Patricio Larragoite. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Definition of Consumer & Family
Secretary Hyde and Director Pat Putman presented a draft document, Guidelines for Local Collaboratives regarding Membership. Secretary Hyde indicated that five or so individuals from the Local Collaboratives leadership group have agreed to proof the document. She asked that the Collaborative authorize the LC and Planning subcommittee to finalize the document after review by these LC volunteers. Gary Been made the motion, Ricardo Campos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Public Input
Jim Kerlin, The Counseling Center – Concerned with the 3% setaside for reinvestment funds. He would like for the Collaborative to take a look at the new rate increase, since he feels he cannot stay in business with the 3% setaside without the new rate increase proposed for Medicaid.
Lauren Reichelt, Co-Chair Local Collaborative First Judicial District – Rio Arriba County is already feeling the impact of the cuts and last year’s rate decreases, closure of several programs. The number of complaints from providers have increased. New programs cannot be funded, she feels the money should go into existing programs. Local Collaborative First Judicial District received the enrollment letter from DOH and the Collaborative. Providers are having difficulty getting the necessary data to ValueOptions.

William Daulmueller, Behavioral Health Providers Association – Concerned with several things, the 3% setaside of DOH general funds for reinvestment, new rate schedule, issues with enrollments, and the contract amendment. Asking the Collaborative to rethink the reinvestment issue particularly the 3%.

Rodney McNease, UNM – Concerns regarding the reinvestment funds, but there needs to be dialogue with the Local Collaboratives and providers.

Roque Garcia, Rio Grand Behavioral Health – Managed care makes providers uncomfortable, creates frustration. When you add budget cuts and claims issues it gets more intense. He hopes it doesn’t take something terrible to happen to get more money into mental health or to providers.

Charlene Poola, UNM Local Collaborative Region 6 – Evidence based practices needs to be brought down to a concrete level. Focus groups need more behavioral health dollars, transitional living units. Local Collaboratives need to strengthen relationship with ValueOptions.

Kathryn Ritterbusch, Local Collaborative Representative – Legislative priorities, basic services are not available, funding needs to be available to bring down caseloads with CYFD and other agencies. Please reconsider the 3% setaside for reinvestment funds.

Dr. Carolyn Morris, Local Collaborative Representative – Concerns regarding correction referrals. Clients are being asked to use the Navajo services rather than state funded services. Are inmates receiving mental health services while incarcerated? Deputy Secretary Erma Sedillo said that NMCD is not responsible for mental health services in county jails. Jacqueline Cooper indicated that NMPDO will look into that issue.

Scott Seifert, Ayudantes – Concerns with the 3% setaside for reinvestment funds.

10. Comprehensive BH Planning Process Update
Fred Sandoval presented the Comprehensive BH Planning Process update. The update objectives are to inform the Collaborative on the progress of planning activities since the last presentation in December 05, present key timelines for the remainder of the planning process, demonstrate increased success in meeting planning objectives through evaluation process, illustrate the planning process to inform stakeholders on overall stages using visual schematics, and to present and identify the Top Local Collaborative Legislative behavioral health priorities. All 15 Local Collaboratives submitted their top two legislative priorities. The comprehensive behavioral health plan is due to SAMHSA by September 30, 2006.

11. Collaborative Coordinator’s Report
Leslie Tremaine presented the Provider Readiness Assessment along with a cover letter addressed to ValueOptions. As described in the report, the study conducted earlier this year focused on a broad sample of providers that currently offer publicly funded behavioral health services in New Mexico. The results provide an excellent base of information to target work
with providers in developing new/enhanced capacities needed as our transformation if the behavioral health system proceeds. The letter outlines areas that the Collaborative and ValueOptions can work together to follow up on recommendations outlined in the report. The Collaborative asked that staff go ahead and get this letter out to providers and Local Collaboratives.

12. **United We Ride Status Report**
This item was tabled until next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.