1. Welcome and Review of Agenda

Secretary Dorian Dodson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 am. She noted this was an open session and that a quorum was present.

Attendees

Secretary Dorian Dodson, CYFD
Secretary Pam Hyde, HSD
Secretary Designate Dr. Alfredo Vigil, DOH
Secretary Debbie Armstrong, ALTSD
Deputy Secretary Teresa Gomez, IAD
Deputy Secretary Catherine Cross-Maple, PED
Deputy Secretary Erma Sedillo, NMCD
Deputy Secretary Rick Martinez, DFA
Linda Roebuck, BH Collaborative, CEO

Director Liz Stefanics, HPC
Director Pat Putnam, DDPC
Director Mary Beresford, GCD
Vince Baca, NMDWS
Daniel Roper, DVR
Peter Bochert, AOC
Richard Chavez, MFA
Julienne Smrcka, Children’s Cabinet
Michelle Welby, Governor’s Health Policy Advisor
Ricardo Campos, NMDOT

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Deputy Secretary Cross-Maple moved to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2007 meeting. Vince Baca seconded, and the motion passed.

Secretary Dodson announced that the Collaborative has appointed a subcommittee to work with Native American representatives to determine if there should be more Native American local collaboratives. The subcommittee will also address the needs and issues of urban Native Americans. The subcommittee will be led by Deputy Secretary Teresa Gomez and include state and tribal/urban Native American representatives. The subcommittee will provide a report to the Collaborative in March 2008. Deputy Secretary Catherine Cross-Maple made a motion to accept the appointment of the subcommittee. Secretary Debbie Armstrong seconded and the motion passed.

3. ValueOptions (VONM Enhanced Services and Community Reinvestment Funding – Detailed Plan for FY08 – Pam Galbraith and Linda Roebuck

According to decisions made by the New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative (Collaborative) at its May and June 2007 meetings, VONM was directed to manage its obligation for enhanced services and community reinvestment dollars so that approximately 30 percent of available dollars for FY08 (estimated to be approximately $10
million dependent upon Medicaid Managed Care enrollment) is used for community reinvestment. The remaining dollars are to be used to continue enhanced services prioritized as directed by the Collaborative. Also according to the Collaborative’s policy direction, no more than 30 percent of the total available funding for enhanced services should be used in any given quarter of FY08 without the approval of the Collaborative CEO. This requires that clear direction be given for use of these dollars (community reinvestment and enhanced services) and that VONM track closely the actual and projected expenditures of these funds. VONM distributed a document, *Community Reinvestment Process FY08* that detailed how VONM would manage enhanced services and community reinvestment pursuant to the Collaborative approval of the plan.

If the funds for FY08 significantly change the Collaborative CEO shall determine and direct the utilization of these funds, based on the general directions in this document and after consultation with the Collaborative Co-Chairs. Any such decisions by the Collaborative CEO shall be reported to the Collaborative as a whole at its next public meeting.

VONM is to invest an additional $250,000 annually as Special Reinvestment resources for administrative issues above and beyond the community reinvestment amounts required by the RFP. *The Community Reinvestment Process FY08* document also reflects the continued direction about the use of those funds.

The Collaborative CEO shall bring to the Co-Chairs of the Collaborative as soon as practicable, any situation in which it appears that expenditures may exceed available dollars. This will allow the Collaborative time to take action to avert any precipitous elimination of services funded through this mechanism.

Community reinvestment funding for FY08 should equal approximately $3 million. VONM shall continue to require the following general criteria for consideration of community reinvestment proposals:

1. Demonstration of system development
2. Demonstration of collaboration with other service providers, and
3. Detailed demonstration of how sustainability will be achieved.

VONM shall make decisions about community reinvestment funding, i.e., which applications or projects to fund, in consultation with the Collaborative CEO. Given that the number and amount of pending proposals far exceeds available dollars, the Collaborative’s Strategic Plan adopted in May 2007 should also, along with criteria adopted by the Collaborative in June, 2006, guide the selection by VONM of community reinvestment applications/projects.

A discussion ensued regarding the reinvestment criteria that was presented at the June 2006 Collaborative meeting. Director Putnam was concerned that DDMI and Autism were left out of the plan presented at this meeting as one of the priorities where reinvestment dollars would be spent. The plan presented did include the June 2006 criteria by reference. After extensive research of past meeting documents and past meeting minutes it was determined that DDMI and Autism were included in the original criteria and that there is language in the Strategic Plan that refers to DDMI and Autism. Deputy Secretary Catherine Cross Maple
made a motion to adopt the Enhanced Services and Community Reinvestment plan presented at this meeting with the following change: the final plan shall include the June 2006 criteria for reinvestment, i.e. these criteria shall be spelled out in the plan not just referenced. Secretary Pam Hyde seconded, and the motion passed.

4. **VONM Rate Equalization Plan for FY08 & Preliminary Plan for FY09 – Pam Galbraith, Mary Mastrandrea, Matt Onstott & Linda Roebuck**

VONM presented a proposal for Rate Equalization. See attached document, *Rate Equalization Work Plan, 8/15/07*. There were discussions of the plan and timelines proposed. The discussion included the plan’s proposal to move all providers to fee-for-service (ffs). A provider survey will be conducted to determine technical assistance needs for this transition. Director Pat Putnam suggested that VONM do an impact study of providers as to the actual capability of the behavioral health system in our state to determine the kinds of positive gains and where ground has been lost. Director Pat Putnam made a motion to adopt the Rate Equalization plan. Secretary Debbie Armstrong seconded, and the motion passes.

5. **Public Input**

Regina Roanhorse – LC-15

Ms. Roanhorse is concerned with Native American youth in the New Sunrise Residential Adolescent treatment center. She believes that they can’t receive reimbursements until the youths receive and/or utilize community based services, but reports that these kinds of services are not available in the Acoma area. She is asking the Collaborative for help with this issue.

Another issue that she raised is related to the appropriation of $3 million dollars of capital outlay money for FY08. Ms. Roanhorse believes a decision was made to put the capital outlay monies under the Indian Affairs Department. Ms. Roanhorse does not believe that LC15 was ever made aware of this decision and has not been able to access the funds. Ms. Roanhorse believes that LC14 has been able to access the funds. She reports that this has caused distrust. Ms. Roanhorse believes that LC15 has now created a steering team to address this issue. The steering team will start involving the Governor’s Office by writing letters and letting the community know that members of LC15 feel that they were intentionally left out of receiving the $3 million dollar appropriation. Ms. Roanhorse said that LC15 members feel they were left out because of race and discrimination. She is asking the Collaborative to oversee how the monies are being appropriated and accessed.

Douglas Frasier – Co-Chair LC13, BHPC

Mr. Frazier asked the Collaborative to establish some sort of provider outreach program to really legitimize the voice of providers. He believes the provider part of the community is in real trouble, in that you find providers clinging to their dominance in the communities.

Carolyn Morris – LC15

Dr. Morris would like to thank the Collaborative for helping to transform behavioral health in the state; she believes there have been some great changes that have been done with grant monies. She stated keep up the great work.
Peter Cubra – LC2
Mr. Cubra would like to know if there is a state plan amendment pending before CMS. He stated that LC2 would like to have the opportunity to help amend the Medicaid state plan to include all enhanced services. He further stated at one time VONM was providing reports on denials etc: he asked that the Collaborative please continue to distribute those reports. Mr. Cubra believes ValueOptions just acquired a new partner, and said that now half of the VO stock will be owned by other corporations. He feels that this will have a negative effect here in New Mexico. He also asked that the executive session of today’s agenda be open to the public for observation.

6. **FY09 Budget Priorities & Consolidated Budget Planning – Debbie Armstrong, Karen Meador**
Secretary Armstrong and Karen Meador provided Collaborative members with sample budget priority reports submitted by local collaboratives that can be easily accessed through the new Access database. The BH Planning Council has also identified priority budget areas. Secretary Armstrong and Karen Meador are happy to take recommendations from the Collaborative on identifying priority areas. Secretary Hyde made a motion to adopt this reporting process. Dr. Vigil seconded, and the motion passed.

7. **Announcements/Miscellaneous**
Secretary Hyde announced that Director Gary Beene volunteered to be the Secretary of the Collaborative. In his capacity of Secretary he will be reviewing the meeting minutes.

Secretary Dodson reminded the public that the Executive Session will not include discussions around the strategic plan; it will focus on pending litigation and advice from legal counsel. Vince Baca moved to adjourn the regular public session. Michelle Welby seconded, the motion passed.

Secretary Hyde made a motion to go into Executive Session. Vince Baca seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

7. **Executive Session**
Pending litigation and threatened potential litigation was discussed with legal counsel.

Director Pat Putman made a motion to return to the regular public session. Secretary Armstrong seconded, the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.