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## **Behavioral Health Collaborative Congratulates Christine Wendel for her Appointment to a National Advisory Council for Substance Abuse Treatment**

*Santa Fe, New Mexico* – The New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative (Collaborative) today congratulated Christine Wendel, Behavioral Health Planning Council Chair, for her appointment to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) National Advisory Council.

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius appointed Ms. Wendel to serve on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's CSAT Council through November 30, 2014.

“Secretary Sebelius has made an excellent choice in inviting Chris Wendel to serve on the CSAT Advisory Council,” said Linda Homer, CEO of the Collaborative. “Chris has served New Mexico well over the past three years as the Chair of the Behavioral Health Planning Council and will bring her enthusiasm and expertise in substance abuse treatment to the national level.”

The CSAT works to promote the quality and availability of community-based substance abuse treatment services for individuals and families who need them. The CSAT works with States and community-based groups to improve and expand existing substance abuse treatment services under the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program, which is administered in New Mexico by the Human Services Department's Behavioral Health Services Division.

“As someone who has been in long term recovery, it is an honor and privilege to work on behalf of those who still suffer with drug addiction and alcoholism,” said Chris Wendel.

CSAT also supports SAMHSA's free treatment referral service to link people with the community-based substance abuse services they need.

More information about CSAT can be found at <http://csat.samhsa.gov/>.

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