

New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative

Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment



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Behavioral Health Collaborative Takes Next Step in Choosing Next Behavioral Health Services Contractor

OptumHealth New Mexico Asked to Participate in Contract Negotiations

SANTA FE – Today the New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative moved one step closer in choosing a bidder for the next behavioral health services contractor, known as the Statewide Entity.

Based on recommendations from the RFP Evaluation Team, the Collaborative has asked OptumHealth New Mexico to enter into contract negotiations.

These contract negotiations are a continuation of the procurement and selection process. More detailed information on the content of proposals or of the evaluations cannot be made available until the anticipated public award and final notice of contractor selection.

The selection and contract negotiations are the next step in the procurement process. When and if OptumHealth and the Collaborative conclude contract negotiations, a final announcement of the award shall be made. In the event that OptumHealth and the collaborative cannot reach agreement on the terms of a contract during the negotiations the process allows for the Collaborative to go back to the remaining bidders to determine if an agreement can be reached with them.

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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