

# New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative

Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment



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## Behavioral Health Collaborative Delays Selection of Next Behavioral Health Services Contractor

### Available State Funding for 2010 Budget Year Factor in Delay

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative will delay selecting a contractor to oversee statewide behavioral health services. The potential for a state budget shortfall is forcing the Collaborative to postpone the procurement process until mid-December.

The Collaborative made its decision to delay the selection of a contractor because interested companies responded to the state's Request for Proposals based on state revenue projections that have changed dramatically since August. State economists, who predicted a nearly \$400 million surplus in August, warned of a potential \$200 million deficit in October as a result of the global financial crisis and the corresponding drop in oil and gas prices.

State economists will revise the revenue forecast on Dec. 15. Members of the Collaborative will decide at that point whether to solicit a new and detailed Best and Final Offer from the bidders in order to see more clearly how each would adjust their initial offerings to reflect the new fiscal reality.

It is possible the Collaborative could select a bidder to enter into negotiations with at the December 18, 2008 Collaborative meeting.

The successful bidder will be managing the combined funds of several publicly funded behavioral health services for the 15 state agencies and the Governor's office that make up the Collaborative. The contract will be effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

New Mexico is in its fourth year of a ten year process to transform behavioral health services driven by a focus on recovery and resiliency.

### *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.

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