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via email

Re: October 1, 2025 Monthly Update on Administrative Office of the Courts Activities Related to – Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (BHRIA)

Dear Senators, Representatives, Director Sallee, and Secretary Armijo,

We are three months into our work on setting the foundation for successful, locally-driven behavioral health service planning and usage of the Behavioral Health Trust Fund. The AOC is focused on engaging with each region's local and tribal leadership to ensure an understanding of the process and goals of the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act, the current funding opportunity, and long-term planning and implementation goals. Below is a summary of our work over the last 30 days and concludes with recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Legislature.

1. Behavioral Health Regional Plan Funding Opportunity Update

- AOC released a funding opportunity for each behavioral health region on August 18, Simple application, due September 30.
- [The funding announcement and application](#) was designed to promote organization at the regional level between counties and tribes. Each entity must bring regional stakeholders together through a planning committee, complete the E-SIM, set funding priorities, and submit a regional plan — ensuring their region is positioned to receive funding.

- AOC held two informational webinars with over 76 registrants to review the BHRIA, the funding announcement, and project goals.
- Meetings and discussions held with the following areas to discuss the funding announcement:
 - Cibola County, Santa Fe County, Los Alamos County, Rio Arriba County, Eight Northern Pueblos, Isleta Pueblo, Bernalillo County, Curry County, Roosevelt County, De Baca County, Quay County, Harding County, Union County, Eddy County, Otero County, Dona Ana County, San Miguel County, Guadalupe County, Mora County, City of Clovis, and the Northwest NM Council of Governments.
- Met with the 9th and 10th's existent Behavioral Health Consortium.

Behavioral Health Region	Accountable Entity Identified	Application Submitted	Status Notes
Region 1	Santa Fe County*	-	30-day extension – Tribal Engagement
Region 2	Bernalillo County	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Isleta Pueblo support received ○ Pending Sandia Pueblo meeting 10/2
Region 3	Doña Ana County	Submitted	IGA in process
Region 4	-	Partial	Working to identify a new Accountable Entity
Region 5	Eddy County	Submitted	IGA in progress
Region 6	Luna County	Submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IGA in progress ○ Fort Sill Apache Tribal support received
Region 7	Socorro County	Submitted	IGA in process
Region 8	Taos County	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Taos Pueblo support received ○ Pending Picuris Pueblo
Region 9	Curry County	Submitted	IGA In progress
Region 10	-	-	-
Region 11	NW NM Council of Governments	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pueblo of Zuni support received ○ Pending Navajo Nation
Region 12	Lincoln County	Partial	Pending additional Tribal engagement
Region 13	Cibola County	Partial	Pending additional Tribal engagement

*Anticipated Accountable Entity

2. Key Presentations

- Partnered with HCA & DOH to speak with Health Councils and Local BH Collaboratives with over 170 attendees to discuss working with Accountable Entities.
- Presented to:
 - Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council
 - Behavioral Health Providers Association
 - Local Collaborative 4
 - Local Collaborative 2
 - Executive Committee August 25th Meeting
 - First Judicial District - Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
 - Judiciary treatment court staff

3. Government & Community Collaboration

- Continued meetings with DOH and Health Councils to ensure coordinated approach to regional planning.
- Met with UNM-HSC on regional planning support for facilitator/note-taker training.
- Partnered with [100% NM](#), an initiative of Anna, age 8 - will provide feedback on multiple aspects of the planning process.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness – sponsoring one presenter with lived experience to speak at each workshop.

Completed Next Steps from September 2025 Report

- ✓ **Coordinate Joint Training:** Finalize agenda and schedule the statewide training with DOH, health councils, and local collaboratives.
- ✓ **Met with Indian Affairs Department** to include more robust tribal engagement strategies.
- ✓ **Support Funding Applications:** Provide technical assistance for regions preparing to apply for funding under SB3.
- ✓ **Strengthen Agency Partnerships:** Maintain regular meetings with HCA, UNM-HSC, and Corrections partners to ensure alignment across state systems.

- ☐ Schedule Mapping Workshops- *[pending finalized IGAs with each Behavioral Health accountable lead]*

Next Steps

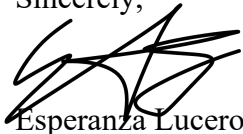
- Finalize IGA's with each Behavioral Health Region
- Support Health Council and Local Collaborative engagement in the regional planning process and encourage collaboration with the Accountable Entities.
- Release regional planning tools and guidance.
- Maintain ongoing coordination with tribal, county, and local partners to ensure inclusive representation in BHRIA planning.
- Schedule workshops across all 13 BH Regions.

Recommendations

- **Executive Committee**
 - Adopt a funding formula and funding structure to inform regional planning efforts
 - Should HCA make a fast-track funding option be available to the Accountable Entities, the roll out of that fast-track process should be closely coordinated with the regional planning process so as not to delay the original timeline due to competing priorities.
- **Legislature**
 - Check in with your district's local leadership, offer to host meeting, and emphasize the importance of collaborative nature of the work in order to access funding.
 - Region 10 – Harding, Quay, and De Baca are still in need of an accountable entity. Any support to help solidify this final behavioral health region would be greatly appreciated.

Please visit our [BHRIA website](#) where interested parties can access agendas, meeting materials, completed SIM mapping, AOC's monthly reports, join our mailing list, and easily submit feedback/questions.

Sincerely,



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