**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STATEWIDE ENTITY**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) PROCESS & TIMELINE**

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On January 18, 2010 Governor Richardson directed the Behavioral Health Collaborative to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) in anticipation of the need for future changes in the administration and delivery of mental health and substance abuse services. The Governor has asked for the Collaborative to work with potential system changes and focus on the most efficient and effective manner of delivering services, while maintaining the highest level of quality. (see press release on following page)

In preparation for the RFP process the Collaborative has scheduled several public input opportunities. We are specifically looking for your input on the following;

- What are priority services if we can't fund everything we want in our system?
- What are ways we can further streamline the system?
- What are the priority performance measures/points of accountability?
- Prioritizing focus of the Statewide Entity
- Are there any technical changes we should consider? For example; include readiness activities as a part of the evaluation

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Input period will be from April 12th through May 14th, 2010. Written input will be accepted as well the below Public Input meeting opportunities...

- **April 13th, 10am-12pm Farmington:** PMS Administrative Offices (608 Reilly Ave)
- **April 14th, 1-3pm Roswell:** Counseling Associates Inc. (110 E Mescalero Rd)
- **April 15th, 1-3pm Las Cruces:** Southwest Counseling Center Incorporated (100 W Griggs Ave)
- **April 19th, 1-3pm Santa Fe:** HSD Plaza la Prensa (37 Plaza la Prensa)
- **April 26th, 10am-12pm Albuquerque:** Human Services Department’s Income Support Division (1711 Randolph Road S.E.)
- **April 28th, 1-4pm: Native American/Region 6 Public Input** Human Services Department’s Income Support Division (1711 Randolph Road S.E.)

**NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL CONSULTATION:**

- **May 7th, 9am - 12pm: Tribal Consultation** Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque (2401 12th St. NW)

**PUBLIC INPUT CAN ALSO BE GIVEN AT THE FOLLOWING:**

Via email: bhcollaborative@state.nm.us
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**The draft timeline for the RFP process is:**

- June 2010 – Issue RFP
- July 2010 – Proposals Due
- August 2010 – Review and Evaluation of Proposals
- September – November 2010 – Contract Negotiations
- December 2010 – Contract Decision
- July 2011 – Contract Effective Date

**For more information about the Native American input process or Tribal Consultation please contact Kim Horan, Tribal Liaison for Behavioral Health Services Division, at 505-476-9279**
Governor Bill Richardson Directs Behavioral Health Collaborative to Issue Request for Proposals for More Efficient, Effective and Quality Driven Services

Budget Issues and Medicaid Redesign Reasons for Needed Changes

Santa Fe, New Mexico – Governor Bill Richardson has directed the Behavioral Health Collaborative to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) as soon as possible in anticipation of the need for future changes in the administration and delivery of mental health and substance abuse services.

“The State faces difficult budgetary times and, in light of these challenges, the way in which the services that the Behavioral Health Collaborative provides to New Mexican’s are paid for and delivered needs to be evaluated,” said the Governor. “The focus should be on the most efficient and effective manner of administering and delivering these services, while maintaining the highest level of quality.”

The direction from the Governor took into consideration proposed changes in the Medicaid program and the Human Services Department’s efforts to redesign the program to align with upcoming national health care reform. It is critical that New Mexico’s behavioral health system be a partner with these changes.

“I am hopeful that this process will result in the best possible outcome for the State and the New Mexican’s who depend on these important services,” the Governor added.

The Collaborative hopes to have an RFP out by the Spring 2010.

About the Collaborative
The Collaborative was created during the 2004 Legislature to allow most state agencies and resources involved in behavioral health treatment and recovery to work as one in an effort to improve mental health and substance abuse services in New Mexico. This cabinet-level group represents 15 agencies and Governor Bill Richardson’s office.