

# New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative

Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment



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## Systems of Care Awards for Excellence Winners Announced at Behavioral Health Collaborative Conference

Albuquerque, New Mexico - The New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative has announced the winners of the first *Systems of Care Awards for Excellence*, during its Inaugural Conference in Albuquerque today.

These five awards represent a range of individuals, organizations and programs that foster a positive impact on New Mexico's mental health and/or substance abuse systems of care.

The following are the awardees, and reasons why they received the honor.

- **Volunteer Advocate, Regina Begay-Roanhorse** – Ms. Roanhorse has a statewide perspective and has a broad impact; advocating for behavioral health needs that extend beyond her own local collaborative or region. She participates on numerous meetings, provides insight and input, has a team approach, and is active on initiatives across New Mexico.
- **Collaborative Project, Veteran and Family Support Services** – The Veteran and Family Support Services (VFSS), located in Rio Rancho, truly promotes the spirit of collaboration for the ultimate purpose of providing culturally sensitive services and care to veterans and their families. VFSS has made over 2,200 contacts to “engage multi-agency and community support” in past year that involves government, religious public and educational organizations.
- **Legislation and Legislator, Senator Mary Kay Papen** – Senator Papen is a strong advocate for persons who access the behavioral health system and has sponsored the Behavioral Health legislative Day for the past two years, celebrating consumers and their families.
- **Media Event, Local Collaborative 6 “May Mental Health Month Campaign”** – Local Collaborative 6, representing Grant, Luna, and Hidalgo Counties, created an anti-stigma campaign which included multi-county radio and television spots and posters. As a result of the media education campaign, providers reported an increase of persons seeking services and community members expressing a relief that it is “ok” to have a mental illness.
- **Pioneer, Carol Luna-Anderson** – Ms. Luna-Anderson has served hundreds of consumers for over 20 years; offering hope, kindness and work to those who might otherwise not find it. Through the Life Link in Santa Fe she has designed and implemented programs that have gained national recognition. Ms. Luna-Anderson has also been past Behavioral Health Planning Council Chair and active in her local community.

### About the Collaborative

The Collaborative was created in 2004 by the Governor and the 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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