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Public Meeting to Discuss the Planned Los Lunas Substance Abuse Treatment and Training Center Scheduled December 6 in Los Lunas

Santa Fe, New Mexico – The public will have an opportunity to learn more about the planned Los Lunas Substance Abuse Treatment and Training Center and offer comments during a public meeting scheduled Thursday, December 6, in Los Lunas.

Co-chair of the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative and Cabinet Secretary of the Human Services Department, Pamela Hyde and State Senator Michael Sanchez will lead the discussion beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Los Lunas High School gymnasium, located at 1776 Emilio López Road in Los Lunas.

“We encourage Valencia County residents and the general public throughout central New Mexico who are interested in substance abuse treatment and training to join the discussion during the December meeting,” said Senator Sanchez.

During the 2007 Legislature, more than \$5 million dollars was appropriated to plan, design and construct a state-of-the art substance abuse treatment and training facility in Los Lunas. Services available through the center will include:

- Up to 16 residential beds for women with their children,
- Community-based intensive outpatient services for men, women and adolescents,
- Telehealth capacity to support smaller communities through consultation and distance learning,
- Other training and support for the treatment of New Mexico’s law enforcement workforce who are dealing with substance abusers in courts, on the streets and in treatment programs, and
- Phase two, if funded, will include up to 16 residential beds for men.

The facility will serve New Mexicans from across the state with a special focus on central New Mexico and will be the centerpiece for substance abuse (including methamphetamine) treatment and provider, court and law enforcement training efforts.

“There is a big need for a state-of-the-art facility in New Mexico to help those who need treatment, while the law enforcement workforce training opportunities are critical to adequately address this growing problem plaguing communities across the state,” said Hyde.

The proposed site for the center is off State Road 314 on Morris Road, across from the new Judicial Complex.

The initial stage of the project will involve the construction of a building to house an intensive outpatient program and training center.

A Request for Proposal will be issued next month as part of the process to select a builder.

It is anticipated the treatment center will open in the Spring 2009.

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