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

Attendees:
Sec. Pam Hyde, HSD                      Sec. Mary Dale Bolson, CYFD
BHSD Director Karen Meador, DOH         Katherine Miller, NMFA
Deputy Sec. Erma Sedillo, NMCD          Marietta Esquibel, HPC
Executive Director Pat Putnam,           Dee Martinez, Governor’s Commission on
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Disability
Deputy Sec. Catherine Cross-Maple, PED   Ricardo Campos, DOT
Sec. Debbie Armstrong, ALTSD             Judith Reed, Public Defender
Sec. Benny Shendo, IAD                   Gary Beene, DVR
Rick Martinez, DFA                       Chris Cervini, Children’s Cabinet
Len Malry, OWTD

1. Approval of Minutes
Secretary Hyde called for a review of the minutes from the July 19, 2005, meeting. Director Meador made a motion to approve the July minutes, Director Putnam seconded, and the minutes were approved.

2. Housing Presentation and Discussion - Katherine Miller, MFA, w/Steve Day and Ann O’Hara, Technical Assistance Collaborative
Katherine Miller introduced Steve Day and Ann O’Hara, national recognized experts on housing for people with disabilities. Mr. Day and Ms. O’Hara gave a presentation on housing in New Mexico and various programs that can help the State provide affordable housing for people with disabilities. Collaborative members asked a variety of questions about how to access funding, particularly for helping people to access housing and for tribal housing.

3. Local Collaborative Request for Recognition – Pat Putnam w/Jack Callaghan, and Judicial District 13
Jack Callaghan, Fred Sandoval, and Pat Putnam went over the Local Collaboratives workgroup activities, including development of toolkit for expanding consumer-family participation in Local Collaboratives. They then introduced the representatives from the Judicial District 13 Local Collaborative. Jill Dougherty spoke on the group’s behalf and distributed the JD 13 letter of readiness and accompanying materials. Several of the representatives shared their personal stories and were offered assistance by various
Collaborative members. Executive Director Putnam made a motion to accept the JD 13 group as a local collaborative; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

4. Public Input

- **Gilberto Romero**, mental health consumer, noted there are two elements of recovery: growth and skill development. He asked that the Collaborative be aware of the fragility of who they’re dealing with. He also said it’s been more than 8 years since New Mexico has had a consumer conference – who should take the lead on that? When pointed out that a consumer wellness conference is taking place in September, he said that wasn’t what he was talking about.

- **Jean Howden**, Acting Dir of Parents for Behaviorally Different Children, wanted to know how many family members in the JD 13 Collaborative (and other LCs) are parents of children/adolescents. She said she is not seeing enough representation from this group or from youth, which is an underserved population. She noted that the Local Collaborative activities aren’t scheduled well for these groups or they schedule a separate meeting for them in the pm but professionals go in the morning.

- **James Clark**, a consumer from Roswell, said he is on SSI, has anxiety and depression and type 2 diabetes, and lives with parents who are in their mid-80s. He is afraid he will become homeless when they pass away because of housing situation for people on SSI and asked how much Roswell got for community development block grants. TAC’s Ann O’Hara said they probably get part of the state’s block grant allocation.

5. Subcommittee Reports

- Quality (Betty Downes and Catherine Cross-Maple): The Collaborative received a $120,000, two-year grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for evaluation.

- Capacity, Program Development, & Research (Karen Meador): Working on policy areas that also have operational implications) and on making the team functional.

- Administrative (Matt Onstott): The committee has been recently reconstituted. Has re-framed its transition mission to look at streamlining and coordinating admin processes, and dealing with some specific operational issues.

- SE Oversight (Matt Onstott): The group has in place an interim oversight plan, have developed critical indicator reports, and are doing site visits to various ValueOptions departments.

- Policy and planning (Debbie Armstrong and Fred Sandoval): Drafting policies to move forward to entire Collaborative, specifically on consumer and family involvement and a statewide substance abuse policy

- Communications (Betina Gonzales McCracken): PSA was played for all in attendance. Collaborative chose new logo from three developed by committee.

6. Report from Collaborative Coordinator - Leslie Tremaine

Ms. Tremaine updated the Collaborative on ValueOptions activities, with the assistance of VONM CEO Pam Galbraith, and the first group of VONM reports, including grievances,
critical incidents, provider contracting, and pharmacy. She also gave updates on service system development (Medicaid state plan, community reinvestment guidelines development, the transition to Community Support, kids residential array), on funding for FY 2006, and on FY 2007 Contract development.

7. **Next meeting dates**

**October 21, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Room 321, State Capitol, Santa Fe**
Children’s Outcomes/School Achievement/Prevention/Early Intervention – Karen Meador, Dale Bolson, Catherine Cross Maple, and Claire Dudley
Two remaining JD Local Collaboratives presenting

**November 14, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Room, 321, State Capitol, Santa Fe**
Employment for Adults and Youth Transitioning to Adulthood – Gary Beene, Karen Meador, Jack Callaghan and Pat Putnam
Native American Local Collaboratives presenting

**December 15, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Room 321, State Capitol, Santa Fe**
FY 2007 Contract w/ ValueOptions – Leslie Tremaine and Paul Ritzma