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To: Esperanza Lucero
Administrative Office of the Courts
Behavioral Health Integration and Reform Administrator
aoceal@nmcourts.gov

Dear Ms. Lucero:

The County of Luna is pleased to provide you with this letter of commitment for the Regional Behavioral Health Planning application to be the 'accountable entity' for region District 6. The grant term, unless changed by the AOC, is September 2025 through June 2026.

1. The primary contact information for the proposed accountable entity is:
Primary Contact Name: Chris Brice
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Mailing Address: 700 S. Silver Ave., Deming, NM 88030
2. Attached you find letters of support from the participating counties in our region. Hidalgo County, Grant County and anticipating Fort Sill Apache Tribe.
3. Budget Request: \$45,000.

Funds will only be used for planning, reporting, and evaluation purposes, not direct behavioral health services. We, as the accountable entity, will invoice the AOC on completion of the budget items listed below. All expenditures will comply with federal and state law.

In Kind funds that will be applied are as follows:

- Staff time
- Use of government facilities for regional workshops and/or stakeholder meetings
- Use of office or meeting space
- Opioid Settlement Funds

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Budget Items	Suggested Budget Amounts	In Kind Options	Budget Amounts
Establish Regional Stakeholder Planning Committee	\$15,000.00	Use of County facilities, staff and office materials	\$26,000.00
Meeting Related Expenses			
Community Outreach	\$5,000.00	Use of existing Health Council	\$10,000.00
Development and completion of the Regional Behavioral Health Plan	\$25,000.00	Opioid Settlement dollars (consulting)	\$35,000.00
Total	\$45,000	\$26, 000.00	\$71,000.00

4. As the accountable entity, we will comply with the following:
 - Convene regular planning meetings with an established consistent schedule to ensure meaningful collaboration.
 - Coordinate with UNM-HSC and the AOC on E-SIM Mapping
 - Include diverse stakeholders at the minimum:
 - County governments represented in the region
 - Tribe, Pueblo, and Nation representative represented in the region
 - At least one (1) District Court Judge and court program representative
 - Adults and youth with lived experience
 - Behavioral Health Providers and community organizations
 - County and Tribal Health Councils and Local Collaboratives
 - Other local key stakeholders as identified by the accountable entity
 - Ensure Regional Inclusivity by formally inviting each regional county, tribe, pueblo, and nation
 - Conduct enhanced Sequential Intercept Mapping
 - The Workshop must be held in a government owned and operated facility with a minimum of two months notice by the AOC
 - Lunch and beverages must be provided by all participants with food sourced locally (restaurant or food service)

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- Translation and interpreting services must be made available as needed or as requested by participants.
 - Community Outreach:
 - Co-host at least one (1) community listening session as directed
 - Incorporate community input into planning efforts, documented in the plan
 - Completion of Regional Behavioral Health Plan
 - Establish a regional coalition through a formal agreement (MOU)
 - Demonstrated meaningful and ongoing engagement of stakeholders
 - Ensure the draft plan is reviewed and approved of by each participating county
 - Identify conflicts of interest with stakeholders if it appears that financial interests would reasonably appear to be affected.
5. As the accountable entity we will comply with reporting requirements, communication requirements, and all conditions related to the budget including the allowable use of funds and timely invoice submissions
- Reports:
- Regions must submit monthly progress updates by the 15th of each month
 - The regional plan draft will be submitted before or within 45 days of the E-SIM workshop
 - A finalized regional plan will be submitted before June 30, 2026
- Communication and participation:
- We will have representatives participate in monthly state-led technical assistance meetings
 - We will respond to state-level requests for clarification, documentation or edits to the regional plan

We believe this regional planning process will reflect Luna County's and State's high expectations and ultimately benefit the residents in our region.



Chris Brice
Luna County Manager