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**Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 24, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Senate Finance Committee Room (Room 322)
490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87505

1. Welcome and Roll Call

○ Committee Present:

- Nick Boukas, *Executive Committee Chair, Behavioral Health Services Division Director at the New Mexico Health Care Authority*
- Kari Armijo, *New Mexico Health Care Authority Cabinet Secretary*
- Dana Flannery, *Medicaid Director*
- Karl Reifsteck, *Administrative Office of the Courts Director*
- Dr. Violette Cloud, *Behavioral Health Expert {joined virtually after roll call}*
- Dr. Stacey Cox, *Behavioral Health Expert*
- Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino, *Behavioral Health Expert*

○ Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act Leads:

- Kristie Brooks, *New Mexico Health Care Authority Director of Behavioral Health Transformation and Innovation*
- Esperanza Lucero, *Administrative Office of the Courts Behavioral Health Reform & Investment Administrator*

- A quorum was established.
- The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by the Committee Chair, Nick Boukas.

2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- Introduction of Behavioral Health Executive Committee
- Executive Committee meeting members introduced themselves and their current titles.

3. Meeting Logistics

- Committee Chair, Nick Boukas, reviewed meeting logistics

4. New Mexico Health Care Authority (HCA) Update: Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (BHRIA) Activities

- Presentation shared by Kristie Brooks, *Director of Behavioral Health Transformation & Innovation*
 - a. HCA Update on BHRIA Activities:
 - i. Summary of Senate Bill 1 (SB1) /House Bill 2 (HB2), financial components supporting Senate Bill 3 (SB3).
 - ii. Review of goals and criteria outlined within SB3.
 - iii. Presented legislative timeline for key dates as outlined within SB3.

5. Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Update on Behavioral Health Reform & Investment Act (BHRIA)

- Presentation shared by Esperanza Lucero, AOC BHRIA Administrator
 - a. AOC Update on BHRIA Activities:
 - i. Shared Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) update.
 - ii. Reviewed regional planning. Proposed hybrid model of macro (infrastructure) and micro (localized) focus.
 - iii. Thirteen (13) judicial districts were presented as the macro-level planning model for regional support.
 - iv. Five (5) infrastructure investment regions (IIRs) were presented as regional hubs to support smaller, localized planning efforts.

6. Committee Questions and Discussion on presentations.

- Committee Member Jerry Ortiz Y Pino:

Judicial District pilot projects funded by Legislation, are those funds incorporated in this or how does that fit into this?

Response from AOC: The funds for the pilot projects are separate. These pilot groups will be stakeholders included to be part of the regional plans. They can bring the needs from these groups to incorporate into the regional priorities.

How will Local Collaboratives fit into this?

Response from HCA: Local Collaboratives are still active and being funded. BHSD encourages them to participate as a stakeholder in the SIM process and in the regional planning. HCA would like them to identify any other stakeholders that will be important to participate, they are familiar with their communities and have historical knowledge that can contribute to the planning meetings.

- Committee Member Dr. Stacy Cox:

Comment on community training for the mapping how training done for this mapping in rural areas, it would be beneficial to this process.

- Committee Member Cabinet Secretary Kari Armijo:

The infrastructure of the Integrated Infrastructure Regions (IIR), what problems these IIRs solve, what is the difference from the regions?

Response from AOC: In hearing from stakeholders, this is an approach across the state to review the areas of the state where some counties are coming together to leverage each other's resources and structure their behavioral health services and capital outlay. This will provide the structure to review capital requests, the IIR can review these requests and can be staffed and work in tandem together as integration happens into communities.

Follow up comment—It may create some complications on what the scope of these IIRs are still not clear and not prepared to vote on this just yet.

A concern with the timeline as funding is set out for a year. There may be urgency for a BH provider network and crisis with access to care. Potential approach is a fast track to get funding out to communities sooner. Appropriations will not be out for about a year and would like to visit a proposal process to get funding out for high priorities.

Response from AOC: Will be up to the Executive Committee and review modifications to the timelines.

- Committee Member AOC Director Karl Reifsteck:

Pick up on the comment on the need to get funding out quickly. Open to this approach, in a thoughtful manner. As a committee to review what the funding mechanism is so that there is equity and make sure that providers can access it if they are a smaller shop or the larger providers, I would like to hear thoughts on this at the next meeting.

How will the Behavioral Health Planning Council be incorporated into this process?

Response from AOC: Potential role as advisement to the local planning level and advise on what is important to New Mexico with their expertise. Also, an opportunity to provide advisement for the Executive Committee as they did for the Behavioral Health Collaborative but would like to hear more thoughts from the Executive Committee.

- Committee Chair, BHSD Director Nick Boukas:

Counties that have the SIM mapping completed, the pediatric component is not included, how will this gap be addressed?

Response to AOC: They will go back to these counties to review how to incorporate the juvenile component with stakeholder involvement.

7. Public Comment

- a. Comments were received from both in-person and online attendees.

8. Judicial Regions

- a. A motion was put forward to adopt the 13 judicial regions as behavioral health regions, with a commitment to revisit the five IIR's and tribal components.
 - i. Motion proposed by Secretary Armijo
 - ii. Motion seconded by Dr. Stacey Cox
 - iii. Vote: Unanimous approval

9. Next Meeting Agenda Topics

- Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment