



OVERVIEW:

The New Mexico Behavioral Health Planning Council (NMBHPC) was statutorily established and is comprised of a minimum 51% consumer and family representation. Our role is to advise the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative (Collaborative) on policies, programs, and funding; and to provide input in all Collaborative related initiatives. The NMBHPC will continue to serve in this capacity.

The NMBHPC has been a key advisor on many initiatives in our state, helping to ensure that the consumer's voice is heard in decision making.

BHPC works closely with the Behavioral Health Services Division to advise them on the combined Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Block Grant Application for Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

SUMMARY:

BHPC members are appointed by the Governor and consists of a diverse demographic of stakeholders in the planning process, including consumers and family members, Native Americans, advocates, providers, and state agency representatives. Activities during the last 7 years include:

- Advised the Human Services Department (HSD) and the Collaborative in legislative priorities, including developing local systems of care and sustainability of services with available resources;
- Advised the HSD in the development of standards regarding services for consumers and their family members; and
- Reviewed and made recommendations regarding CMHS and SAPT block grant applications and reports.

BHPC Subcommittees

Within BHPC structure there are five Subcommittees that meet monthly. They were established by statute as part of the BHPC to enhance the goals of the Collaborative. Following is a description of the subcommittees.

Adult Subcommittee – The mission of the Adult subcommittee is to make recommendations to the BHPC regarding services for adult consumers and their families across a full spectrum of needs.

Medicaid Subcommittee - The mission of the Medicaid Subcommittee is to educate and advise the BHPC and the Medicaid Advisory Committee on matters relating to behavioral health in New Mexico's Medicaid program.

Substance Abuse Subcommittee - The Substance Abuse Subcommittee serves to provide guidance and recommendations regarding substance abuse/dependence, prevention and treatment services for communities, families and individuals.

Note: ASAM -- Adult, Substance Abuse, and Medicaid Subcommittee was created to combine the first three subcommittees into one large subcommittee.



CASC – Children and Adolescents Subcommittee: The mission of the Children's Subcommittee of the NMBHPC serves to advocate for families, children and adolescents with or at-risk of emotional, neurobiological and behavioral disorders, including substance abuse and co-occurring disorders.

- **NASC - Native American Subcommittee:** The Native American Subcommittee's mission is to assure excellence in behavioral health services to all Native American people in New Mexico. Co-chaired by the Indian Affairs Department, the NASC has established 5 priority areas for improvements in Native American behavioral health: best practices, cultural competency, comprehensive services, workforce development, and quality management systems.

NMBHPC Input on Block Grant Application

The NMBHPC and its subcommittees actively participated in the FY2016-2017 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Block Grant application. In fact, six members of the NMBHPC, representing different regions of New Mexico, including urban, rural and frontier areas, reviewed the application over a period of several months providing significant guidance in its preparation. Several members of the NMBHPC served on the 2016 BHSD Strategic Planning Committee which addressed issues related to workforce development, financing strategies, and policies governing behavioral health services in New Mexico.

CURRENT FUNDING:

In SFY 2016, the NMBHPC has an annual budget of \$34,100 from the State General Fund.

CURRENT PROGRAM STATUS:

- NMBHPC has a representative on the Trauma Informed System of Care Steering Committee.
- The NMBHPC Chair reports quarterly to the state Collaborative on how the BHPC is addressing various behavioral health issues affecting New Mexicans.
- **Local Collaborative Alliance (LCA):** This statewide Alliance of Collaboratives serves to bring together diverse interests and plan collaboratively at the local level to meet BH needs.

FACTS:

- Behavioral Health Day 2017 will be celebrated at the Legislature on February 15, 2017.
- NMBHPC Members and BHSD staff participated and hosted a booth during the September Recovery Celebrations held throughout the state. Recovery Celebration events were held in Albuquerque, Silver City, Carlsbad, Roswell, Taos, Santa Fe, Las Cruces and Socorro.