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Re: SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) Planning Funding Opportunity

This letter is written to identify Bernalillo County (BernCo) as the "Accountable Entity" for Region 2. BernCo has begun convening the necessary parties and has invested in pre-planning. The Deputy County Manager for Behavioral Health, Dr. Wayne Lindstrom has been taking point on this project and is the dedicated contact person. Dr. Lindstrom has met with other government bodies including the City of Albuquerque, the Sandia Pueblo, the Isleta Pueblo, and will meet with the Tohajiilee Navajo Chapter, upon their determination. You will find attached two letters of support with a third letter pending execution. Further, Dr. Lindstrom is scheduled to present on SB3, to the Local Government Coordinating Commission (LGCC), the Albuquerque City Council, the Board of County Commissioners, he has presented to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), and the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB). These organizations support BernCo moving forward as the accountable entity.

Dr. Lindstrom has also met with the University of New Mexico's Consortium of Behavioral Health Training and Research (CBHTR) in its role of providing Technical Assistance relative to this project and is prepared to initiate planning the ESIM workshop for children, youth, and families. BernCo has event space available to conduct this workshop and will provide the technical support and tools necessary to complete the process. Bernalillo County acknowledges the 25% commitment of in-kind matching funds and is prepared to execute this project as demonstrated in the attached summary budget.

Further, BernCo has the capacity to meet all of the AOC communication expectations and is committed to making monthly progress reports, a completed Regional Plan draft within 45 days of the ESIM Workshop, and submission of a final plan to the Executive Committee before June 30, 2026. BernCo is excited to participate in the technical assistance meetings and to respond to any inquiries or requests for clarification, documentation, or edits to the Regional Plan.

Bernalillo County is prepared to begin the next stage of planning and appreciates the time and consideration of the Executive Committee in reviewing the application for the initial planning funds of \$45,000.

Sincerely,

Cindy Chavez
County Manager
Bernalillo County

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