

New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative

Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment



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Behavioral Health Collaborative Meeting in Las Cruces on Thursday, April 24

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative (Collaborative) will hold its monthly meeting in Las Cruces on Thursday, April 24 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Farm and Ranch Museum, located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

This is the first time the Collaborative, which represents 15 state agencies and the Governor's office will hold its meeting in Las Cruces. "With such a large geographical state, we recognize the difficulty for those interested in behavioral health issues to make it up to Santa Fe where we regularly meet," said Collaborative CEO, Linda Roebuck. "We hope meeting in different cities and towns across New Mexico will accommodate more consumers, family members and providers in those areas and improve participation and understanding of New Mexico's behavioral health transformation process."

Items on the April Collaborative agenda include:

- Updates from the Collaborative CEO,
- Discussion of future meeting locations,
- Presentation of Local Collaborative 6 Total Community Approach initiative,
- An evaluation report on the Clinical Home Project,
- Report and recommendations of the Core Services Agencies, and
- Public Input

The complete agenda for Thursday's meeting can be found on the Collaborative website at www.bhc.state.nm.us under the "public meeting calendar" section. Collaborative meetings are typically scheduled the fourth Thursday of each month.

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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Department of Finance and Administration
Department of Health
Department of Workforce Solutions
Department of Transportation
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Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Governor's Commission on Disability
Governor's Health Policy Advisor
Health Policy Commission
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