

New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative

Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment



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Behavioral Health Collaborative Seeks Public Input for Next Statewide Entity Contract

Public Meetings Scheduled Across the State Beginning April 13, 2010

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative wants to hear from New Mexico citizens as it prepares to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the next behavioral health (mental health and substance abuse) services contractor known as the statewide entity.

The Collaborative has scheduled five public input meetings and one Native American Tribal Consultation beginning April 13, 2010 through May 7, 2010 throughout the state.

Public Input Opportunities:

- April 13, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Farmington at 608 Reilly
- April 14, 2010, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Roswell at the Counseling Associates Inc., located at 110 E. Mescalero Rd.
- April 15, 2010, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Las Cruces at the Southwest Counseling Center Inc. located at 100 W. Griggs Ave.
- April 19, 2010, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Santa Fe at the Human Services Department office located at 37 Plaza la Prensa
- April 28, 2010, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Native American specific meeting for Region 6 in Albuquerque at the Human Services Department Income Support Division located at 1711 Randolph Road S.E.

Native American Tribal Consultation:

- May 7, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Albuquerque at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center located at 2401 12th St. NW

The public input period is April 12, 2010 through May 14, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Written comments may be submitted in person during the meetings, by email at bhcollaborative@state.nm.us, by mail to: Attn: Angel Roybal HSD, 37 Plaza la Prensa, Santa Fe, NM 87507 or by fax at 505-476-9272, Attn: Angel Roybal.

Individuals with a disability, who require a reader, amplifier, a qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the public meetings, should contact Angel Roybal at (505) 476-9256 or fax at (505) 476-9272 as soon as possible.

A draft concept paper will be available for review at the meeting locations, and will be posted on the Collaborative website the week of April 5, 2010 at www.bhc.state.nm.us, under the “public comments” section.

The **draft** timeline for the RFP process is:

- June 2010– Issue RFP
- July 2010 – Proposals Due
- August 2010 – Review and Evaluation of Proposals
- September – November 2010 – Contract Negotiations
- December 2010 – Contract Decision
- July 2011 – Contract Effective Date

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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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