**Mission**

**Mission:** Cafe will assure that the voice of New Mexican consumers and family members is heard and included, within and across all human service systems involved in the Collaborative, in all major decisions pertaining to mental health, substance abuse issues, and decisions about individuals and their chosen communities. The mission is accomplished through progress on the following strategies:

**Recovery Education**
To educate consumer about mental health and substance abuse recovery and to promote initiatives that will assist them in growing towards their recovery

**Training**
To train consumers and family members in the leadership skills they need to effectively assist members of their community in advocacy, empowerment and the recovery process

**Program Development and Advocacy**
To develop and advocate for initiatives, projects, programs and best practices that would assist consumer and family members

**Funding**
To seek and advocate for funding of consumer and family initiatives, projects and practices

**Participation and Information Dissemination**
To obtain consumer and family members input on current behavioral health issues: and to disseminate information, advocate and educate all relevant state departments and the state collaborative, when needed

**Leadership Development**
To provide opportunities, technical support, and training for consumer and family members to assume leadership of needed initiatives and participate in decision-making roles throughout the Collaborative

**Recovery Education**
1. Create 30 Citizen Organizers who will conduct opportunities for sharing and teaching about recovery.
   a. Each citizen organizer will conduct at least one opportunity of sharing and teaching about recovery per month
b. Each citizen organizer will meet with local consumers and family groups at least monthly, if there are communities without local consumer and family groups the citizen organizers will help to develop one.

2. CAFE will determine with the citizen organizer which areas to focus on the development of a local consumer and family organization for 2008.

3. Citizen organizers will recommend consumers and family members to attend the leadership academy.

4. Citizen organizers will make at least 3 presentations in 2008 to community groups about integration of consumers into their communities, the recovery and empowerment processes etc.

5. Cafe will create a means of communicating with and tracking the activities of the Citizen Organizers.

6. Cafe will assist, with technical assistance and support, the establishment of Procovery approaches throughout New Mexico.

Training
1. Create and conduct in five regions of New Mexico a 3 day Leadership Academy for consumer and family members.
   a. Cafe will create a data base of information of those consumers and family members who were certified by the leadership academy, as well as all other consumers, who are appointed on councils, committees, advisory boards, local collaboratives or any other decision making entities in calendar year 2008.

2. Cafe will provide technical assistance to local collaborative about consumers and family members' involvement and to consumers and family members if requested.

3. Cafe will evaluate the effectiveness of this Leadership training and technical assistance.

Program Development and Advocacy
1. CAFE will continue advocating for the current projects, initiative and programs within New Mexico, i.e. citizen organizers, research academy, the leadership academies, double trouble in recovery (DTR), Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP), Grassroots movers, Consumer Satisfaction Project, Computer Loan Program, Warm Lines, Money Start, Radio Media Program, Peer Certification, Drop in Centers, consumer toll free phone line.

2. Cafe will oversee the implementation of the Peer Specialist Initiative.
   a. Assure that at least once a year consumers are trained as certified peer specialist
   b. Identify and arrange the CEU training areas for certified peer specialist
   c. Assure that providers are trained and receive written material on why peer specialist should be a part of their array of professionals

3. Cafe will create a data base for the Peer Specialist Initiative,
a. Collect data on the number of consumers who are hired by providers as certified peer specialist
b. Collect data on the number of provider agencies that have hired certified peer specialist and the number of them they have hired

4. Coordinate bi-monthly networking activities for certified peer specialist.
5. To provide technical assistance, support, consumer and family scholarships.
6. To continue seeking best practices for consumers and family members, including looking at initiatives and projects that we are doing and began an evaluation of some of them for effectiveness and possibility of best practice.
   a. Creating a Supportive Culture: People in Recovery as Colleagues
   b. People in Recovery as Organizational Leaders: Opening the Leadership Door
   c. People in Recovery Shaping Behavioral Health Services
7. Through the Research Academy develop at least 6 consumers/family members to build skills and competencies related to behavioral health care evaluation and research in 2008.

Funding
1. To continue funding of current projects, initiatives and programs.
2. To determine which 2 initiative/project/program will evaluate for effectiveness and outcomes.
3. Coordinate with other grants.

Participation and Information Dissemination
1. To gather information on consumer and family members' point of view from citizen organizers bi-weekly reports and CAFE staff field reports.
2. To meet monthly with Pam Sanchez and give her information on consumers and family members' viewpoints, the effectiveness/outcomes of the initiatives/projects/programs.
3. To represent the consumers' point of view at the collaborative meeting and any other state meeting concerning mental health and substance abuse.
4. Cafe will make presentations to the statewide collaborative on consumer and family issues as necessary.

Leadership Development
1. To develop a Consumer Advisory Board to all human service departments involved in the Collaborative. This Advisory Board would have representation from each state region and from those who are not engaged in any of the service systems.
2. To provide support and staffing to this Advisory Board.