Deputy Secretary Fred Sandoval, Department of Health, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Collaborative members introduced themselves and reviewed the process for the collaborative work. Deputy Secretary Sandoval and Pam Hyde, Secretary of the Human Services Department, co-chaired the meeting.

Attendees:
Deputy Secretary Fred Sandoval, DOH
Secretary Pam Hyde, HSD
Deputy Secretary Erma Sedillo, DOC
Secretary James Jimenez, DFA
Assistant Secretary Catherine Cross Maple, DVR
Assistant Secretary Patricia Parkinson, PED
Executive Director Patricio Larragoite, HPC
Executive Director Mary Beresford, Governor’s Commission on Disability
Jackie Ingle, DOL
Executive Director Katherine Miller, NM-MFA
Jessica Sutin, Governor’s Health Policy Advisor
Judy Reed, Public Defender’s Office
Secretary Mary-Dale Bolson, CYFD
Executive Director Pat Putnam, Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
Secretary-Designate Debbie Armstrong, ALTSD
Director Gina Maestas, AOC

Review and Approval of Minutes from 08/05/04
Fred Sandoval called for the review of the minutes from the June 11, 2004 meeting. Sec. Hyde moved for approval of the minutes, the motion was seconded by Patricio Larragoite and the minute were approved by consensus, amended as follows:
- Page 1, first paragraph, change “IBHPC” to “Collaborative.”
- Page 2, under “Presentation of Evaluation Concepts,” fourth full paragraph, at the end of the paragraph add “Other agencies will look for grants that will aid the evaluation process.”
- Page 5, immediately before “The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m., add a new paragraph: “It was recommended that Collaborative members themselves no longer meet with potential vendors although staff may, in the judgment of the Collaborative member, until the actual RFP is released. At that time, there will be a complete “black-out” while the procurement process proceeds.”

Sec. Hyde also mentioned that Collaborative members should not be speaking with the public at this time re: the redesign RFP. If potential vendors approach agencies, they can speak with staff and get public information but the Collaborative decisionmakers should not do so.

Support of Behavioral Health Planning Council
Sec. Hyde raised the issue of monetary assistance to the BHPC, specifically with regard to the 8-10 subcommittees, which include in their membership consumer participants
who must travel, etc. Leslie Tremaine presented an estimation from the executive committee indicating the need for an additional $28,000 - $30,000. (Approximately $40,000 is currently being used annually.) Discussions took place as to the various subcommittees – which are mandated and which are not. A recommendation was made to identify the parents/consumers who need assistance and sponsor them rather than requesting money from budgets from each agency. Sec. Hyde made a motion to direct Leslie Tremaine to work collaboratively and to come up with a plan for supporting the BHPC members within approximately $30,000. Pat Larragoite seconded Sec. Hyde’s motion.

Discussion of FY 2006 Budget Proposals Affecting Behavioral Health Prevention or Treatment Services

- Mary-Dale Bolson, Fred Sandoval, Erma Sedillo, Catherine Cross Maple, Patricia Parkinson, Patricio Larragoite, Mary Beresford, Katherine Miller, Jessica Sutin, Jackie Ingle, Judy Reed and Deborah Armstrong reported no changes.
- James Jimenez stated here could be changes due to changes among DWI and drug courts.
- Gina Maestas reported there could be changes due to changes among DWI and drug courts.
- Pam Hyde reported no changes from Human Services Department, although her department is currently looking for ways to match Medicaid monies to add ACT and IOP for adults and possibly respite or similar services for children.

Public Input on Draft Implementation Plan or RFP

Sec. Hyde reported that a substantial amount of public input has been received via email, letters, etc. Patricio Larragoite thanked all staff members who have participated in receiving and organizing, specifically subcommittees, etc.

Deborah Fickling, BHPC member, reminded members that we are looking at substance abuse services in addition to mental health and co-occurring disorder services.

Local Systems of Care – Concept and Implementation

Sec. Hyde began discussion by stating that although steps have been taken forward, a half-step back needs to be taken in an effort to have further discussions regarding the roles of LSOCs and how they will be affecting local communities. Sec. Hyde reported that various groups are interested on focusing on local communities, though we want to be sure we are not duplicating services and simply starting another program or group in local communities. We need to utilize all state-required or locally-developed groups, and ask that they all come together around behavioral health and other health/human services issues.

A lengthy discussion among the Collaborative members ensued, including the following comments:

Sec. Bolson reported her agreement with Sec. Hyde’s concerns and stated her belief that focus regarding LSOC should also focus on performance of SE.
Sec. Jimenez agreed with both Sec. Hyde and Sec. Bolson and emphasized the need to focus on performance and outcomes.

Catherine Cross Maple stated that the LSOC concept and plan is very important for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. She identified three different organizational relationships as being among the LSOCs, the Collaborative and the SE, and requested clarification and discussion regarding those interactions. Dr. Cross Maple restated the importance of the Collaborative and the SE hearing from our local communities.

Sec. Hyde acknowledged Dr. Cross Maple’s concerns and stated that LSOCs will develop in different ways depending on their geographic locations (i.e. some communities already have groups established that could function as LSOCs, others will need to be developed from scratch.) Sec. Hyde stated that in its simplest form, the LSOCs will function as advisory groups, though the anticipation and desire is that they are powerful voices for their geographic areas. Sec. Bolson agreed and indicated they will be important eyes regarding SE and provider performance. Sec. Hyde stated that we are not looking to set up additional administrative infrastructures throughout the state.

Patrick Putnam reported his belief that the experts in the communities are service providers.

Sec. Hyde reported her desire to have state and local communities linked arm-in-arm to provide both individual and systemic support.

Sec. Bolson stated that its is important to know what is out in communities, what is working and what is not…who is funded through whom, etc.

Dr. Katherine Cross Maple brought up LSOC Appendix B – pg. #3 – regarding criteria and functions of LSOCs. She asked how information will move among LSOCs, the Collaborative and the SE.

Sec. Hyde stated that recommendations for wording changes would be appreciated. Sec. Bolson reported that LSOCs will be viewed simplisticly as advisory boards, though stronger than simply an advisory board. Sec. Bolson reported her belief that LSOCs will be eyes for performance outcomes.

Dr. Cross Maple stated that a statement should be made somewhere in the LSOC document that indicates the role of LSOCs in ensuring accountability of the SE.

Sec. Hyde stated the desire to give LSOCs as much voice as possible without putting them into a contractual type of liability situation.

Sec. Bolson talked about three local communities that have local community groups already in place: 1) Silver City, 2) Taos and 3) Raton. Sec. Bolson reported that areas
around the state would like and are beginning to come together and work on issues specific to their communities.

Mary Keener Beresford brought up her concern around the language in LSOC document. She stated that she would like to see specific language around disability issues and accessibility for folks with disability in order to ensure that the socio-political-cultural competency issues around disability are addressed.

Gina Maestas brought up both the judicial and regional maps and asked why the judicial districts were chosen as starting points for LSOC geographical design. Sec. Bolson and Sec. Hyde responded to Ms. Maestas inquiry indicating that all of the systems involved in this process interact with the courts, and that the courts are important participants on LSOCs. No set of geographic boundaries are going to work for any one purpose, but it is important to stick with a common set of boundaries for all health and human services planning and service implementation.

Dep. Sec. Sandoval spoke about the problem of subcommittee duplications within DOH throughout the state. He further stated his desire to look further at how DOH is presently supporting local communities. Finally, Dep. Sec. Sandoval reported DOH’s need to look at statutory responsibilities and the need to avoid creating yet another group that is doing work similar to that of already existing groups.

Jackie Ingle from Department of Labor requested that language recommendations for final RFP from her department be included, as she did not see them in the draft RFP. Leslie Tremaine asked her to meet with either her or Marisol Atkins during the break to ensure that her comments are included.

Next Meeting Dates
Monday, October 4, 2004 – 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (location to be determined).

Executive Session to Discuss Legal Issues of Final RFP
Fredrick Sandoval called for a motion to convene executive session to discuss legal issues concerning the RFP. Patrick Putnam moved; Patricio Larragoite seconded; motion passed.

Executive session began at 3:15 p.m.

The executive session ended at 4:50 p.m. Deputy Sec. Sandoval announced that the Collaborative had decided that all members would sign the contract once negotiated with the successful proposer.

Pam Hyde told the Collaborative that staff has done incredible work and thanked Marisol Atkins especially. All department staff has been working hard to get work done.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.