New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative

Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment



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> Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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MEDIA ADVISORY

SANTA FE – The 7th Annual Behavioral Health Day at the Legislature will be held at the Capitol tomorrow from 9:00am-2:00pm to honor individuals living well with mental health, substance use and/or co-occurring conditions and who have made a positive influence in their communities. The Day's purpose is to recognize and honor individuals (STARs) who have overcome their illness to become advocates in their communities to educate and inform others about these illnesses, and to introduce these individuals to their legislators and the legislative process in order to assist them in continuing their journey. BH Day also introduces legislators to the faces and voices of individuals living and working in the behavioral health world.

WHO: HSD Secretary and Collaborative Co-Chair Sidonie Squier
CYFD Secretary and Collaborative Co-Chair Yolanda Beruman-Deines (Invited)
Acting DOH Secretary Brad McGrath (Invited)
Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino
Senator Howie Morales (Invited)
OptumHealth CEO Elizabeth Martin

WHAT: Behavioral Health Day at the Legislature

WHEN: Tomorrow, January 23, 9:00am-2:00pm

WHERE: Capitol Rotunda, 490 Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe