

# New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative

*Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment*

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## New Behavioral Health Services Division Executive Manager Has Big Goals for Improvements

SANTA FE –The Behavioral Health Collaborative and the Human Services Department are pleased to announce Harrison Kinney has been named the new Executive Manager of the Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD). Originally from Albuquerque, Kinney brings 33 years of behavioral health experience to the Division.

“Mental illness and substance abuse are devastating diseases that can become overwhelming especially when individuals are forced to deal with heavy stigma and personal loss which can include lost jobs, lost friends and spouses, and even homelessness,” said Kinney. “In response I have spent the last 33 years designing, funding and implementing integrated systems of care to help folks heal the consequences of their behavioral health disorders so that they can recover and have a meaningful life.”

These integrated systems of care were accomplished in Colorado and Texas and included integrated Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) programs; Supported Housing; Co-occurring Disorder; emergency, transitional and permanent housing programs; supported employment; benefits assistance and specialized homeless program.

As Executive Manager, Kinney has broad-reaching goals for BHSD which include:

- Facilitating, within the framework of the Collaborative, the development of a data driven, culturally competent, epidemiological process that clearly identifies behavioral health disorders and related issues that should be targeted within the public behavioral health system of care.
- Facilitating the development of evidenced based practices to assist persons based on assessed need to recover a life they deem meaningful within their home communities. Such services may include Assertive Community Treatment; integrated treatment for co-occurring disorders; supported housing; supported employment; peer services; family support; trauma informed services; supported education; Native American traditional healing; and, other services that have been demonstrated to facilitate recovery.

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- Identifying specific outcome measures for each behavioral health service component as part of a Continuous Quality Improvement process.

Kinney received several awards for the creation of several programs while in Colorado and Texas, including: community support programs (1983); peer provider programs (1992) and integrated homeless programs (2006). He is published in the *Journal of Applied Social Sciences* and *Journal of Rural Community Psychology*. In his personal time, Kinney enjoys spending time with his wife of 37 years, Kathy, his two children and five grandchildren.

“The vast majority of persons with mental illness have that spark and, in some cases, intense fire to recover their lives,” Kinney said. “I have sincere respect for their tenacity and fortitude and want to do everything I can to help that process along.”

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