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**FY10 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES REQUESTS FROM LOCAL COLLABORATIVES**

The task of the Health Planning Council (BHPC) through its Legislative Review Team Legislative Review Team (BHPC/LRT) was to review the legislative priorities submitted by each of the 15 local collaboratives (LC) and make recommendations to the BHPC. Each full LC submission of legislative priorities was given to Collaborative members and posted on the web site as in previous years. This year the review group looked in detail at each submission to identify the top two priorities, analyze those against strategic priorities and identify any gaps or missing statewide priorities.

The priorities of the BHPC are:

1. Identify specific appropriations to maintain, protect and further develop mental health and substance use treatment services to adults who are not Medicaid eligible, commonly referred to as the “safety net” services.
2. Encourage the Collaborative and legislators to take action to effectively and fairly address behavioral health geographical funding in New Mexico.

Criteria agreed upon and used for evaluating the LC proposals were:

1. Did the priorities match the Collaborative’s strategic priorities?
2. Were statutory changes or appropriations requested?
3. Was the proposal specific/detailed in its request?

Additional considerations were to track similar statewide systems support identified by LCs or the Review Team that might not have a strong fit into any of the strategic priorities, but have a statewide impact on provision of and access to services.

*Please note that this report does not reflect the full set of requests and the large number of priorities received from Local Collaboratives.*