1. Welcome and Review of Agenda

Secretary Pamela Hyde called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 pm. She noted this was an open session and that a quorum was present. Secretary Dodson took over as Chair upon her arrival.

Attendees

- Sec. Pam Hyde, HSD
- Sec. Dorian Dodson, CYFD
- Designate Sec. Dr. Alfredo Vigil, DOH
- Deputy Sec. Teresa Gomez, IAD
- Director Pat Putnam, DDPC
- Linda Roebuck CEO BH Collaborative

- Director Gary Beene, DVR
- Director Jacqueline Cooper, PDO
- Director Bill Belzner, ALTSD
- Vivian Heye, PED
- Director Liz Stefanics, HPC
- Deputy Director John Block III, GCD

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Secretary Hyde moved to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2007 meeting. Secretary Designate Alfredo Vigil seconded, and the motion passed. Director Pat Putman would like the minutes to reflect that there is an ongoing desire for the Collaborative members to receive information in advance of the meetings to the extent possible. Secretary Hyde explained that cross agency staff are working as quickly as they can to complete their work and prepare materials in advance of the meetings. She reminded Collaborative members that any of the members are welcome to send staff to cross agency team meetings or to contact the Co-Chairs or the Collaborative CEO when they see issues on the agenda they would like information about prior to the meetings. The noon briefings may become a regular pre-meeting opportunity for interested members to come and hear about the status of projects that are on-going and that have been part of the Collaborative meetings in the past or will be in the future. The structure for getting information and conducting business will be part of the August BH Collaborative afternoon meeting.

3. BHPC Report – Trinidad de Jesus Arguello, Letty Rutledge

BHPC Chair Trinidad de Jesus Arguello and Letty Rutledge reported that The Planning Council did not meet in July; its next meeting is August 22nd at Budaghers. BHPC members of the various committees and subcommittees have been busy conducting meetings, throughout July. The Co-Chairs and the CEO of the Collaborative met with the BHPC Executive Committee in July to address how the two entities could work more closely together and how the Collaborative could support the BHPC’s activities.

4. Medications for Non-Medicaid Individuals – Sally Kroner, Karen Meador
The New Mexico Legislature this year appropriated $1 million to pay for medications for people who do not have access to a source of payment for medications such as Medicaid or Medicare. The fund is primarily designed to help people who might become hospitalized, incarcerated or homeless because of a lack of medications to help control their symptoms. The fund was appropriated to address this particular need and will also help the Collaborative and ValueOptions New Mexico (VONM) evaluate medication funding needs for uninsured New Mexicans. The fund may be used as a bridge to provide medications until another funding source becomes available, to pay for medications in a crisis situation, or to ease transition from a hospital, jail or prison. The funds will be available to treat both mental health and substance use disorders.

Based upon the data currently available, it is anticipated that the majority of people using this fund will require assistance for 3 months or less, although long term funding may be available for individuals that do not have access to any other source of payment for medications, subject to the funding priorities and appropriation limitations. Secretary Hyde made a motion to accept the criteria in the plan with the following proposed changes; under priority populations for this fund will be as follows, in this order, the word adult needs to be added on items 1-6, an item number 7 needs to be added to address adolescents and they need to meet the 1-6 criteria. (See Attached final policy) Secretary Designate Vigil seconded, and the motion passed.

5. **Children’s Purchasing Plan – Linda Roebuck, John O’Brien, Jack Callaghan**

John O’Brien and Linda Roebuck reported on the Children’s Purchasing Plan. The presentation shows how money is being spent in New Mexico and the array of services that will be needed over the next two years. Three states that have developed purchasing plans were evaluated to show how they are spending their money, and what services they are providing. New Mexico is spending 75-80% of its funds on residential and in-patient levels of care. A shift over the next two years to a 50% balance is proposed. Other states are spending 25-30% for residential and in-patient levels of care.

There was discussion on providing a safety net for children, families and providers. The next process is to take the Purchasing Plan to the BHPC and to the Local Collaboratives to obtain feedback. The group will bring the plan back to the Collaborative in the fall with more formal recommendations. Deputy Director John Block made a motion that the Collaborative approve the process and that the group move forward with the methodology and bring it back for discussion and adoption when completed. Director Bill Belzner seconded, and the motion passed.

6. **VONM Enhanced Services and Community Reinvestment Funding – Detailed Plan for FY08 – Chris Carson, Linda Roebuck**

Chris Carson reported back to the Collaborative on the population profiles in different regions of New Mexico regarding Enhanced Services. (See Attached) The goal of the Collaborative was to have a 70/30 split, spending 70 percent of these available dollars on Enhanced Services and 30 percent on Community Reinvestment. The Collaborative agreed to have a subcommittee formed to review the Enhanced Services and Reinvestment funding so that a decision can be made at the August meeting. In light of the policies that the Collaborative has already made, Director Gary Beene moved that the Collaborative co-chairs appoint a subcommittee to address
the structure and substance of the Enhanced Services and Reinvestment dollars to develop a procedure and report back to the Collaborative at the August meeting. Secretary Designate Vigil seconded, and the motion passed. Later in the meeting, a consensus was reached by the Collaborative members to clarify that this issue needed to be brought to the full Collaborative rather than being decided by a subcommittee. There was a consensus among Collaborative members to have the subcommittee or staff come back to the Collaborative in August for a final decision about direction to VONM on the use of these funds.

7. Public Input

Rodney McNeese - UNM
UNM currently operates 3 Residential Treatment Centers, and one of the treatment centers is being converted to an acute unit. He feels that providers need to have a thorough understanding of what is going on with those changes at UNM since it was erroneously reported by one provider that UNM is closing one of the three units, rather than converting it to another level of care.

Erin Hourihan
She would like to re-iterate that MST is moving under Medicaid and that those dollars will be available for other Enhanced Services.

Richard Malcolm – Bernalillo LC
He would like to see the data that is behind the pie charts that John O’Brien presented regarding the purchasing plan. Can our state behavioral health system be changed with less money?

Peter Cubra
Peter feels that it is a disservice to New Mexico to keep using the term Enhanced Services. He feels that these services should be part of the Medicaid State Plan.

Bruce Evans – Co Chair LC 1
Bruce has concerns with the lack of funding for a jail diversion program. He would urge the Collaborative to put money into that kind of program. He believes a jail diversion program would alleviate the homeless problem here in Santa Fe.

Nancy Koensberg – Protection and Advocacy
Nancy is grateful that Collaborative understands the transition process not to lose providers. She would like to know what happens to the kids that are being returned to New Mexico from out of state providers. She is urging the Collaborative to look at this issue since New Mexico wants to move away from residential care to a more community-based system.

8. Medicaid Rate Increases & VONM Rate Equalization – Matt Onstott, Pam Galbraith

Pam Galbraith gave a brief update and overview on the Rate Equalization process. The following are items she believes the Collaborative needs to decide:

- Review gap between existing and needed funding for BHSD, Corrections and CYFD to determine if additional actions are needed.
• Discontinue 6% CYFD admin fee
• Discontinue 3% withhold of BHSD and include in base contract as previously done.
• Allow continued use of 3% BHSD re-investment and 6% CYFD admin towards performance improvement in reporting.
• Allow VONM to continue rate calculations with BHSD and CYFD providers to determine actual administrative expense compared to other funding streams.
• Allow incentives for high performing providers, if there are dollars available from providers who are not meeting performance expectations.
• Allow regional fund management for BHSD providers
• Begin FFS reimbursement schema across all funding streams beginning 7/1/08
• Decision to move forward in FFS system if funding is not approved
• If additional funding is approved, action needs to be taken if fund balances are exceeded by utilization

The Collaborative felt that they are not ready to make a decision regarding this rate plan. VONM was asked to bring this back to the Collaborative in August for a final decision. VONM should provide a set of steps as part of a plan for the next several months for the Collaborative to review in advance before making a decision in August. The plan needs to include the amount of funding needed for BHSD, NMCD and CYFD dollars to pay at least the same rates as the new Medicaid fee schedule.

9. FY09 Budget Priorities & Consolidated Budget Planning – Karen Meador, Bill Belzner, Elaine Olah

Karen reported that all of the legislative priorities from the LC’s, except for a portion of LC 14 that is pending, have been submitted. Fourteen of the legislative priorities have been distributed to the Collaborative members so they can see the full text. They are now working on two things: a) short summary that Secretaries can use in their budget discussions; and b) a complete database that can be sorted a number of ways to pull specific information on a particular LC. This work group will return to the Collaborative with a summary and full list of the kinds of information that can be accessed quickly. Secretary Hyde commented that she had a discussion with Secretary Katherine Miller regarding a consolidated budget request. Secretary Miller will be sending out an instruction letter to Collaborative members regarding the consolidated budget request.

The Collaborative Co-Chairs would like to re-iterate that the August 23rd meeting will be long and decisions need to be made regarding several issues. Therefore, the original plan for the August meeting may have to change. Watch for the draft agenda. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Albuquerque at the CNM and will conclude by 5:00 p.m. A portion of the morning meeting will be decision-making, and the afternoon may include an executive session as determined by the planning group consisting of Pat Putnam, Debbie Armstrong, Catherine Cross Maple and Linda Roebuck.

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