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## Behavioral Health Local Collaborative Meeting in Carlsbad on Thursday Afternoon

**Opportunity for behavioral health consumers, families, advocates and local community groups to participate in the new and improved statewide behavioral health system.**

*Santa Fe, May 18, 2005* - A meeting to help coordinate the behavioral health needs of Chaves, Eddy and Lea counties is taking place tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. at the Carlsbad Medical Center. Local Collaboratives will work closely with the New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Collaborative (the Collaborative) in its efforts to streamline behavioral health services among all state funded behavioral health services.

“As the state moves forward with the new behavioral health system, we recognize the importance in creating local partnerships among behavioral health consumers, family members, advocates, local agencies and community groups,” said Jack Callaghan, Deputy Director for Family Services of the Children, Youth and Families Department. “And members involved in the Local Collaboratives will play a key in role how those services are provided in their community.”

Eddy, Chaves and Lea counties are part of several communities across the state, plus several Native American communities that are creating Local Collaboratives, and are looking for consumers, families and other individuals who are affected by behavioral health needs to help identify the specific priorities of the communities by joining a Local Collaborative in their area.

For more information on how to participate in a Local Collaborative, please contact Don Shapiro at (505) 827-4694.

**Thursday's meeting is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Carlsbad Medical Center in Carlsbad.**

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