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New Mexico Human Services Department Receives Two Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grants

The \$16.7 Million in Grants Will Serve More New Mexicans with Recovery and Supportive Housing Initiatives

Santa Fe – The New Mexico Human Services Department's Behavioral Health Services Division has received two grants from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to continue its efforts to improve services for New Mexicans with mental illness and substance abuse issues.

“These grants are instrumental in continuing the important work the Behavioral Health Services Division has been focused on for people with mental illness and substance use disorders,” said Linda Homer, Behavioral Health Services Division Director and CEO of the Behavioral Health Collaborative. “The grants will focus on recovery initiatives and permanent supportive housing, which are essential in improving the behavioral health system in New Mexico.”

The Access to Recovery (ATR) III Grant totals \$13 million over four years. ATR is a client-centered, community based recovery program involving clinical treatment, faith-based counseling and support, and other services that provide client support during the recovery process. The ATR III grant will help serve an additional 9,000 people and build on the work already done in New Mexico with the ATR I and ATR II grants, which helped serve over 16,000 people through six Central Intake Units using a credentialed network of more than 150 clinical and recovery support providers.

The Mental Health Transformation Grant totals nearly \$3.7 million over 5 years to continue the outgrowth of the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative's Long Range Supportive Housing Plan, which has resulted in the development of 170 supportive housing units and the use of new strategies linking people with disabilities to support services since State Fiscal Year 2008. The new funding will expand and enhance the projects for adults with Serious Mental Illness and co-occurring substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Two counties are targeted with the grant funding; San Juan and Santa Fe County. An estimated 100 people will be served annually with 500 served over the lifetime of the grant.

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.