Secretary Pamela Hyde called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15 p.m. and welcomed those present. Collaborative members introduced themselves.

Attendees:
- Sec. Michelle Lujan Grisham, DOH
- Sec. Pam Hyde, HSD
- Deputy Sec. Erma Sedillo, NMCD
- Executive Director Pat Putnam,
  Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
- Executive Director Mary Beresford,
  Governor’s Commission on Disability
- Kristine Meuer, PED
- Sec. Debbie Armstrong, ALTSD
- Sec. Benny Shendo, IAD
- Director Patricio Larragoite, HPC
- Katherine Miller, NMFA
- Jack Callaghan, CYFD
- Asst. Sec. Catherine Cross Maple, DVR
- Richard Campos, DOT
- Jackie Ingle, DOL
- Michelle Welby, Office of the Governor

1. **Approval of Minutes**

   Secretary Hyde called for a review of the minutes from the March 24, 2005 meeting. A motion to approve the March minutes was made, seconded, and approved.

2. **Update from the Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC) – Carol Luna-Anderson, Chair**

   At the BHPC April 28 meeting, ValueOptions of New Mexico (VONM) CEO Pam Galbraith spoke about her company’s plans and answered questions about changeover and first six months. A discussion ensued on Local Collaboratives and how to get BHPC members active in them, specifically representation by consumers and family members. Dr. Luna-Anderson also discussed the BHPC’s membership and answered questions about reporting to the Governor.

3. **Report from Collaborative Coordinator - Leslie Tremaine**

   Dr. Tremaine discussed the progress of the transition. She asked all member agencies currently not participating on the cross-agency teams to send representatives, particularly to the Policy and Capacity teams, so that they don’t lose the perspectives of the non-funding agencies. She also indicated that the Behavioral Health Design Workgroup has been replaced by a smaller working steering committee. Other activities on which Dr. Tremaine reported:

   - **MH for Veterans** – Dr. Tremaine has talked to a number of folks about adding emphasis to concentrate on needs of returning soldiers. Karen Meador is coordinating these efforts, particularly in the area of co-occurring disorders. Dr. Tremaine asked for the Collaboratives’ blessing to continue this work, and the members agreed.

   - **Local Collaboratives**: There is a push on to include consumers and family members in the LCs. The cross-agency teams have participated in regional meetings. All letters of interest are in; letters of readiness worksheets are being prepared. DOH Public Health is funding a summit in
June to bring the Local Collaboratives together. Collaborative members indicated they want the Local Collaborative process to be formal but done in a spirit of inclusion and collaboration.

- **Comprehensive BH Plan – Fred Sandoval:** Mr. Sandoval reported that the Plan would bring together the Collaborative concept paper and the 2002 Gaps Report into a plan format. Meetings to gather public input were under way in all five regions; these would include BHPC members and others. He said he is also working with IHS and the Navajo Nation to plan meetings in Indian country. He also indicated that the process included developing a matrix to see how this plan related to other plans, such as the ALTSD Long-Term Services Plan; seeing where plans aren’t aligned; and going form there

4. **VO Presentation/SE Transition**

VONM CEO Pam Galbraith introduced Dr. Ron Dozroetz, President/CEO of VONM’s parent company, FHC Systems; Chris Carson, Medical Director; Candy Nardini, Development; and Norma Faries, VP, Recovery and Resiliency. She reported:

- They are setting up processes for transitioning clients with MCOs and RCCs.
- Network development folks are registering providers and holding provider forums during May and June.
- Their provider line to be up and running in-state on July 1; pharmacy claims, helpdesk will be out of state, while all UR/UM will be done in NM.

5. **Public Input**

- **Ginny Wilson, NAMI SF:** She is worried that consumers and family members need to be actively recruited for the Local Collaboratives. Confused about regions, JDs. She asked if there is any money for traveling expenses for consumers and family members? Need to have some assurance that work is of value, and that they can get help with expenses. She is also concerned about long-term care, having heard that LVMC is cutting back on inpatient services, moving toward more community-based services.
- **Peter Cubra, advocate:** Mr. Cubra wanted to know if the Local Collaboratives have any authority of any kind and to whom do they report. He also indicated that consumer/survivors and family members are not participating in the Local Collaboratives in a meaningful way.

After some discussion among Collaborative members, two motions were made and passed:

1. To devise a document to tell Local Collaboratives they must include consumers/family members as essential members and they need to make every effort to recruit them – MANDATORY OUTREACH; and
2. To have state staff go back and look at issues around consumer/family participation in LCs, consult with advocacy groups, and report back on reasonable methods to reach out and include consumers and family members.

Finally, he again stated that the Collaborative is putting people at risk with July 1 start date and asked that they please push back one month so we don’t have this happen.

- **Frances Jones, NAMI:** Everything is overcomplicated; consumers and family members need to be included; communication needs to be better; needs to be simplified for families; need to reimburse consumers/family members for participation.
- **Bruce Evans, consumer/family member:** He seconded what Mr. Cubra had to say. He noted that it is difficult to get consumer/family participation and that there are problems with communication. Problems that consumers run into: patronizing behaviors, particularly among
providers; transportation issues; people are discouraged when they try to offer feedback; conflict of interest with consumers who also work for BHSD – don’t speak out against state.

- **Georgina Felicia, practitioner:** Got referral from discharge individual; facility has no idea what’s happening with VO – inpatient services paid; eligible providers should have received a packet

### 6. Grants – Leslie Tremaine, Debbie Armstrong

- MH Transformation State Incentive Grant (federal) draft out for comments. The MHT SIG Grant to fill gaps, “plug holes” in NM System infrastructure. Due to SAMHSA June 1.
- Similar federal grant out of ALTSD submitted - $400K/year for 3 years; half for services; some evaluation; some TA and training, planning.

### 7. Evaluation and Research Efforts – Betty Downes

- 43 individuals participated in MacArthur interviews.
- Funding to date: $30,000 from McCune; CMHS paperwork for $50,000 submitted; RWJF final application submitted March 7
- Have made lots of commitments about sharing results; need matrix on current agency evaluation efforts and who is doing them – build capacity
- Make sure evaluation stays close to Collaborative goals

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

**Next meeting:** June 23, 2005, 1-5pm, Room 307 Capitol Building