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County Manager

October 29, 2025

Esperanza Lucero, Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
111 Lomas Blvd., Suite 300
Albuquerque, NM, 87102

Dear Ms. Lucero:

Please let this serve as **Santa Fe County's Letter of Commitment** (LOC) to serve as the Accountable Entity for the First Behavioral Health Region for purposes of applying for planning grant funding and coordinating the development of a regional plan, per the August 18, 2025, funding announcement of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

Los Alamos County, Rio Arriba County, and Santa Fe County took a variety of steps to ensure that (i) the selection of an Accountable Entity was inclusive and (ii) all governmental entities in our region had the opportunity to volunteer to be the Accountable Entity.

On September 11, 2025, the County Managers for Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and Santa Fe Counties collaborated on an invitation for all relevant government leaders within our region to meet on September 17 in order to ensure equal awareness of the State's Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (BHRIA) status and to identify an Accountable Entity per its required terms; a copy of that letter is attached and reflects the governmental complexity for our region. Specifically, 14 separate and distinct governments:

1. Jicarilla Apache Nation
2. Ohkay Owingeh
3. Pueblo of Santa Clara
4. Pueblo de San Ildefonso
5. Pueblo of Nambe
6. Pueblo of Pojoaque
7. Pueblo of Tesuque
8. County of Los Alamos
9. County of Rio Arriba
10. County of Santa Fe
11. City of Espanola
12. City of Santa Fe
13. Town of Edgewood
14. Village of Chama

Subsequent meetings were scheduled, and the original September 30 deadline was extended to allow each entity time to consult internally, talk with the State independently, and ultimately recommend an initial Accountable Entity.

On October 17, 2025, a final letter was sent from Santa Fe County to its regional partners requesting either (i) a letter of support for Santa Fe County to serve as the Accountable Entity or (ii) an indication of their interest in serving as the initial Accountable Entity. (A copy of the October 17 letter is also included with this LOC.) This letter also outlined themes consistently expressed in each of the stakeholder meetings. Namely:

- The desire for all tribal and local government stakeholders to be involved from the outset in the planning effort;
- The importance of collaboration and transparency throughout this process; and
- The desire for all governments within our region to agree on an initial Accountable Entity.

To date, no other government or quasi-government entities within our region have expressed both ability and willingness to serve as the initial Accountable Entity for our region. In terms of letters of support, Santa Fe County has received them from the following: Los Alamos County, Rio Arriba County, the Pueblo of Nambe, the Pueblo of Pojoaque, the Pueblo de San Ildefonso, and the City of Espanola. If additional letters of support are received after submission of this application, we will supplement our application with them.

Santa Fe County's application consists of the following:

1. This Letter of Commitment
2. A List of Counties and Tribal Governments Represented (indicated above)
3. Primary Contact:

Name: Anne Ryan, Community Services Department Director
Address: 240 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, NM, 87501
Phone: (505) 995-9538
Email: asryan@santafecountynam.gov
4. Letters of Support from each County Manager within our behavioral health region and several other tribal and local governments within our region (attached).
5. September 11, 2025, letter from the County Managers of Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and Santa Fe Counties and October 17, 2025, letter from Santa Fe County Manager, both to leadership of tribal and local governments within the First Behavioral Health Region.
6. Completion of the below Budget Table to include In-Kind Funding (noting that AOC recently increased the base amount from \$45,000 to \$60,000, while keeping the original match the same at 25% of the original \$45,000 base):

Budget Items	Base Amount	In Kind Match	Total Amount
• Establish a regional stakeholder planning committee	\$15,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$18,000.00
• Meeting and workshop related expenses, including coordination, venue, food services and related			
• Community Outreach	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$7,000.00
• Development and Completion of the Regional Behavioral Health Plan	\$40,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$46,250.00
Grand Total	\$60,000.00	\$11,250.00	\$71,250.00

NB: This budget is subject to change, as we anticipate many (if not all) of our tribal and local government partners to contribute human resources/expertise, space, and/or monetary resources.

Presumably the information packaged here satisfies your request to meet the October 30, 2025, application deadline. Should you have questions, please reach out to Anne Ryan at her contact information listed above.

We look forward to working with you and others involved in this important process.

Sincerely,



Gregory S. Shaffer
Santa Fe County Manager

cc:

Tribal and Local Government Leaders in the First Behavioral Health Region
Anne Ryan, Santa Fe County Community Services Department Director