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2009 Behavioral Health Collaborative Conference Dedicates One Full Day to Ethics and Cultural and Linguistic Competency Training

SANTA FE – The 2009 Behavioral Health Collaborative Conference *Real People, Real Lives* will spend the final day of the four-day Conference to focus on Ethics and Cultural & Linguistic Competency Training. The Conference is December 8-11, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque.

On Friday, December 11, 2009 the day will consist of three tracks: Cultural and Linguistic Competency Training, Ethics Level One, and Ethics Level Two.

"The idea behind Ethics and Cultural & Linguistic Competency Training is to bring attention to the need for multi-cultural knowledge and awareness of cultural barriers facing behavioral health consumers," said Fred Sandoval, MPA, Human Services Department Income Support Division Director. "Cultural knowledge and responsiveness to the socio-cultural diversity of New Mexico's consumers is critical to enable practitioners to develop and expand their cultural and linguistic competency."

The Cultural and Linguistic Competency Training Workshop: Culture Matters; is from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and will help strengthen the clinical knowledge base and clinical practice of individuals serving diverse communities.

Two concurrent Ethics Training workshops are designed to develop a greater awareness concerning their responsibility to adhere to professional ethical codes.

- ➤ Ethics Level One, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. will serve as an introduction to the fundamental of ethical clinical practice.
- Ethics Level Two, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. will be a technical review of ethical codes governing clinical practice. This training will also address the cultural and linguistic clinical practice of values relevant to New Mexico's populations.

Continuing Education Units will be awarded to training participants from several professional boards.

Early bird registration ends November 21, 2009. Four-day attendance registration, which includes Ethics or Cultural & Linguistic Competency Training, is \$260, Ethics or Cultural & Linguistic Competency Training alone is \$139, three-day attendance registration is \$169 and one day attendance registration is \$80. Registration scholarships are available for providers and educators, family members and youth except for the Ethics and Cultural & Linguistic Competency Training.

For complete information about the conference, agenda, registration, continuing education, and more please visit the conference website at www.bhcollaborative.org or contact Harrison Kinney at Harrison.kinney@state.nm.us

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.