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

Agenda Items include Cultural Competency, Quality Service Improvements and Expansion of Local Collaboratives

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative (Collaborative) will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the Harold Runnels Building, Auditorium, 1190 St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe.

The Collaborative will go into Executive Session from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. to discuss the procurement of the next behavioral health services contractor, known as the Statewide Entity.

Other Collaborative agenda items include:

- Presentations for the Native American Expansion of Local Collaboratatives
- Cultural Competency Report
- Behavioral Health Planning Council Report
- Quality Service Improvements: Examining Psychotropic Medications for Children
- Behavioral Health Services Division, Medication Fund Update

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 <u>www.bhc.state.nm.us</u> under the "public meeting calendar" section. Collaborative meetings are typically held on the fourth Thursday of each month, but due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, this month and next month the meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the 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.