New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative
Public Meeting - March 4, 2005
Minutes

Fred Sandoval, substituting as co-chair for Secretary Michelle Lujan Grisham, called the meeting to order at 10:14 am and welcomed those present. Collaborative members introduced themselves. Secretary Pam Hyde and Mr. Sandoval co-chaired the meeting.

Attendees:

Fred Sandoval, DOH
Secretary Pam Hyde, HSD
Deputy Secretary Erma Sedillo, NMCD
Executive Director Pat Putnam, Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
Kristine Meuer, PED
Lynne-Anker-Unnever, ALTSD
Dep. Secretary Michelle Brown-Yazzie, IAD
Director Patricio Larragoite, HPC
Katherine Miller, MFA
Judy Reed, Public Defender’s Office
Secretary Mary-Dale Bolson, CYFD
Asst. Secretary Catherine Cross Maple, DVR
Executive Director Mary Beresford, Governor’s Commission on Disability
Ricardo Campos, DOT
Peter Bochert, AOC
Jackie Ingle, DOL
Jessica Sutin, Office of the Governor

Approval of Minutes

Fred Sandoval called for review of the minutes from February 4, 2005. Ricardo Campos asked that the minutes be amended to show he was in attendance representing DOT on that date. Dep. Sec. Cross made a motion to accept as amended, and Lynn Anker-Unnever seconded the motion; the minutes were approved as amended.

Update on Evaluation Efforts—Betty Downes

Dr. Downes discussed the evaluation planning efforts currently under way. Several foundations/agencies have either committed to working with us or are interested; these include the Robert Wood John, McCune, and MacArthur (Network on MH Research, Youth Policy) foundations; also the Center for Mental Health Services and the Behavioral Health Research Center of the Southwest. Areas of evaluation are Stewardship, Performance and Outcomes, and Finances/Cost Effectiveness/Cost Shifting.

BHPC Update – Carol Luna Anderson, Steve Johnson

Dr. Luna Anderson and Mr. Johnson explained that the Council has developed a four-part strategic plan, which looks at streamlining its own operations as well as solidifying its relationship with the local collaboratives and considering its relationship to the Statewide Entity. They also announced that they had officially notified the six mini-grant awardees, who received between $3,000 and $20,000.
Public Input

- Becky Beckett, family member, requested that evaluation material please be put on the Collaborative website.

- Michael Hubert, ABQ, noted that a question from Steve Johnson that wasn’t answered: when is SE going to be announced? Secretary Hyde explained that after the Public Input the Collaborative would go into Executive Session and that she would explain generally what would be discussed during that time.

- Catherine Hebenstreet, family member, said she is concerned about the Medicare Modernization Act. She explained that her son is a dual-eligible who would be losing his Medicaid benefits in January; requiring him to have to come up with $3,000 annually to cover meds. She said she is concerned about him and others who will lose this coverage, noting that people can get medications from Canada for 1/3 of the US cost. Secretary Hyde explained that this is a federal decision that will have serious impact on dual-eligibles; state will not be allowed to cover with federal funds. There is a bill in the Legislature to direct DOH, HSD, ALTSD to develop state discount drug card in legislature now.

- Ginny Wilson, NAMI, said that it was providers’ responsibility to facilitate communication between individuals and families and to support the support system and that they should work with HIPAA and not hide behind it.

- Steve Johnson, All Faiths Receiving Home, expressed concern about a bill that would redefine social work and social work licensing now in front of the Legislature –concerned about becoming too restrictive in licensing. He was told the Collaborative members will share his information with the bill sponsors and was reminded that there is a workgroup looking at improving the BH workforce issues, and that there would be a second public meeting on the issue April 13 in Albuquerque.

No further public input remaining, at 11:30 am Secretary Bolson made a motion for the Collaborative to go into Executive Session; Kristine Meuer seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the public was asked to leave.

- Before the group went into executive session, a motion was made by Secretary Bolson to thank all state staff for their work in this process; he noted that their effort has been “Herculean” and that they had done a tremendous job. The motion was seconded by Director Putnam and passed unanimously.

At 1:00 pm, the Collaborative came out of Executive Session, with Lynne-Anker-Unnever making the motion to move out, and Director Putnam seconding. The motion was approved, and the public was called back in.

Jessica Sutin made the motion to enter into contract negotiations with ValueOptions of New Mexico, Inc., which was seconded by Secretary Bolson, and approved unanimously.

Secretary Hyde then explained the Collaborative’s next steps. It was also announced that public meetings be held around the state in April and May.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.