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
Designate Sec. Dorian Dodson, CYFD
Sec. Michelle Lujan-Grisham (initially via proxy Karen Meador; later in person)
Patricio Larragoite, HPC
Lionel Holguin, MFA
Director Pat Putnam, DDPC
Stephanie Kilger, IAD
Bill Belzner, ALTSD
Deputy Sec. Marlin Mackey, DOL
Gary Beene, DVR
Ricardo Campos, DOT
John Block III
Patricio Larragoite, HPC
Peter Bochert, AOC
Sec. Debbie Armstrong, ALTSD
Deputy Sec. Catherine Cross Maple
Deputy Sec. Rick Martinez, DFA

2. Review and Approval of Minutes
Ricardo Campos moved to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2006, meeting. Director Pat Putnam seconded, and the motion was approved.

3. Collaborative Coordinator Search Committee Report – Bill Belzner
Deputy Director Bill Belzner reported on the search for the Behavior Health Coordinator. The list has been narrowed down to 10 applicants. The search committee was divided into three groups and did telephone interviews with the 10 selected applicants. The search committee will meet on October 2, 2006 to discuss interviews and a method for discussing how applicants will be selected.

4. Legislative Priorities Report from Policy Subcommittee – Secretary Armstrong, Karen Meador
Each Local Collaborative was asked to identify their top two legislative priorities. LC’s were also instructed to assume that transportation and housing would be state-wide priorities affecting all local areas and that additional support to enable LCs and the BHPC to do their work would likewise be state-wide priorities. Certain services are marked in the report as ‘critical supports to other pending Legislation’. For example, some served were identified as critical support services for implementation of mandated community treatment or avoidance of mandated community treatment orders. Children’s Services, Housing, Increased Outpatient Services, Prevention, SA Innovation (Total Community Approach), Stigma, Education, Telehealth, Transportation and Workforce Capacity had the largest priority and
were the most mentioned. Secretary Armstrong feels that the recommendations are complete, but it is up to the Collaborative to make the decision if recommendations can still be made. The Collaborative agreed to have the list updated and assure that all department requests are reflected. Rick Martinez offered to assist in getting the list presented to the Governor, and Michelle Lujan Grisham and Pam Hyde agreed to make sure the Legislative Finance Committee was presented with the list on September 29 when they present about their Medicaid and Health budgets.

5. Comprehensive BH Plan – Pamela Sanchez, Susy Ashcroft
A draft copy of the BH Plan has been completed. The BHPC has approved the plan. Secretary Hyde would like for the members to review the draft and submit suggestions/changes to Pam Sanchez by Friday October 6, 2006. It will then be submitted to the federal government (SAMHSA) as a preliminary plan, recognizing there is still much work to be done to turn this list of desired actions and services into a true strategic plan adopted by the Collaborative. The Collaborative agreed with this approach and authorized Pam Sanchez to make the appropriate changes based on input received from the members.

6. Evaluation Exercise – Cathy Kinney
Cathy Kinney is working with Betty Downes in evaluating the planning process of the Collaborative. An evaluation questionnaire was handed out to members to complete and return to Cathy Kinney for review.

7. Mandated Community Treatment Legislative Proposal – Secretary Pam Hyde, Secretary Michelle Lujan-Grisham, Karen Meador
House Judiciary Committee Substitute for House Bill 174 is being amended and annotated with comments received from advocates, consumers, providers and citizens and notes indicating differences in the Albuquerque Ordinance. Substantial comments have been made that any New Mexico bill should be titled something other than Kendra’s Law, as the title is misleading and refers to a citizen of New York. Sections of the bill have new language and new sections have been added to the bill. The BHPC has critical areas of concern, including the following:

1. Definitional and clarifying language to the criteria for mandated treatment;
2. Language regarding the rights of persons subject to the court process and subject to the mandated treatment;
3. Clarification about whether and under what circumstances a person can be physically held down and forcibly medicated;
4. A requirement that a person must be offered effective treatment and must have refused it in the 10 or so days prior to the court process;
5. A requirement that any valid psychiatric advance directive (a new law signed by you from last session) would have to be followed in developing the treatment plan ordered by the court;
6. A sunset clause and an evaluation of the bill by independent parties/researchers, as was the case with the New York law;
7. A preemption clause clarifying which law applies in cases of conflict with any inconsistent local ordinance; and
8. Need for funding for services to implement the bill.
Some felt the Treatment Guardian program would be a workable alternative to Mandated Community Treatment if it were properly funded and serviced.

Susy Ashcroft, on behalf of BHPC, provided some concerns from the Council about the Kendra’s Law proposal. These concerns mirrored the concerns identified above and added a concern about jurisdictional issues with Native Americans who might be subject to this law if it were enacted.

The Committee then went to public input, anticipating the public might have comments about this bill that the Committee wanted to hear before further discussion.

8. Public Input

Becky Beckett – Legislative Day will be March 6, 2007

Tom Dillon – Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Tom would like to get involved in the process for Kendra’s Law. John Block will help coordinate contact with Mary Beresford. Tom is also willing to help out with interpreters, and he will coordinate with Amy Buchanan.

Gay Finlayson – Gay’s Local Collaborative opposes community mandated treatment, she participate in the language part of the bill. She would like more clarification on autism.

Peter Cubra – He would like to discuss the dollar grid and expansion of services. Some really good ideas have been discussed regarding expansion items. Those ideas should still be considered. Local Collaboratives feel that mobile crisis teams and assertive community treatment are urgently needed. Take a look at Arizona and how their severely mentally ill people get real treatment including housing.

Nancy Koenisberg – NM Protection and Advocacy - People are offended that Albuquerque’s City Ordinance is being called Kendra’s Law, it does an injustice to the person it was named after. She feels NM needs an expanded outpatient system, as there is nowhere for mentally ill people to go when they are released from a hospital.

John M – New Mexico’s mental health system is in a poor state. He agrees with what has been said, and he feels that this law can be workable in New Mexico.

Becky Beckett – Becky has been appointed to the advisory board for the counseling department at UNM to train the counselors on behavioral health. She encourages the Collaborative and the Education Department regarding the New Freedom Commission Goals.

9. Mandated Community Treatment

In light of the public input and the need for additional work on recommended language changes for the bill, Secretary Hyde proposed that the Collaborative take another month to go through the process on the language, and asked if any member felt anything has been forgotten. This annotated bill will go to the MCT language committee for their comments before actual changes to the bill language are drafted. Then, that language will be developed and sent out to the Collaborative members prior to the next meeting. Secretary Hyde will bring this issue and that draft language back to the November 2nd meeting of the Collaborative.

10. FY 06 Contract Oversight Report – Matt Onstott
The Collaborative will continue to receive routine and consistent reports quarterly from ValueOptions. The reports will contain information regarding reinvestment dollars, number of people being served, prior authorizations, etc. The first reports with real data from 2006 were presented and discussion was held. There were some errors noted in the reports. Matt will revise the reports and bring back additional reports next quarter.

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