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Behavioral Health Summit to Focus on Community, Peer Support, Family and Youth and Traditional Approaches to Healing

Santa Fe New Mexico – The advisory committee to the Behavioral Health Collaborative, (called the Behavioral Health Planning Council) is holding a summit tomorrow, Tuesday, Sept. 23 in Santa Fe for Council members and Local Collaborative members.

Attendees can choose to participate among four different tracks focused on behavioral health issues concerning New Mexico: Community Initiatives; Peer Support; Family or Youth and Traditional Approaches to Healing.

Some behavioral health topics are covered in different tracks, for example supportive housing for people with behavioral health issues. "The need for supportive housing impacts the broader community as well as families and youth," said Jane McGuigan, Supportive Housing Coordinator for the Collaborative. "During Tuesday's summit we will hear how two new Supportive Housing projects for adults and youth are working in some areas of New Mexico and how other communities can benefit from the experience."

The Summit will kick-off tomorrow morning with "Coffee with the Collaborative" an opportunity to talk with the Cabinet Secretaries and Directors of the 15 state agencies and the Governor's office that make up the Collaborative.

The Summit is at the Hilton Santa Fe, 100 Sandoval Street in Santa Fe from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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