Deputy Secretary Liz Stefanics called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 p.m. and welcomed those present. Collaborative members introduced themselves.

Attendees

- Sec. Pam Hyde, HSD
- Deputy Sec. Liz Stefanics, HSD
- Deputy Sec. Erma Sedillo, NMCD
- Director Patricio Larragoite, HPC
- Director Pat Putnam, DDPC
- Dep. Sec. Jack Callaghan, CYFD
- Sec. Debbie Armstrong, ALTSD
- Sec. Benny Shendo, IAD
- Len Malry, OWTD
- Director Gary Beene, DVR
- Director Karen Meador, DOH
- Director Patricio Larragoite, HPC
- John Block II, GCD
- Ricardo Campos, DOT
- Judith Reed, Public Defender Office
- Director Katherine Miller, MFA
- Deputy Sec. Catherine Cross Maple, PED
- Dep. Sec. Rick Martinez, DFA
- Sec. Michelle Lujan Grisham, DOH

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Deputy Secretary Stefanics called for a review of the minutes from the October 21, 2005 meeting. Deputy Secretary Cross Maple asked that location of meeting be noted on minutes; Director Patricio Larragoite made a motion to approve the minutes as noted; Director Putnam seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Report from BHPC Chair – Carol Luna Anderson, Chair**

Ms. Carol Luna Anderson reported that all subcommittees will meet the 1st of December for the Strategic Planning Meeting. Children representatives will present to the BHPC in January 2005 and Adult representative will present in February 2006. Children and Adult representatives will present to Collaborative in March 2006.

3. **Consortium for Behavioral Health Training and Research (CBHTR) – Steve Adelsheim, Leslie Tremaine**

Dr. Adelsheim reported on the overall purpose of CBHTR and gave an overview of the goals and objectives.

Dr. Tremaine provided additional information on the links with other evaluation/research activities as well as key grants. She introduced Dr Catie Wilging, who is principal investigator.
for major NIMH grant on BH Collaborative, as well as members of the MacArthur Policy Network including Dr. Jeannie Miranda involved in these development activities. Discussion ensued, with overall support for the importance of this initiative, as well as special focus on need for better data and research based decision-making.

4. **Public Input**

**Gary Jackson, Transitional Living Services, Inc.** Mr. Jackson reported that revenues have dropped 18%, approximately $200,000 – 2.2M is their annual budget. He is currently attempting to negotiate with VO. He commended the work of VO, however he is concerned with their planning procedures and his inability to plan for the future and the difficulty in meeting requirements of new plan by July 1. He needs to know what/when are the changes and the lead-time before he can make required changes.

**Peter Cubra, LC2.** Mr. Cubra expressed his concerns that patients are receiving referrals, however, psychiatrists are not accepting referrals; children placed out-of-state are returning to New Mexico and placed in shelters; the status quo not being sustained and he asked that the Collaborative look into; he requested that critical indicators be posted on website; not getting answers about local collaboratives; current contract with VO not being held to commitments.

**Ginny Wilson, NAMI SF.** Ms. Wilson commended Dr. Adelsheim on his presentation. She again expressed concerns regarding the lack of availability/accessibility of information on website.

**Susie Ashcroft, Navajo Nation Department of BH Services.** Ms. Ashcroft expressed concerns regarding traditional practitioners, ethnic disparity and the need for website development.

5. **Employment for Adults and for Youth Transitioning to Adulthood – Gary Beene, Karen Meador and Pat Putnam**

Mr. Beene, Ms. Meador and Mr. Putnam reported on the importance, need and effectiveness of employment services. Mr. Beene introduced DVR representatives, Jack Osborne, Dennis O’Keefe and Gilberto, Romero, consumer. Mr. Beene then gave an overview of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation – Employment Services. Ms. Meador introduced DOH representative, Tom Smith and then reported on employment and income supports as being an integral part of the recovery process. Mr. Putnam reported on the Employment Initiative and gave an overview of the DDPC current (four) employment projects.

6. **Local Collaboratives’ Requests for Recognition**

Local Collaborative 10. Representing LC10 were Deb Van Horn, Adrian Chavarria and Bob Bell. After a presentation and a question-and-answer period, Director Putnam made a motion to recognize LC10; this was seconded by Director Larragoite and passed unanimously.
Local Collaborative 12. Representing LC12 were Van Horner, Sharon Hodges, Jim Kerlin, Santiago Rodriguez and Robert Hyman. After a presentation and question-and-answer period, Director Putnam made a motion to recognize LC2; this was seconded by Director Larragoite and passed unanimously.

Local Collaborative 7. Representing LC7 were Amy Robertson, Chris Wonderly, Wilma Stanton, Marcella Wolf, Keith Valles, Aspen Ni Woods, Valerie Arevalo and Gail Falconer. After a presentation and question-and-answer period, Collaborative requested a copy of member matrix and that LC7 return at a future date to discuss consumer and family recruitment. Director Putnam made a motion to recognize LC7; this was seconded by Director Larragoite and passed unanimously.

7. **Value Options Contract Issues – Leslie Tremaine**

Dr. Tremaine and Matt Onstott, deputy at HSD/MAD as well as coordinator for the Oversight team, provided summaries of first quarter critical indicators; they highlighted need for continuing improvements in areas of claims and contracting, describing activities to assure these changes. Other reports generally indicate satisfactory performance in keeping with expectations for this stage in contract implementation.

The report from VO regarding their preliminary assessment of the service system was deferred to next meeting due to late hour.

8. **Next Meetings/Primary Topics**

**December 15, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m., State Capitol, Santa Fe**
FY 2007 Contract w/ ValueOptions — Leslie Tremaine and Paul Ritzma

**March 2, 2006, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Place TBD**
Region 6 Native American Local Collaboratives (Jack Callaghan/Benny Shendo/Pat Putnam)
FY2007 ValueOptions Contract (Paul Ritzma, Leslie Tremaine)

**March 30, 2006, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Place TBD**
School BH Standards, School Coordination & Performance Issues (Catherine Cross Maple/Pat Putnam/ Steve Adelsheim)
BHPC Policy Discussion (Steve Johnson/Carol Luna Anderson/Debbie Armstrong)
FY2007 ValueOptions Contract Final Decision (Paul Ritzma, Leslie Tremaine)

**May, 2006, Date and Place TBD**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.