New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative

Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment



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Behavioral Health Collaborative Meeting Tomorrow in Santa Fe

Survey Results on Attitudes Toward Behavioral Health on Agenda, Among Other Items

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative (Collaborative) will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow, Thursday, Oct. 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a pre-meeting update beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the State Capitol Building, Room 321 in Santa Fe.

During the pre-meeting, the Collaborative CEO will update the members and public on several initiatives that are taking place across the state, including the Veterans and Family Support Services, Value Added Services and the Consortium for Behavioral Health Training and Research data to name a few.

During the regular meeting, the Collaborative will hear a report from the University of New Mexico's Department of Communications and Journalism on results of the survey they conducted on the attitudes toward behavioral health.

Other topics during the regular meeting include:

- Report from the Behavioral Health Planning Council
- Presentations on the Native American Local Collaborative Expansion
- Update on the Linkages Supportive Housing Program
- Draft Children's Subcommittee Report from the Behavioral Health Planning Council

As always, there is an opportunity for public input during the Collaborative meeting.

The complete agenda for Thursday's meeting is posted on the Collaborative website at www.bhc.state.nm.us under the "public meeting calendar" section. Collaborative meetings are typically held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

About the Collaborative

The Collaborative was created during the 2004 Legislature to allow most state agencies and resources involved in behavioral health treatment and recovery to work as one in an effort to improve mental health and substance abuse services in New Mexico. This cabinet-level group represents 15 agencies and Governor Bill Richardson's office.