

# New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative

*Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment*



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## Behavioral Health Collaborative Selects OptumHealth New Mexico as Next Behavioral Health Services Contractor

SANTA FE – Today the New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative selected OptumHealth New Mexico as the successful bidder to be the state's next behavioral health services contractor known as the Statewide Entity.

This selection resulted from a successful month long contract negotiation process with OptumHealth New Mexico. Last month, the Collaborative agreed to begin negotiations with OptumHealth based on recommendations from the RFP Evaluation Team.

“OptumHealth New Mexico rated far above the other bidders overall in all categories by the Evaluation Team. It was very clear to the Collaborative members that OptumHealth was the right choice to partner with and continue New Mexico's path of improvement for behavioral health services,” said Pamela Hyde, Human Services Department Secretary and co-chair of the Collaborative.

OptumHealth 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.

“Between now and July 1, we will focus on ensuring that providers and people who need behavioral health services experience a smooth transition to our new contractor,” said Dr. Alfredo Vigil, Department of Health Secretary and co-chair of the Collaborative.

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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