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UPDATES FROM THE COLLABORATIVE CEO

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Concerns about the Future of the New Mexico Behavioral Health System

Community members have expressed concerns about the future of our behavioral health system in light of a new Administration in 2011. As always, there will be a transition process for all of state government after the election of the new Governor, and we will share transition information with you when that happens. In the meantime, we are continuing the work that is currently in place such as (to name a few): Local Collaborative Sustainability; Core Service Agencies; Wraparound Services; Comprehensive Community Support Services (CCSS). Communities continue to be innovative in creating local capacity and supporting community members. I think there is wise saying that goes something like - we need to move forward to create our own future, our own destiny, and not wait for it to be determined for us. Let's hold to that advice!

Public Meetings on the Concept Paper for the State Wide Entity Request for Proposals

State staff went on the road to listen to local community input on the *final draft Concept Paper* that was recently distributed and published on the Collaborative website. Common themes heard in Farmington, Roswell, Las Cruces, Albuquerque and Region 6 (Native American communities-held in Albuquerque) included:

- The importance of including providers in a full partnership with the New Mexico's Purchasing Collaborative and the Statewide Entity in making decisions and guiding the work of the behavioral health system.
- The hardship that is created for providers and the individuals they are trying to serve whenever a big change is made at the state level.
- Confusion about what is being done and why.
- The importance of communicating clearly and consistently; having the same message provided by the State and the Statewide Entity.
- The importance of not losing sight of the recovery and resilience aspects for those individuals whom the system is trying to better serve.
- The impact of prevention programs as a critical component of behavioral health system.
- It's not all about money; it's about the consumers and their family members.

A formal Tribal Consultation is scheduled for May 7th, 9am-12pm at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, 240 12th Street, NW. This meeting is by invitation only.

The comments provided at all of the meetings will be vetted for integration into the final Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Statewide Entity.

Core Service Agencies (CSAs)

On April 15th the Phase II Core Service Agency (CSA) designations were announced. Twenty-five (25) new CSA designations were made across the State - 14 new Youth CSAs and 11 new Adult CSAs. The total number of CSAs statewide now totals 36. The designations have been posted to the Provider Portal of the OHNM web site at:

https://www.optumhealthnewmexico.com/provider/pdf/PHASE_II_FINAL_DESIGNATIONS.pdf.

The CSAs are listed on the next page.

Local Collaborative (LC) & Counties	Adult CSA	Child CSA
LC 1: Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presbyterian Medical Services • The Life Link 	Teambuilders
LC 2: Bernalillo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Martin's • UNM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Faith's Receiving Home • Youth Development, Inc. • Hogares • UNM
LC3: Dona Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern New Mexico Human Development • Southwest Counseling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern New Mexico Human Development • Families and Youth, Inc.
LC4: Guadalupe, Mora, San Miguel		Teambuilders
LC5: Chavez, Eddy, Lea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlsbad Mental Health • Counseling Associates • Lea County Guidance Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlsbad Mental Health • Counseling Associates • Lea County Guidance Center
LC6: Grant, Luna, Hidalgo	Border Area Mental Health	Border Area Mental Health
LC7: Catron, Sierra, Socorro, Torrance	Presbyterian Medical Services	Presbyterian Medical Services
LC8: Colfax, Taos, Union	Tri-County Community Services	TeamBuilders
LC9: Roosevelt, Curry	Mental Health Resources	TeamBuilders
LC10: DeBaca, Harding, Quay	Mental Health Resources	TeamBuilders
LC11: San Juan, McKinley	Presbyterian Medical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Haven • Presbyterian Medical Services
LC12: Lincoln, Otero	None	TeamBuilders
LC13: Cibola, Sandoval, Valencia	Presbyterian Medical Services	Presbyterian Medical Services

Phase I and II designations still fall short of the needed coverage areas. Gaps of CSA coverage remain across five Local Collaborative (LC) areas: LC2 (Adult); LC4 (Adult); LC11 (Adult); LC12 (Adult); and LC13 (both Youth & Adult). In early May 2010, OHNM will present a proposal to the Collaborative recommending options for addressing these gaps as the statewide CSA implementation moves forward.

Local Collaborative Funding Update: For the current fiscal year each Local Collaborative is operating off of a \$21,000 budget. Of this \$18,000 came from the Transformation State Incentive Grant, otherwise known as TSIG, and \$3,000 came from OptumHealth New Mexico. Recently you requested to be able to extend the deadline for use of these funds beyond the June 30, 2010 expiration date. We are happy to inform you that we were able to extend use of these funds until September 30, 2010.

Congratulations to Youth Jam 2010, a youth driven prevention project, which was held on April 17th from 4pm-9pm at Warehouse 508 in Albuquerque. Young people spent five months planning the event, which is designed to teach their peers about suicide and substance abuse prevention, and to promote healthy choices and health and wellness resources.

Youth Jam 2010 boasted 500 attendees, 18 youth talent acts, and 26 booths providing a variety of information for young people. In addition, during the event they created a community mural (pictured right), hula hooped, played hacky sack and frisbee, and shared an afternoon celebrating the young people in the community! For more information: youthpowernm@gmail.com.

