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## New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative Seeks Consumer Comments on Behavioral Health Care

**Santa Fe, October 13, 2006** — The New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative (Collaborative) is dedicating an entire afternoon to hear from consumers of behavioral health services. “In our continuing effort to improve behavioral health services across the state, we need to hear from the people who are receiving the services to find out what is working, what is not working, and what improvements need to be made,” said Pamela Hyde, Human Services Department Secretary and co-chair of the Collaborative.

The meeting is being held Wednesday, October 18, 2006 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the MCM Elegante Hotel, 2020 Menaul NE in Albuquerque.

The Collaborative is seeking comments regarding the quality and delivery of mental health and substance abuse services in communities across the state. “We want to provide quality health-care services that meet the needs of New Mexicans,” said Michelle Lujan Grisham, Department of Health Secretary and co-chair of the Collaborative. “The best way we can improve upon the existing services is to hear from the people who depend on these services.”

“This is an opportunity for consumers to have the ears of those making decisions about public behavioral health services, which is something we have never had before,” said Marilyn Rohn, State Liaison in the Office of Consumer Affairs of the Behavioral Health Services Division, Department of Health. “It’s a chance to have your concerns heard.”

For more information about the Collaborative Consumer meeting, please call, toll free, 1-800-362-2013 or in Santa Fe, 476-7109. Additional information can be found at the State of New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative website, <http://www.bhc.state.nm.us/>.

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