## Behavioral Health Planning Council Minutes March 23, 2011

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### GUESTS:
Elizabeth Martin; Jana Spalding; Sam Baca; Jesse Chavez; Rebecca Estrada; Valerie Quintana; CYFD Deputy Secretary Dr. Edna Reyes-Wilson; Gov. Frederick Vigil;

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<td>Partnership handed out a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview about steps that will be taken to provide information and solicit input statewide about what’s important to New Mexicans in areas of behavioral health. Another presentation will be given at the April Adult &amp; Substance Abuse subcommittee meeting. Comments and suggestions were given regarding implementing the survey.</td>
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<td>Office of Health Care Reform: Priscilla Caverly, Human Services Department Medical Assistance Division, reported that the office is still in transition but work is continuing. A gap analysis is being considered, which will look at previous analyses, to determine what technical assistance may be needed and to learn from New Mexicans on what’s important to New Mexicans. For more information, go to <a href="http://www.Healthreform.kff.org">www.Healthreform.kff.org</a>. Weekly reform updates; (ask to be on distribution list)</td>
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<td>Jail Diversion Project: Cheri Nipp reported that the project is moving forward under the leadership of Harrison Kinney, BHSD. Individuals who are veterans and/or Native Americans are target population; working towards providing services to all that need services using different avenues for supporting those services; have trained numerous police officers on Crisis Intervention Training.</td>
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<td>SAMSHA TSIG conference – Lisa Trujillo reported on topics that got her attention, including the Adverse Child Events (ACE) study, trauma informed studies; data sharing among partners for social development; and affinity groups.</td>
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<td>Legislative Priorities (reported later in the day):</td>
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### Introductions

BHPC members and guests introduced selves. Chris noted that quorum has dropped significantly; membership has gone from 80 to 32.

### Action Items

Quorum was established.

Value Added Services – Jeff Tinstman reported that the CASC decided to not to continue this resolution due to time and other factors; will focus on FY12 endeavors.

Minutes – Pamela Holland motioned to accept; Jeff seconded; all passed; Agenda – Gail moved to accept amended changes (adding Karen to the Collaborative Report); Frankie Scofield seconded; all passed.

### Networking

LC Cross Agency Update - Sam Baca
March 3rd face to face meeting met with Karen Meador, Jeff Tinstman and Susie Kimble to discuss how to make sc meetings more effective and keeping folks at the remote sites engaged; CATs will continue to provide feedback; felt that MeetingBridge worked well yesterday; Meetingbridge instructions may be helpful.

Local Collaborative Update Reports:
LC1, Valerie Quintana gave LC2 submitted a report; Rebecca Estrada reported for LC3; Jesse Chavez provided report for LC 5, LC6; LC7; LC8 had written report; may 23rd picnic for Mental Health month; looking for exhibitors; LC9, Jesse reported on LC10, LC12, LC13, Valerie reported on LC14 and LC16; LC17, LC18
Reminder to LCs to have reports by April 1st for inclusion into the Collaborative report from BHPC.
Written reports submitted by the LCs are found at the end of the minutes; Val will send address to Letty of local collaborative 2 meeting place and times. Can Local Collaborative 6 share a template with the other Local Collaboratives

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**List will be provided at the end of the minutes.**

BHPC mentioned memorials: HJM17 – Association of Counties and county crisis systems; Companion HM45; HM35; SM18; SM56


Question about the role of the BHPC in relation to supporting legislation…..

**Action Items/Follow Up**

report out – final

Let Letty know if you are interested in working on Memorial work groups.
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<td><strong>Purchasing Collaborative Update</strong></td>
<td>Linda Homer out ill today; Karen provided brief update about working on RFP this summer for the SE in 2013. Has met with Executive Committee of the Collaborative – all those members have been confirmed; Collaborative will meet quarterly at will discuss further at 4/14 meeting; need documents 2 weeks prior collaborative meetings;</td>
<td>Run it through the subcommittees</td>
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<td><strong>OptumHealth Update</strong></td>
<td>Elizabeth Martin designated liaison to this council; interim Senior Vice President of Program Service Delivery; Announcement: Mike Evans new OH CEO, MBA, extensive experience in managed care; will be here at next meeting; met with Chris Wendel earlier. Community reinvestment – Jana Spalding, VP Consumer Affairs – RFP (Request for Proposals) process must be approved by Collaborative which is expected to be approved at the April 14 meeting; announcements will be posted on web and shared with the BHPC. Amount is $300,000, eligible applicants are consumer run organizations; do not have to have a 501-3c standing; majority of board, staff and members must be consumers; Everyone needs to reapply; applications will be reviewed for the best qualified; FAQs will be on oh website; Final decision will be comprised of OptumHealth, state staff, and others that will consider the recommendations of Council and Local Collaboratives. Questions regarding getting funding form OCA and OH – nothing in RFP (Request for Proposals) to exclude applicants to apply for one or the other or both; BHSD would not; neither would OptumHealth; Elizabeth opened up floor for general questions. There were several questions some of which included the following responses: OptumHealth is happy to work with health care reform and provide data if needed to researchers. OptumHealth is working on statewide crisis response;</td>
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<td><strong>Subcommittee reports</strong></td>
<td>CASC – identified Strategic priorities which support SOC principles; expanding partnerships with key stakeholders including the Youth Provider Alliance and the CAT team; Children’s MH Day information was distributed widely – OH will provide funding towards MH Day activities; NASC – no activities to date due to no designation of secretary and short staff;</td>
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<td>nearly all of the voting members were present at meeting yesterday; discussed about what strategic priorities should be which included access to services; stigma in communities; crisis bridging the mental health and substance abuse world; housing availability and supported housing; crisis was a big concern especially in emergency rooms; availability of different types of services for people needing different types of help. MSC – OptumHealth gave a Telehealth presentation on the potential for providing long distance quality care; question about consumers using it as a resource support; Gail heading up workgroup on researching waivers to begin providing recommendations in the next few years; can’t change 1915b right now……………..</td>
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<td>Finance Ad hoc</td>
<td>report did not go out this time. Will go out later. BH Day &amp; the Summit Follow-up – lots of work done by lots of people; lots of volunteers and free gifts; Finance committee studying how we might do this next year…with a bare bones budget;</td>
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<td>Reports from the State partners</td>
<td>Karen Courtney- Peterson, Deputy Director – New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council – proclamation handed out; I will scan and send out; Mike Estrada reporting, Department Of Corrections New Secretary Lupe Martinez; will be doing training across the state on community corrections that works with consumers in behavioral health; email <a href="mailto:Michael.estrada@state.nm.us">Michael.estrada@state.nm.us</a>. Michele Franowsky – Public Defenders Office – don’t have a chief defender, staffing down;</td>
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| Adjournment | Pamela moved to end meeting; Frankie seconded; ended at 3:05. |
Report from Karen Meador regarding Legislative Bills that reflected Behavioral Health Issues:

Behavioral Health Bills and Memorials

2011 Regular Legislative Session

(Note: Bills that have been sent to the Governor are not certain to become law until signed. For further updates, please consult the Governor’s website or the Legislature’s website. Memorials are requests made of Executive Agencies and work on a memorial should not be assumed until invitations to begin work are issued.)

Memorials listing the Behavioral Health Planning Council: HJM17; HM45, SM18, SM56

Bills/Memorials Concerning Crisis Response or Crisis Situations

Bill: HB93
Sponsors: Sandoval (D17); Ulibarri (D30)
Title: MANDATORY POLICE TRAINING TO INTERACT WITH MENTALLY IMPAIRED
Summary: (Endorsed by the Military and Veterans’ Affairs Committee.) Provides for the education and training of law enforcement officials to facilitate interaction with persons with mental impairments; enacts the Kenneth Ellis III Act.

Bill: HJM17
Sponsors: Miera (D11)
Title: INTERAGENCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE: MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS
Summary: Requests the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative (working with the Assoc of Counties) to convene stakeholders to develop humane and effective strategies to serve people with mental health disorders in crisis or detention situations and to report its findings to the appropriate interim legislative committee by December 1, 2011.

Bill: HM45
Sponsors: Kinigh (R57); Stewart (D21)
Title: MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT PROCEDURES AND TREATMENT GUARDIANSHIP
Summary: Requests the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative to convene a task force to review New Mexico law and practices regarding civil commitment proceedings and treatment guardianship for individuals living with mental health disorders. A report shall be submitted to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee.

Bill: SB417
Sponsors: Lovejoy (D22); Munoz (D4)
Title: NATIVE AMERICAN SUICIDE PREVENTION
Summary: In consultation with the Indian Affairs Department, directs the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative, subject to available funding, to develop a New Mexico Clearinghouse for Native American Suicide Prevention to provide culturally appropriate suicide prevention, intervention, and post-event assistance to Native Americans statewide and develop culturally appropriate projects.
### Bills/Memorials Concerning Women & Substance Use

**Bill:** SB438  
**Sponsors:** Ortiz y Pino (D12); Papen (D38)  
**Title:** SAFE HOUSE AND CRISIS FUND  
**Summary:** Authorizes the Human Services Department to administer two safe houses, one each in an urban and rural setting, to offer early intervention services to residents who are eligible for behavioral health support services. The bill is aimed at providing early intervention services to ensure that a person in need of behavioral health support, but not hospitalization, has access to an appropriate level of support including peer support.

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**Bill:** HM14  
**Sponsors:** Chasey (D18)  
**Title:** IMPROVE TREATMENT ACCESS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN SUBSTANCE ABUSERS  
**Summary:** Requests UNM Health Sciences Center to create a task force to oversee and implement the recommendations of the task force convened by the Office of the Governor’s Council on Women’s Health to improve access to substance abuse treatment and prenatal care for pregnant women substance abusers. These recommendations were submitted to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee in November 2010, pursuant to 2009’s SM 19.

**Bill:** HM13 and SM65  
**Sponsors:** Stewart (D21); Picraux (D25) and Lopez (D11)  
**Title:** GENDER-SPECIFIC TREATMENT FOR FEMALE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PATIENTS  
**Summary:** Asserts that research clearly demonstrates that women and girls face unique barriers when seeking treatment for substance abuse disorders as compared with men and directs BHSD to develop and work with providers to research and implement good practice protocols.

### Bills/Memorials Concerning Opioid Use & Other Substance Use

**Bill:** SB451  
**Sponsors:** Lopez (D11)  
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**Bill:** SB232  
**Sponsors:** Sanchez, B. (D26); Ortiz y Pino (D12)  
**Title:** BUPRENORPHINE AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS  
**Summary:** Requires the Human Services Department to ensure that recipients of buprenorphine have timely access to office-based treatment of the medication. HSD must ensure that there is an adequate number of primary care providers willing to administer buprenorphine, a semi-synthetic opioid used for the treatment of addiction. Requires the department to exempt any medication-based therapy for the treatment of opioid addiction from cost-saving measures that it implements.
Bill: SM56  
Sponsors: Eric Griego (D14)  
Title: TREATMENT FOR ADOLESCENT OPIOID ADDICTION  
Summary: Requests the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative to develop a comprehensive statewide plan for treatment of adolescent opioid addiction. The collaborative shall coordinate in developing the plan with HSD’s Behavioral Health Services Division, the Behavioral Health Planning Council’s Substance Abuse Subcommittee, Children, Youth and Families Department, Department of Health, and other member agencies of the collaborative involved in the treatment of adolescents with opioid addiction.

Bill: SB321  
Sponsors: Martinez, Richard (D5); Maestas (D16)  
Title: SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT OPTION FROM INCARCERATION  
Summary: Proposes the Substance Abuse and Crime Protection Act to provide that persons charged with misdemeanor or felony drug possession (or a probation or parole violation related to drug possession) may, after a court hearing and with consent, have the criminal (or parole or probation revocation) proceeding stayed in order to undergo substance abuse assessment and treatment for a period not to exceed 18 months. Courts shall not order incarceration during treatment (does not apply to defendants entering a drug court program).

Bill: SM18  
Sponsors: Sanchez, B. (D26)  
Title: DRUG POLICY TASK FORCE  
Summary: (Related to 2010’s SM 33) Asks UNM’s Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy to continue the work of the Drug Policy Task Force begun during the last Legislative Session, in order to complete the task force’s comprehensive statewide strategic plan based on the four pillar approach—prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and enforcement.

Bill: HM77  
Sponsors: Maestas (D16)  
Title: PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AND OVERDOSE TASK FORCE  
Summary: Asks the Department of Health to convene a prescription drug abuse and overdose task force and provide recommendations for rules and enforcement protocols to address the increasing rate of addiction to and deaths due to accidental overdose of prescription drugs. The task force would report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee by November 1, 2011.

Bill: SB295  
Sponsors: Ulibarri (D30); Kernan (R42)  
Title: HEALTH: DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEPENDENCY TASK FORCE  
Summary: Requires the Health Department to recognize challenges faced by substance dependent providers and the resulting costs to patients, colleagues and the health care system and adopt protocols, including drug testing, in state facilities.

Other Behavioral Health Related Bills/Memorials

Bill: HB432  
Sponsors: Cook (R56)  
Title: INTERAGENCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE PILOT PROJECT  
Summary: Requires the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative to consider implementing a pilot project for a network of behavioral health providers to form a partnership with another entity to provide behavioral health services and managed care as a regional behavioral health entity.

Mirror Bill: 2011:SB450 (Sen. Papen)  
History: 03/17/2011—Signed by the Governor (Ch. 5, Laws 2011, 3/17/11).
Bill: SB175  
Sponsors: Sanchez, B. (D26)  
Title: MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS WITHIN PATIENT FREEDOM OF CHOICE  
Summary: Amends a section of the New Mexico Insurance Code describing the rights of insured persons to freedom of choice of hospital and practitioner to include professional clinical mental health counselors within the practitioner specifications.

Bill: SB377  
Sponsors: Ortiz y Pino (D12)  
Title: CHANGES IN PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSURE  
Summary: Changes the experience requirements for licensure as a psychologist. In addition to other requirements, a licensed applicant must have at least two years of supervised experience in psychological work of a type satisfactory to the Board of Psychology Examiners. Currently, the two-year requirement must occur after the applicant receives a doctoral degree.

Bill: SJM23  
Sponsors: Pinto (D3)  
Title: REDUCE AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR IN SCHOOLS  
Summary: (Identical to HJM23) Requests the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative to convene a task force to develop a process to train parents, caregivers, social workers and behavioral therapists to become academic champions for children and thereby reduce aggressive behavior in schools and the need for clinical interventions.

Bill: SM7  
Sponsors: Campos, P. (D8)  
Title: SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS  
Summary: Asks the Department of Health to study the potential for holding manufacturers and distributors of tobacco products accountable for the sale of those products to minors. The recommendations of the study will be presented to an interim committee by October 2011.

Bill: HJM5  
Sponsors: Hamilton (R38)  
Title: VETERANS PTSD TREATMENT FACILITY AT FORT BAYARD CAMPUS  
Summary: (For the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee) Requests the Veterans' Services Department to work with the Economic Development Department, the Tourism Department, the Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments and other organizations to study the feasibility of using the Fort Bayard Campus as a veterans PTSD treatment facility.

Bill: SM39  
Sponsors: Morales (D28)  
Title: SUPPORT THE FEDERAL EXCELLENCE IN MENTAL HEALTH ACT  
Summary: Requests the Congressional Delegation to do everything it can to have the Excellence in Mental Health Act reintroduced during the 112th Congress, and to support the act should it be reintroduced. Copies of the memorial shall be sent to the Congressional Delegation and the New Mexico Legislature.
Reports from Local Collaboratives

Local Collaborative # 1
Report provided by: Chairs: Martha Cooke, Bruce Evans, Ben Tafoya, and Michelangelo Lobato

Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:
The last meeting of the Tri-county LC was on March 29. It was a planning retreat at Hoy Recovery Center in Velarde, NM as a follow-up to an initial planning meeting held in December. The group planned sustainability measures and identified three priority areas, along with several action items for the LC to work on in the coming year:
1. Promote the development of a better crisis response system utilizing a triage approach which distinguishes specific behavioral health needs.
2. A better coordinated system of care with better access by consumers to counseling, peer support, medication and related services.
3. Increasing services around helping consumers to obtain and maintain supportive housing.

Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:
Since the three counties that make up LC 1, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba and Santa Fe could not be more diverse; their needs, priorities and activities are also very distinct. They each conduct individual county-specific meetings, and each has a county steering committees that together comprise the Tri-county Steering Committee which is the decision making body of the LC and also meets monthly.

The Santa Fe members of LC 1 hold monthly meetings attended by between 20 and 30 members each time. They are working on the establishment of a Children’s subcommittee made up of SF Public School personnel, various youth service providers, and CYFD staff. They are also beginning work on a better coordinated crisis response system in the county. Santa Fe County continues to work with the newly formed Community Health Department at Christus St. Vincent Hospital on strengthening the System of Care in our community. The LC is particularly concerned with the policies and the services of Emergency Room and the Psych Unit of the Hospital. The LC has also submitted a proposal to the Hospital’s Community Benefits Fund for continued LC operation.

Los Alamos County hired a consultant to conduct a comprehensive social service needs assessment. Increased consumer participation in Los Alamos County resulted in much valuable consumer input into identifying the gaps in social services that exist in the county. The consumer group has expressed an interest in serving as a behavioral health advisory board for the County Council. One early result of the assessment was the opening of a teen center in Los Alamos in February. A "Parents of Challenging Children Support Group" is being formed. An RFP is being issued by the County for a coordinator for the Community Health Council, which includes the behavioral health component of interacting with LC-1. Case management has a major focus on obtaining housing for consumers in collaboration with Los Alamos Family Council, Los Alamos County and The Life Link. A collaboration between Los Alamos Medical Center and Los Alamos Family Council to update BH resource information for ER doctors is under way. Also, an effort is being made to have the County Council provide some funding to LC 1.

The Rio Arriba County contingent of LC 1 is in the final stages of a project with appropriate Espanola Valley School personnel and several area youth service providers on the PED initiative to develop a Strategic Prevention Framework plan for prevention at Carlos Vigil Middle School, focused on the most at-risk student population. The County has adopted the Pathways Care Coordination Model to develop its system of care with protocols for at least 5 new care coordination Pathways. The LC continues to implement a Total Community Approach Grant of $100,000 to
implement a centralized intake system and a prevention component. The Rio Arriba Health Commons is a beautiful new facility, which now serves as a fully operational one-stop shop for primary, maternal and child, and behavioral health care in the county. Rio Arriba DWI has implemented a Drug Free Communities Program, including conversion of drug dealing areas to walking parks, media campaigns, and increased DWI prevention activities.

Local Collaborative # 2
Report provided by: Valerie Quintana

Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:
- Legislative Updates
- Community Concerns
- Kick-Off Event

Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:
- Public awareness of LC2 (re-education & advertising strategies)

Other:
LC2 will be hosting a pre-view of NAMI’s Minds on the Edge at their meeting this month. It is their first step in planning a Community Kick-Off Event to begin conversations of addressing and improving the BH services in Bernalillo County.

The members are also nearing the re-creation of a leadership structure and voting procedures. LC2 is strongly moving ahead with renewing itself.

Local Collaborative # 3 (Dona Ana County Behavioral Health Collaborative)
Report provided by: Mickey Curtis, Tom Taylor, Co-Chairs

Business items on the March membership meeting agenda:
- Agenda presentation and approval, prior meeting minutes presentation and approval
- Announcements – Subcommittee Meetings – date, location and times, BH Planning Council meeting date, time and location; Native American Subcommittee; LC3 Executive Committee meeting date/time; Healthier Life Style meeting date/time; Behavioral Health Summit, 2/16/11, Behavioral Health STAR Gala, 2/16/11, Behavioral Health Day at Legislature, 2/17/11, LC3 Table Display at BH Day, 2/17/11, Adolescents in Transition Committee meeting date, Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders fund raiser date, time and location; “Hearing Voices” workshop date, time and location; Community Crisis Intervention training information; Optum Health Community Reinvestment funds, Collaborative event with local school district for Children’s Mental Health Awareness month/day; upcoming Health Fair and 5 K run in Anthony, NM
- Guest Speaker: Silvia Sapien, Promotora Project
- Reports – Treasurer’s Report, Healthier Life Styles Committee, Legislative Committee, Crisis Collaboration Committee, Adolescents in Transition Committee
- Old Business: Behavioral Health Summit and BH Day at the Legislature feedback from attendees
- New Business: Nomination Committee formation (prep for May Executive Committee elections); Children’s Mental Health Awareness Activities and Discussion
Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:

- Stability of the collaborative – sustainability
- Youth and Family Member engagement in the collaborative
- Being heard by decision makers – particularly related to the Statewide Entity process
- Supporting the creation of a Crisis Triage Center in Las Cruces
- Independent living/Adolescents in Transition
- Permanent and transitional housing for the Mentally Ill
- Mobile Crisis services
- Expansion of training about behavioral health issues – particularly for law enforcement officers

Other:

- Encouraging members to advocate for changes needed as they relate to behavioral health care
- The “Crisis Collaboration with Law Enforcement” committee continues to work on information sharing as a means of educating community partners working together during crisis situations that may involve people with a mental illness. Progress has been made on preparing a “visual” model from which we can all work. The phases of crisis have been identified along with some interventions that may occur. The next step is to identify the services now available in our community (per phase) in order to flush out the gaps that exist. Two resource lists are being developed and will dovetail with the visual model project: a quick reference for consumers to use during a crisis and a second reference for responders in the field i.e. law enforcement. A speaker on Telehealth from Optum Health shared information for the committee to consider in practically applying this technology to making crisis intervention more efficient and effective. The CEO of Team-Builders in Albuquerque was able to share his company’s experiences with this technology – the pros and the cons. The local Dispatch office shared protocols that this office follows in making determinations about what resources to send to the site of a 911 event. Efforts continue to improve communications between responders in the field (Mobile Crisis Response, police, etc.) and medical or behavioral health staff at destination hospitals to reduce the assessment and admissions time and enhance the process to ensure appropriate care is given. Benefits have been recognized already!
- The group traveled to Anthony, NM to hold its monthly membership meeting and enable some of the members unable to travel to Las Cruces to participate in person.
- The Executive Committee continues to consider a Sustainability Plan
- Ongoing support of the consumer led Healthier Life Style Committee. The Committee will resume in March (February was skipped due to BH Summit and BH Day at the Legislature) with a Nurse Practitioner speaking with the group medications. Twenty four weight room passes were provided by this Committee to adolescents in shelter and group home care.
- The local collaborative continues to provide letters of support for community partners seeking funding. i.e. SWCC submitted a proposal for PATH funding.
- The Dona Ana County Behavioral Health Collaborative was very pleased with the table display set up by Mickey Curtis during Behavioral Health Day at the Legislature. The feedback was very positive. Consumer Executive Committee members manned the table all day and discussed the Healthier Life Styles Group.
Members continue to stay apprised of legislative activities as much as possible to remain educated about the handling of issues related to behavioral health care.

The Adolescents in Transition committee has begun. At its first meeting, there were 30 participants. The group did some brainstorming about what services are needed by adolescents between the ages of 18 and 21 and went on to identify the deficiencies that exist in our community. At the March meeting, the agenda items include: Issues with adolescents transitioning into adult services and procedures for setting up case staffings.

Continue to support the Subcommittees and ensure information sharing between those subcommittees and the local organization AND encourage active participation by representatives at the meetings.

Plan for Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month and Day

Local Collaborative # 4
Report provided by: Yolanda Cruz & Patricia Gallegos

Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:
MSG is working on local assessment and prioritization to create a local plan that will align with the state plan and address gaps and challenges reported in the QSR. We have been getting some local input and will have a planning retreat on April 29th in Mora.

MSG members attended the state-wide Behavioral Health Summit and presented the update for Region 2 (which includes Colfax, Harding, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos and Union), and Behavioral Health Day at the Legislature. Our local “STAR” was Thomas Garcia, for his work in partnership with the community in addressing behavioral health needs. Also recognized at the event was Facundo Valdez, nominated by our LC for the “Lifetime Achievement Award” for his decades of leadership and work in behavioral health.

UNM Master’s in Public Health Program has received a 5 year grant to pilot a study of opiate addiction screening at primary care visits and develop/implement a screening tool. They have requested that MSG partner with them to become a pilot site, help develop questions, provide input and assist with the screening tool.

This year two additional consumers will be ‘attending’ sub-committee meetings as representatives on the Substance Abuse Subcommittee. There has been a great deal of explanation given to the two men about the background, expectations and their roles on this committee.

The Family Lead is working with families in Villanueva through the El Valle Community Center and the Valley Schools to provide information and start a Family Support Group, as well as to hear input on the needs of rural families.

MSG LC 4 & its providers is partnering with the El Valle Community Center for its Frank V. Gallegos Sr. Resource Room Open House Fair, sponsored by Optum Health New Mexico will be on Friday April 8, 2011 5 p.m. to 7:30 P.m. Over 20 provider agencies will be available with information about their services. Art show, zumba dance, massages, fee meal, and open mic jam session and door prizes will be available. San Miguel Detention Center Warden Patrick Snedeker assigned his staff and detainees to contribute many hours to help paint and prepare for this event. The mission of the Resource Room is to provide a platform and an opportunity for rural residents to access Behavioral health, education/career and cultural preservation services.
During the legislative session we have discussed several pieces of legislation that directly affect consumers. Legislative advocacy included getting consumer voices heard thru e-mails letting legislators know their opinion. Shela Silverman provided information to consumers on the need to voice their concerns and/or support for legislation that personally affects them.

**Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:**

We continue to seek out consumer input and have helped set up meetings between Animal Control and Consumer Committee to address the issue of stray dogs in Las Vegas. This poses a safety concern to our community, especially those who walk thru town on a daily basis, like many consumers who live in the area.

The Consumer Committee continues to meet and discuss issues that are important to them: housing, support services, boarding homes, medications, family, employment.

TCA continues to be a big focus of our LC. We have been working on ironing out concerns and hope to tweak our plan for the upcoming fiscal year. We are in great need of Dual Diagnosis treatment and that is one area we hope to focus on in the future. I would like to highlight the work the promotoras are doing, working with adults and families in prevention and early intervention.

**Other:** MSG LC 4 and Health Council (s) have agreed to discuss possible avenues for sustainability through mutually beneficial collaboration.

**Local Collaborative # 5**

Report provided by: Jesse Chavez CYFD CAT, Cari Nickel LC 5 Admin

**Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:**

TCA report- The LC 5/ Lea County TCA program is waiting to have Optum Health approval for the Lovington Middle School prevention program to begin. The ongoing treatment programs and Project Hope continue to have very positive results with the teens that they are working with. The community Crisis Intervention Training for area law enforcement is being planned for completion with in the next couple of months. The budget cuts to the TCA program have been made out of the Environmental Strategies fund.

Housing Subcommittee- Eddy County/ Carlsbad continuing to work on acquiring the funding to build the 24 supportive Housing units. To this date $1.8 million has been raised and still need $600,000.00 to complete the funding. Tax credits have been given to the project and these will be presented to various community resources in an attempt to generate the additional funding.

- Lea County is beginning to explore the various funding resources available for this project. The city of Hobbs has the property available for this project. The proposal is for the construction of 24 Supportive Housing units.
- Chaves Co / Roswell= in collaboration with various other community organizations is in the process of acquiring the old NM Rehabilitation Center to convert it into Supportive Housing units and a one stop resource center for the base housing area of the city. Eastern Housing Authority will be the entity which will assume the management of the building. The only possible obstacle is the monthly utility bill which is currently at $11,000.00 a month. An energy audit is scheduled once the building is vacant along with various fund raising activities including “Dancing with the Stars/ Roswell” event.

**Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:**

Behavioral Health Planning Council Minutes March 23, 2011
Sustainability of the Local Collaborative and the reimbursement to the community providers by Optum Health.

CSA report - The current use of “Triggers” by Optum Health has severely affected the ability of the Mental Health providers to provide services. This topic was discussed and the LC voted to express it’s concern by writing a letter to the Purchasing Collaborative, Linda Roebuck Homer and possibly the governors office.

**Other:** The LC voted to support a Peer Support training in Roswell with providing meals and lodging for the LC members who needed the lodging in order to attend the training. The training is scheduled for the week of June 6th.

**Local Collaborative # 6**
Report provided by: Angela Ortiz

**Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:** Business items conducted at the last Local Collaborative 6 meeting is as follows: Community input, OptumHealth Updates, and Committee updates. The Committee updates are from the following committees: Consumer meetings, Children’s Subcommittee, Teleconference/Technology, Media/Promotion, Legislative issues, Executive Committee, Continuum of Care Coalition (substance Abuse), Total Community Approach, Systems of Care, Cross-Agency Team, and Behavioral Health Planning Council.

**Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:** The ongoing concerns that Local Collaborative 6 has is budget cuts, job losses, funding, and sustainability for various programs. There are also concerns with OptumHealth due to changes and level of reduction in services, for example New Beginning services were reduced and concerns over the decision to implement clinical triggers with regard to Psycho Social Rehabilitation services were cut.

**Other:** During this first quarter of 2011 the Grant County System of Care (GCSOC) has almost completed its planning phase, along with the New Mexico System of Care project as a whole. During this quarter a final draft of the local Logic Model was completed. The Logic Model incorporated the statewide goals for the SOC, while planning for unique local implementation. Working from the core values of providing services that are youth-guided, family-driven, community-based, and culturally competent, GCSOC continued its work toward a unified and integrated behavioral health services system. Toward this end, the local SOC Management Team met bi-weekly to complete the logic model and to begin planning for service implementation. In addition, a Family Coalition was formed, under the leadership of the SOC Family Coordinator. The Family Coalition meets monthly to share parenting expertise and enter into dialogue with various community partner child-serving agencies. The SOC Youth Coordinator has begun the development of a local youth group, as well. Both groups are an integral part of system of care development and will participate actively in the management of the project.

During the quarter Scopes of Work and Service Contracts with OptumHealth NM were developed for the two partner agencies which will be facilitating Wraparound service planning (Border Area Mental Health Services and Hidalgo Medical Services). Each agency is in the process of hiring a part-time Wraparound Supervisor and either one or two Wraparound Facilitators (Community Support Workers). Once these five individuals have been hired and trained, BAMHS and HMS will begin enrolling eligible local youth, ages 0-21, and their families into the System of Care. Service provision should begin in late April or early May. A referral process and Management Team referral review process were also developed. Finally, in the beginning of March a local group including the project site managers, youth and family coordinators, a supervisor from BAMHS and two local Wraparound contractors participated in a three day statewide CCSS-Wraparound training for the SOC sites. This training will be repeated in Silver City with the supervisors and facilitators hired by BAMHS and HMS. The local Management Team continues to oversee the entire project, while Local Collaborative 6 serves in an advisory capacity.
Local Collaborative 6 is in the process of reconvening the Legislative committee; we are in the process of finding a chair person to head the committee.

Total Community Approach is in the process of planning for the 2012 fiscal year. Total Community Approach has already had several planning meeting. Many positive changes in regard to substance abuse have taken place in the community. Many credit these changes to Total Community Approach. The new detention director states that the jail is less full due to adult drug court and intensive outpatient services. The public defender has also commented that his recidivism rate has decreased due the option of adult drug court and intensive outpatient program.

Media and promotions for the Local Collaborative 6 are being planned and the marketing committee has great ideas for promotions. They promoted the local collaborative by providing media items for a local teen event in Hidalgo County.

The Hidalgo County detention director has had issues with mentally ill prisoners and is interested in addressing issue with mental health. We are working on scheduling a meeting with EMS, law enforcement and several providers to collaborate and discuss possible plans, policies and procedures when dealing with people in crisis.

**Local Collaborative #7**

Report provided by: Kirstin Keller, Point of Contact

1. Business conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:
   A. Behavioral Health Day-Discussion
      There was very positive feedback regarding BH Day.
   B. LC Sustainability-Discussion
      Sustainability of the collaborative was discussed and will be a standing agenda item.
   C. BHPC Subcommittee Membership-Finalized
      The membership of the subcommittees was finalized and will be submitted by deadline.
   D. Con Alma funding-Overview
      It was decided by the group that this funding opportunity was not beneficial to the LC.
   E. Reporting-Consumers, Providers, Health Councils, etc…
      Each group reported on any news and updates they had.

2. Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:

An ongoing concern for LC7 is sustainability. Our Judicial District is unlike any other and we are hoping that others realize the inimitability of our area. To incorporate fundraising as a means for sustainability is not really an option for us.

LC7 had full voting membership in attendance at the last BHPC Subcommittee meetings in March.

The LC is preparing for the reinvestment funding process which should be starting in late April.
Catron Grassroots Group Updates:

The Catron County Grassroots Behavioral Health Group plans to apply for three grants in the coming month.
Two Peer Support Specialists attended the Continuing Education retreat.
We continue to support our Natural Helpers (peer mentors) in the Reserve Schools. Two support groups are meeting and the HelpLine is continuing to serve the county. We have submitted several articles on behavioral health concerns to local newspapers.
Our Systems of Care subcommittee has been meeting monthly and is conducting a survey of professionals to determine unmet needs and barriers to services.
The Wraparound program had two new referrals.
The group has submitted articles of incorporation to the New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission and is preparing to apply for 501c3 designation.

Local Collaborative 8
17 people in attendance
TCA- Discussion on Juvenile Detention Center (9-12 clients)
   Over the last few years they have been receiving money from courts and now they are cut way back…They received a 3.5% cut the last time.
CSA UPDATE- 
   Teambuilders- will be opening positions for non Medicaid clients…also being affected by BH management services limit to only 4 hours a day. Their big focus & concern is on careful management of non-Medicaid funds.
   According to Chris from BHSD CCSS transition from non CSA to CSA has been relatively smooth and now in the phase of true implementation of CSA’s
   Tri-County Community Services- not present to comment will report at next meeting.
OPTUM HEALTH UPDATE- State investigation of Optum using out of state workers…State is not withholding payments from Optum…will continue investigation.
Large number of providers using transitional living services for people who are not transitioning all of which is being reviewed.
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY-
Huge success!!
2 youth were there to represent RMYC on receiving the Star award
Casa De Corazon had a table there to represent LC8. Casa de Corazon is an organization that provides a wide array of therapeutic services for children and families, including, but not limited to, medication management, neuro-feedback, art therapy and behavioral management services.
Discussion regarding the format and confusion of the BHPC Subcommittee meetings. Our CAT, Patricia offered to organize an orientation for those who are on the subcommittees so that our LC reps, can have a better understanding of the process. UCTLC 8 now have representation and a alternate on the BH Sub- committees.
Taos is in the process of building a big new jail which will have a “protective custody” unit for people with mental health issues rather than criminal involvement. I will follow up when the jail is complete to perhaps have a crisis intervention training, and see if I can get a peek of the area. Also, to find out what their plans are for the future.

I will be coordinating our annual picnic held in Taos, scheduled for May 21st, (mental health month)...looking for outside funding right now. Radio and newspaper advertising to be included.

**Local Collaborative # 9**
Report provided by: Jesse Chavez CYFD CAT

**Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting: February 24, 2011**
Summit and BH Day report. Dwan Flenn the LC admin coordinator gave a presentation on the BHPC / LC Summit. LC 9 was represented at the Summit by Herman Pena (the LC star), two other consumers and Dwan. The group also worked with other LC members in Regions 3 and 4 on the State Behavioral Health Strategic plan. Legislative priorities, LC sustainability and LC 9 Quarterly budget were discussed as a whole.

**Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:**
Transportation is the immediate need which has been discussed and priorities written on. Anti stigma is a concern which has been going for many years, the LC actually had a community event several years ago in an attempt to address this issue at the community level.

Regional Planning Growth- The LC is working with the local Air Force Base on addressing some of the needs which military families can be supported with. With the new mission, many families are moving into the community.

**Local Collaborative 10**
Report provided by: Jesse Chavez CYFD CAT

**Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:**
A report was given at the LC meeting on the participation at the BHPC / LC Summit and BH DAY. Mr. and Mrs. Sena attended and participated in the event.

The budget for the LC was reported on and several budget items were voted on.
A discussion was held on the topic of how to encourage persons who are presenting to be needing BH assistance to seek that help. The particular county began an anti stigma campaign using materials developed from the state “Ask About It” promotions.

**Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:**
Transportation and housing are the immediate needs, which in this frontier setting, has a significant impact on the consumers living in an environment with few resources.

The LC, several area Health Councils, DWI programs and several other community entities are meeting as one body in an effort of consolidating the limited resources.
Other:

In Harding County regular behavioral health services are being provided within the county for the first time in many years and the available appointment times are all full. The LC has worked on addressing stigma with in this county and it appears to be having some effect.

Local Collaborative # 11
Report provided by: LC 11 members

Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:
- Reviewing local initiatives and monitoring the progress on activities as well as the budget and spending
- Preparing for presentation to support the jail diversion initiative further for quarterly meeting
- Youth and Family Collaborative preparing media campaign to strengthen families and offer quarterly positive activities for families in community to participate in
- Review of subcommittee information and report out on Legislative day

Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:
- Continued discussion and efforts to develop and incorporate consumer involvement.
- LC is re-structuring the meetings for more consideration of consumers and their needs.
- Prevention has been recognized as an important component in addressing consumer needs as well and will be an essential component in the dialogue.
- Outcome based meetings and a structure in the community to interact, problem solve and work with other groups to support ongoing issues and bring resolutions
- Supporting internal and external agency programs in their efforts to better provide, but not limited to, the distribution of community awareness information and projects that directly impact the safety and wellbeing of the population of children and families we serve. i.e. support of efforts to further obtain more foster and adoptive families and to support efforts to retain the current foster and adoptive families and waiting adoptive families.
- Sustainability issues

Local Collaborative #12

Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:
1. Presentation requested by the membership: Sgt. Corbett, Alamogordo Police Dept., and Carolyn Lee, Juvenile Parole Officer, JD 12, explained the roles of their departments and how they interact with the public, especially those with mental health and substance abuse issues. They responded to questions from the audience, and members shared personal experiences and expressed suggestions for increased positive intervention when those in the legal/judicial system are working with people with mental health needs. The value of crisis intervention training was stressed.
2. CAT Report with recommendations to begin thinking about legislative priorities and considering use of reinvestment funds for peer support projects. The ConAlma grant funds were also discussed.
3. Cabinet Report which included preparations for the Consumer Survey results to be presented to this group next month. The Cabinet is attempting to get QSR results so that recommendations can be discussed to effect changes to improve behavioral health services, as needed, in the community. Those present who had attended Behavioral Health Day and the Summit reported on their experiences, which were very positive.

4. Other Discussion included a report by Tony Beery on the Peer to Peer Bicycle Recycling Project. It is providing bikes for those in recovery programs and sober living houses so they have transportation for jobs, etc. There is valuable community support with donations of equipment and funds, and used bikes in any condition are accepted to be refurbished or used for parts.

**Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:**
1. Renewed emphasis on Peer to Peer group activities including the focus of a proposed warm line and a drop-in center.
2. New member interest in starting teen NA group meetings in Alamogordo.
3. Future budget concerns and maintaining the viability of the LC through the coming fiscal year.

**Local Collaborative # 13**
Report provided by: Lana Blackman, lana.blackman@gmail.com

**Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:**
The LC is made up of the three counties of Cibola, Sandoval, and Valencia. It conducts much of its business at a county level. In fact, the LC has gone to an alternating schedule of individual county meetings one month and tri-county meetings the next month.

**Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:**
Consumer and family engagement has been widely successful in LC 13. In Cibola and Valencia Counties, the Psycho-social Rehabilitation (PSR) program consumers have become very active over the past year in attending meetings and participating in initiatives. Once they received training and gained understanding on what the LC is and how it can benefit consumers and family members, they have gotten very involved. Sustainability efforts are occurring by limiting budget expenditures and engaging consumers to stay involved. The LC is working in close collaboration with other entities like housing, social services and drug courts to find ways to increase funding sources via grant applications for community development.

Cibola County has increased its family and consumer participation, with attendance of 7 consumers and 1 family member present at the last meeting on 3/25/11. Priorities established are: supported and transitional housing; jail diversion programs; transportation and lobbying to decrease any further cuts to mental health programs funded by Medicaid. In 2010, Sierra Vista Counseling sponsored Mental Health First Aid Training with at least 30 providers, consumers and family members in attendance. Two new Core Service Agencies (CSA) opened for business in Cibola County, making some of the service array more competitive for existing providers in the county; however, we are working on collaborative efforts with all entities. System of Care is being advanced with the addition of Behavioral Management Services that the CSA brings. Cibola County has also established and is operating a Forensic Safehouse, a community collaboration effort among a local non-profit entity called Youth Visions, which is an umbrella agency for the local CASA program, and several volunteers. Goals for 2011 are to address the problem of homelessness with substance abuse and the mentally ill in the Grants area; establish a PSR program for young adults ages 18 to 28; and continued public awareness for mental health collaboration with recruitment of more consumers and family members into LC 13.
Valencia County has had some excellent meetings involving a strong consumer component from Valencia Counseling PSR, the area Core Service Agencies, and local State behavioral health staff. The added active participation of the new Los Lunas Recovery Center staff has also been a huge plus. The local CYFD office in collaboration with LC 13 is spearheading quarterly meetings of all CSAs and other children’s service providers in the county, and including judicial system stakeholders to improve working relationships and coordination around Protective Service and JPO children and families. One introductory meeting was held in January, at the Valencia County CYFD Office, and a follow-up meeting is scheduled for March 31. These meetings will continue quarterly as needed.

Sandoval County had major past successes, which the LC was instrumental in advocating for, such as the JD 13 Mental Health Court with initial funding by the State and Value Options, as well as effective jail diversion efforts. The Sandoval group is in the process of reorganizing and planning its collaboration with ongoing efforts in the county around Veterans’ services. One of the projects currently in the planning stages is a partnership with Presbyterian Medical Services Veterans program. This partnership will include encouraging Veteran involvement in Sandoval County LC13 meetings and activities. Sandoval County is also in the planning stages of increasing youth involvement. There have been several discussions of adding a separate youth component to the LC. The Sandoval County meetings are currently being held at the CYFD office in Rio Rancho, and this will be the location for the upcoming youth meetings that are scheduled to take place directly after the regular Sandoval meetings. These meetings will be held after school hours to ensure that the LC is able to reach out to as many youth as possible. Through this effort the LC will be better able to serve as a voice of the youth in the county. All the information obtained at these meetings will be presented at the regular Tri-County meeting following the individual county meeting. Several members of Sandoval County have been forming a strong partnership with The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). This relationship has been very positive for the LC. Sandoval County was invited to form a team for the upcoming NAMI Walk fundraiser, and as a result several members are participating in the walk. They will be representing Sandoval County for this event. Community involvement has become a very important component of the group. One of the main goals for 2011 in Sandoval County is to become a strong and solid voice for the consumers and family members of the County. To ensure this goal is reached, there will be an extra effort by the current chairs and membership of Sandoval County to establish a solid schedule for the meetings. This will include emails, website updates and flyers to announce a meeting schedule.

**Local Collaborative # 14 (meets quarterly)**
Report provided by: Valerie Quintana

**Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:**
- Elections of Interim Leadership
- Budget ideas

**Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:**
- Discussions on how to get more of the nine communities involved in the LC.

**Other:**
LC14 decided to use their 2011 funding by helping its nine Native communities, at a grassroots level. They have asked the communities to submit proposals for funding that will help existing behavioral health programs thrive in their areas. The funding is small, but they are able to spread it across the nine communities, if they choose to take the opportunity
Local Collaborative # 15 Dine Local Collaborative
Report provided by: Regina Begay-Roanhorse, Chair

Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:
Reviewed budget
Elected chair for one more year

Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:
☐ Lack of Secretary of Indian Affairs to chair the Native American Subcommittee meetings of the BHPC as required by State law
☐ Lack of workforce in Indian Country
☐ High death rates due to alcohol or alcohol related chronic illnesses for Native American population (higher than any other race or ethnicity in New Mexico)
☐ Program planning and sustainability for Native programs is difficult due to frontier and rural areas of the reservation and high poverty rates
☐ Unique issues related to federal health systems that serve Native Americans
☐ Alamo Navajo Behavioral Health: lack of providers
☐ High suicide rates for Native American youth (teens)
☐ Lack of funding, resources for Native American programs, especially substance abuse prevention in the schools, when state budgets cut a majority of Native American programs last year
☐ Lack of adequate transitional living programs for Native American youth exiting state systems back to reservations
☐ Lack of Native voice in state systems transformation

Other:
☐ Youth related / gang related activities re EMOs, and cutting (self mutilation)
☐ Navajo Nation To’Hajilée Alamo Judicial District is working on developing tribal state Intergovernmental Agreements for non-custodial support services for Native American youth caught up in the state justice systems
☐ The District also completed a cross-commissioning training with Socorro County Sheriff’s deputies, who will begin to enforce Tribal laws in Tribal Courts and partner with Navajo Nation police [http://www.navajocourts.org/PressReleases/032211%20Alamo.pdf](http://www.navajocourts.org/PressReleases/032211%20Alamo.pdf)
☐ Alamo Navajo (in Socorro County), according to the latest census has a per capita personal income of $4039, and unemployment rate of 72.5%. (Census Designated Place, [http://factfinder.census.gov](http://factfinder.census.gov), See also: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alamo,_New_Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alamo,_New_Mexico))

Local Collaborative # 16
Report provided by: Valerie Quintana

Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:
- Elected new LC Leadership
- Met with the Native American Veterans program about collaboration

Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:

Other:
LC16's efforts are currently focused on putting on their 2nd Youth Pow Wow. They have received donations from the Sandoval County DWI Task Force, as well as other community organizations, artists, etc. to put on this great event. This will be an exciting event that all of LC16 is looking forward to!

**Local Collaborative # 17**

Report provided by: Valerie Quintana

**Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:**
- Legislative Updates
- Presentations from SNAP and INSPIRE (Native Women’s HIV prevention program)
- BHPC Subcommittee Reports
- Fundraising Ideas

**Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:**
- Funding
- Albuquerque Indian Center
- Treatment of Natives by APD and Public Transportation Security

**Other:**
LC2 will be hosting a pre-view of NAMI’s *Minds on the Edge* at their meeting this month. It is their first step in planning a Community Kick-Off Event to begin conversations of addressing and improving the BH services in Bernalillo County. The members are also nearing the re-creation of a leadership structure and voting procedures. LC2 is strongly moving ahead with renewing itself.

**Local Collaborative # 18**

Report provided by: Elias Vigil, co-chair

**Business Items conducted at the last local collaborative meeting:**
We discussed LC sustainability and fund raising possibilities. We also discussed LC Priorities. The following areas have been selected as priorities for LC 18 projects.
1. Housing
2. Transportation
3. Supportive Employment

**Ongoing concerns, issues, etc. that this local collaborative is addressing:**
LC 18 has been holding monthly meetings which have been attended by a number of providers both Native and non-Native in the eight northern Pueblo communities. Minutes of each meeting have been produced and describe the many discussions and activities championed by the LC. The Chairman; Rick Vigil is a former Governor of the Pueblo of Tesuque has been able to lead the LC into expanding membership and interest from the communities. A number of providers are represented. However, there is still the need to move towards attracting more consumers and family members into the organization.

In 2010, the LC sponsored a very successful BH conference which was praised by many attendees. Attendance at the conference was very high. The LC hopes to sponsor other like activities for the benefit of the Native American population. Additionally, the LC sponsored a meeting with
the Eight Northern Pueblo Governors through the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc. Board of Governors and in great detail explained the LC’s role in their communities. The Governors were very receptive to the meeting and approved the LC’s role as a conduit to State and Federal policy in BH issues.

LC 18 is working with substance abuse and BH agencies and programs within the Eight Northern area so as to gather interested parties to participate in LC endeavors. LC 18 is working closely with ENIPC’s Circle of Life BH program to gather data and information on substance abuse and mental health issues within the eight northern Indian Pueblos as well as demographic data on each Pueblo community. Information gathered will be presented to both the LC members as well as to each respective Pueblo government and may include production of a Native American resources pamphlet or brochure.

LC 18 chairman, former Governor Rick Vigil has been hosting a series of meetings, which included social services directors of the Northern Pueblos, Tribal Court personnel, representatives of the BIA, ALTSD, CYFD and others to discuss jurisdictional issues and promote the coordination of efforts among the various agencies working in the Northern Pueblos. we are also planning for participation in an upcoming Tribal Consultation with Tribal leaders statewide and the Regional Office of the US Department of Health and Human Services on April 28.