Local Collaborative / Cabinet Secretary Meeting – March 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2006
Flip Chart Notes

Overall Questions and Comments

- Who does what for Local Collaboratives… what is the staff role, what is role of local collaborative (LC) members?
- Clarify the role of consumers and family members.
- Provide a clear understanding of how many dollars are going for Region 6 (Native American).
- Where will we get data? – How will it be used?
- How will Local Collaboratives get to play a greater role in the reinvestment dollars?
- How do LCs have meaningful say and input, and how authority do they have?
- How do we (LCs) form an advocacy group to speak to Legislatures?
- What is the definition of the LC roles?
- How do LCs fit into all planning processes? (Adult sub-committee, transformation grant, etc.)
- What is the communication network – from/to LCs and Purchasing Collaborative?
- Allocate $\frac{1}{2}$ staff per Local Collaborative for more support.
- Don’t duplicate County plans, include behavioral health along with them … it is better to speak with one voice.
- Set aside money for Native American programs – how will we have data for ‘Region 6’?
- Advisory bodies since 1986 (Systems of Care), which provided input and were ‘in charge’; other states have local planning bodies with authority, say, money and power --- do we?
- Collective values that should be embraced – respect, trust, inclusion and reciprocity.

Communication

- Increase effectiveness of communication of LC members - email chain (need to have more than one person).
- Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC) members communicating and participating with LCs – need to clarify.
- Not to just focus on State funds, but also Federal and Foundation funds.
- How do LCs communicate with the Purchasing Collaborative?
- How to communicate data utilization from ValueOptions to LCs
  - Develop a template of 10 data points … BHPC is working on this currently.
- Need info in a timely manner
  - Suggestion is develop phone trees.
- Develop a meeting just for LCs to communicate.
  - This is in development and the first meeting will be held the 3rd week of May.
- Have the LCs be on the Purchasing Collaborative (PC) agenda.
  - Have the LCs be a sub-committee of the PC.
- How do we ensure VO hears us?
  - The VO Regional reps are to attend all LC meetings.
  - VO reps are also on the LC steering committee.

**Money**
- There is $3,000 from VO that is being fiscaled through the Life Link.
- The HRSA dollars are intended for technology and are being collected currently (deadline has been extended).
- The Transformation grant dollars may be out mid April.
- Suggestion for having a bidders’ conference for the RFPs.
- LCs need more time to apply.
- Can the reinvestment dollars (from VO) be used to resource (staff) the LCs?
  - Pam Hyde stated they are intended for service.
- Use stipends to get folks involved – also, track who is providing the other ‘in-kind’ dollars locally.
- Pam Hyde suggested working together (all LCs) for a budget request to Legislators - how can we do this in 3 months?
- VO – the Special Reinvestment dollars are now available to apply for – there is no deadline.

**Consumer / Family**
- Medical community involvement – they are not at the table.
- Is DWI working together with LCs?
  - Comment from Region 4 that they are working together
- Rural/Frontier areas – they are big areas and are hard to get to – need money up front to drive and participate
- Transportation is an issue and a need.
- Need to get more participation from the Juvenile Justice system.
- Consumers participate as part of their ‘recovery’.
  - High level of respect is needed.
- Use extension service to help link consumers and families (suggestion).
- Clarify what is needed from consumers.
- Have consumers in leadership.
  - Schedule meetings appropriately and pay consumers.
- Create sub-group for consumers.
- Train cross agency team (CAT) on effective methods, and then have them work with LCs.
- Include a mentor or support system.
- Listen to consumers – and pay attention.
- Need to integrate others (TBI, DD, Autism, etc).
- Develop consumer driven newsletters (not just electronic communication).
- Use consumers who are already at the table.
- “Thin line between genius and insanity”.