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| **Overview:**For a decade, the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative (Collaborative) has worked to bring state agencies – representing health care to finance – together to build an innovative, cost-effective, united-agency system that addresses behavioral health and substance abuse needs in New Mexico.* The findings of a 2002 Gaps and Needs Analysis pointed out the need for a more responsive, integrated behavioral health system that would support communities and people living with mental illness and substance use disorders.
* In 2004, legislation for the Collaborative was signed into law. Leaders from 16 state agencies began working together building a family-focused and individually-centered behavioral health care system with services that would foster an individual’s capacity for recovery and resiliency.
* The legislation requires the Collaborative to develop a delivery system of culturally relevant behavioral health services for infants, children, adolescents, adults and seniors. The delivery system must be accessible from urban, rural and frontier locations. The delivery system must also address workforce development and retention, including quality improvement issues.
* The legislation also requires the Collaborative to meet quarterly; report to the LFC quarterly and annually on measures and outcomes; and revise the delivery system plan every two years.
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| **Summary:*** In 2014, the Collaborative members include 16 state agency leaders - cabinet secretaries, directors, and administrators - with a collective interest in improving behavioral health care systems and services for all New Mexicans.
* The Collaborative is required to bring together state agencies, build partnerships, and blend funding streams to improve the State’s behavioral health care systems.
* The Collaborative’s work supports multiple statewide projects, including Centennial Care, statewide non-Medicaid behavioral health services through the OptumHealth Contract; the Mapping Project and the development of the Local Collaboratives.
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| **HSD FY15 Strategic Plan:**Goal 4: Improve Behavioral Health Services Task 4.1: Strengthen a Behavioral Health System of CareTask 4.2: Integrate New Mexico’s behavioral health system within the changing healthcare  environmentTask 4.3: Boost Accountability Auditing and AssistanceTask 4.4: Reduce adverse impacts of substance abuse and mental illness on individuals, families and  communities |
| **Current Funding:** No funding is allocated to the Collaborative. The Collaborative manages behavioral health funds from Human Services Department; Children, Youth and Families Department; and New Mexico Corrections Department.  |
| **Current Program Status:** * New Mexico’s Crisis and Access Line (NMCAL) started in February 2013. NMCAL is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. NMCAL is staffed by mental health professionals and connects consumers to local providers and state agencies. Between February 2013 and July 2013 NMCAL received 1,160 calls.
* The Collaborative supports the Mapping Project, a group working to gather the contact information for community services throughout New Mexico. This year mapping was finished in the following areas: Silver City, Reserve, Farmington, Taos, Gallup, and the Navajo Nation.
* The Collaborative also:
* manages non-Medicaid funding appropriated to Behavioral Health Services Division, Children, Youth and Families Department, and New Mexico Corrections Department;
* chairs the five statutory subcommittees of the Behavioral Health Planning Council;
* develops statewide substance abuse plans;
* oversees and manages the administrative services contract for non-Medicaid prevention, treatment and recovery services; and
* is the cosigner on contracts with four Centennial Care managed care organizations (MCO).
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| **Facts/Challenges:*** By law, the Collaborative includes members representing the following 16 State Agencies and Divisions:
	+ Human Services Department (Chair)
	+ Department of Health (Co-Chair, alternating annually)
	+ Children, Youth and Families (Co-Chair, alternating annually)
	+ Administrative Office of the Courts
	+ Aging and Long Term Services
	+ Department of Finance and Administration
	+ Department of Transportation
	+ Department of Workforce Solutions
	+ Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
	+ Division on Instructional Support and Vocational Rehabilitation
	+ Governor’s Commission on Disabilities
	+ Health Policy Commission
	+ Indian Affairs Department
	+ Mortgage Finance Authority
	+ New Mexico Corrections Department
	+ Public Education Department

 In addition, the following agencies are represented at meetings:* Children’s Cabinet
* Department of Veterans Services
* New Mexico Higher Education
* Recognizing that state-wide collaboration is more effective with input from local collaborative efforts, the Collaborative provided the organization to develop 18 Local Collaboratives (LCs) representing communities throughout the State. Native American communities are represented by five LCs.
* With the advent of Medicaid Expansion and the creation of Centennial Care in 2014, instead of one MCO managing Medicaid and non-Medicaid services, there are four Centennial Care MCOs providing integrated Medicaid physical and behavioral health and substance abuse services and one non-Medicaid behavioral health administrative organization.
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