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*via email*

**Re: June AOC Monthly Update – Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (BHRIA)**

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

June 2026 marks one year since the BHRIA went into effect. Since that time, the AOC has supported all 13 regions in conducting regional planning workshops that included broad and meaningful stakeholder engagement. Region 2's plan is pending submission of additional information to the Behavioral Health Executive Committee. Region 1 formally submitted their plan on May 26th. We anticipate 11 of the 13 regions will submit comprehensive regional plans by June 30, 2026. Regions 4 and 12 have formally requested extensions of approximately 45–60 days to complete and submit their final plans to the Executive Committee.

As the AOC concludes its planning responsibilities under the BHRIA, staff are working closely with the Health Care Authority (HCA) and regional partners to ensure a smooth transition of from AOC's planning work to HCA for plan implementation support. This includes coordinating a warm handoff for Accountable Entities, planning materials, and regional relationships to support continuity and maintain momentum as implementation efforts move forward under HCA leadership.

AOC will begin its quarterly reporting obligations on the status of sequential intercept mapping and regional planning in FY27 and will submit those reports by the following dates: September 30, 2026; December 31, 2026; March 30, 2027; and June 30, 2027.

## **Updates from Behavioral Health Executive Committee - Working Group - May 29, 2026:**

### **1. Tribal Allocations**

HCA, AOC, and LFC will work on the funding formula to change the following:

- Title change and numbers change (*IHS service population share, with amendment to include Native American population in all counties*)

- Definitions, methodology description
- Implications also need to be addressed (share definition will determine allocation)

### **May Questions:**

AOC thanks the HCA for providing responses to many questions, which are provided in blue below.

#### **1. Regional Plan Funds**

Once regional plans have been approved how will funds be distributed to Accountable Entities? A full transfer, a partial up-front transfer, reimbursement based, or some combination?

**HCA:** HCA is working with Legislative Finance Committee to identify the process for funding distribution. Information will be forthcoming.

#### **2. Performance Measure Data Infrastructure**

Will HCA develop and manage a centralized database for performance measure entry and tracking, or will regions be expected to allocate a portion of their funding to support this function?

**HCA:** As outlined in the [Regional Plan Template](#):

4.4 Funding Caps and Allocation Limits: Awarded applicants may not use more than 15% of funding received for administrative overhead and evaluation and performance tracking.

6.2 Quarterly Reporting: Quarterly reports are required for the duration of the funding period and must include performance metrics aligned with the approved Regional Plan goals, priorities, and evaluation framework. HCA is not developing or managing a centralized database at this time as performance metric has not yet been identified by all regions for each priority.

The Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act further provides at Section 4 (D)(4) that Regional Plans shall “provide a time line and performance measures for each funding priority that include a plan for developing data collection and infrastructure, performance measures, feasibility analysis and a sustainability plan”.

Specific guidance is also requested on integration and access to key data sources, including:

- Health Insurance Exchange datasets
- A real-time provider network list
- Resource data from YESNM Connect
- Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health claims data

### **HCA:**

How to access the BH Provider Directory List:

Health Care Authority (HCA) Behavioral Health Provider Directory Tool can help identify and review providers operating within their region. To access this directory tool, please visit <https://nmrecovery.org/> Under the “Resources” tab, specific “State of New Mexico” resources are highlighted, including the “NM Provider Directory,” available for download. Instructions on how to utilize this “NM Provider Directory” are highlighted on the first tab of the excel-file download. However, if you have any follow-

up questions or concerns related to this document, or the required Behavioral Health Provider Index, please reach out for help ([BHRIAsupport@hca.nm.gov](mailto:BHRIAsupport@hca.nm.gov)).

NM HCA YESNM Connect:

NM HCA YESNM Connect is a statewide platform operated by the New Mexico Health Care Authority. Its purpose is to help connect New Mexicans with health and social services such as housing assistance, food resources, transportation, behavioral health services, and other community support programs. The system allows healthcare providers, social service organizations, and community partners to identify resources in their communities. [Yes New Mexico Connect by findhelp - Search and Connect to Social Care](#)

**3. Early Access Funding – Regional Plan Integration**

How should early access funding be incorporated into their regional plans?

- Whether it should be reflected as a standalone component or embedded within priority strategies
- Alignment with future allocation cycles

**HCA:** If priorities are the same or similar between Early Access and full Regional Plans, Regions can incorporate into one report the strategies developed toward that priority with distinction given to the unique projects employed. Future allocations are determined via legislative appropriation and will require coordination once relevant legislation is passed.

**4. Behavioral Health Funding Layering**

Guidance from HCA experts is requested on allowable uses, sequencing, and the braiding of funds.

- Rural Transformation federal funds
- Opioid Settlement funds
- Medicaid reimbursement
- BHRIA funding
- Behavioral Health Trust Fund

**HCA:** The Health Care Authority has posted on its website a number of resources including information on developing regional plan budget justifications. Technical assistance is also available to regions for one-on-one discussions and can be coordinated through reaching out to the BHRIA Team via the dedicated email address: [BHRIAsupport@hca.nm.gov](mailto:BHRIAsupport@hca.nm.gov).

**5. Technical Assistance & Oversight Support During Implementation**

Will the HCA provide technical assistance or designated points of contact to regions for:

- Provider credentialing and enrollment
- Certification and licensing requirements
- Support for specialized services such as:
  - Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP)
  - Comprehensive Community Support Services (CCSS)
  - Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
  - Mobile Crisis Services

- Community-Based Competency Restoration

### **HCA:**

The Health Care Authority has created and published on its website a BHRIA FAQ accessible here: [BHRIA-FAQ-General](#).

Please send inquiries or requests for technical assistance related to BHRIA to our BHRIA Team ([BHRIAsupport@hca.nm.gov](mailto:BHRIAsupport@hca.nm.gov)). The BHRIA Team can assist in coordinating Technical Assistance one-on-one discussions to assist in clarifying processes and/or assist with questions.

Provider support through BHSD is dedicated to helping behavioral health service providers grow and develop to meet the needs of their communities. The Provider Support team can often provide technical assistance and translate the roadblocks or speed bumps providers run into, the technical language used within the Medicaid systems helping to dissolve those blocks. Contact: [bh.qualityteam@hca.nm.gov](mailto:bh.qualityteam@hca.nm.gov).

BHSD resources are available on the New Mexico Recovery website: Specialized Services, New Mexico Recovery <https://nmrecovery.org/>

### **Recommendations**

1. Regions are working with Pueblos, Tribes, and Nations (PTN) on how to incorporate PTN priorities into the plan, many of which are developing a plan to be attached via an addendum to the regional plan. If HCA will directly fund PTN's, the addendum could serve as the PTN's regional plan.
2. Procurement and billing-related concerns remain consistent questions from the Accountable Entities. Entities continue to seek clarity on whether the Department of Finance and Administration and the Health Care Authority are advancing solutions to address procurement requirements for services that may otherwise qualify for exemption through the HCA. There is a clear need for practical strategies that allow local governments to contract for services in an effective and efficient manner. In response, AOC recommends that HCA engage with the DFA and the Legislature to explore a statewide administrative services solution that Accountable Entities could utilize in the administration of behavioral health services, rather than requiring each Entity to independently procure these services.
3. Workforce is a priority that is largely consistent across the regions and an issue that must be addressed at the state level. As mentioned in our April and May reports, it is still unclear who is leading the efforts. Section 24A-10-4(I) of BHRIA requires coordination among higher education institutions, the Health Care Authority, the Workforce Solutions Department, and other behavioral health stakeholders.

**HCA:** As outlined in the section of BHRIA, “Higher education institutions within behavioral health regions shall coordinate with the health care authority, the workforce solutions department and other behavioral health stakeholders to create a behavioral health workforce pipeline for the behavioral health services identified within regional plans.” As workforce needs are identified in each of the regional plan submissions, discussions on coordination efforts with Higher education, Workforce Solutions, identified BH stakeholders and HCA can begin.

4. AOC encourages the BHEC Chair, to schedule a voting meeting, as there are Regions who have formally submitted their regional plans and are awaiting BHEC approval.

## AOC Regional Plan Process Tracking

<b>Regional Milestone Tracking – SB3</b>				
<b>Region</b>	<b>Workshop (Status)</b>	<b>Workshop Date</b>	<b>Listening Sessions</b>	<b>Regional Plan Submission (Status)</b>
Region 1	Completed	12/18/2025 - 12/19/2025	Completed	Submitted pending BHEC final approval
Region 2	Completed	11/20/2025 - 11/21/2025	Completed	Submitted and approved with request for more specificity
Region 3	Completed	2/26/2026 - 2/27/2026	Completed	In Progress; draft submitted to AOC
Region 4	Completed	4/14/2026-4/16/2026	Completed	In Progress
Region 5	Scheduled	5/05/2026-5/07/2026	Completed	In Progress
Region 6	Completed	3/24/2026 - 3/26/2026	Completed	In Progress
Region 7	Completed	3/18/2026 - 3/20/2026	Completed	In Progress; draft submitted to AOC
Region 8	Completed	3/11/2026 - 3/13/2026	Completed	In Progress
Region 9	Completed	12/02/2025 - 12/04/2025	Completed	In Progress; draft submitted to AOC
Region 10	Completed	4/21/2026 - 4/23/2026	Completed	In Progress
Region 11	Completed	12/18/2025 - 12/19/2035	Completed	In Progress; draft submitted to AOC
Region 12	Completed	1/14/2026 - 1/16/2026	Completed	In Progress; draft submitted to AOC
Region 13	Completed	4/8/2026 – 4/10/2026	Completed	In Progress

\*Visit the Alliance of Health Councils for more information and details on upcoming regional listening sessions-  
<https://www.nmhealthcouncils.org/publichealthevents>

## Regional Priorities

<b>E-SIM Report Links</b> ↓	<b>Priority 1:</b>	<b>Priority 2:</b>	<b>Priority 3:</b>	<b>Priority 4:</b>	<b>Priority 5:</b>
<b>Region 5 (Pending)</b>	Housing, Transportation & Basic Needs	Justice System Services and Supports	Prevention, Trauma, & Mental Health Promotion	Increase Access to Behavioral Health Assessments & Treatment	Youth, Family, & Caregiver Supports
<b><u>Region 10</u></b>	Treatment & Recovery Supports	Youth & School-Based Supports	Crisis Systems	Community Wellness & Social Connection	Justice, Diversion, & Courts
<b><u>Region 4</u></b>	Mobile Crisis/Crisis Center	Resource Centers/Intergenerational Community Center	Workforce Retention & Recruitment	Youth Engagement	Youth Treatment Court
<b><u>Region 13</u></b>	Crises Response, Mobile Services, & 988 Coordination	Clinical Treatment, Recovery, & Service Capacity	Care Coordination, Navigation, & Continuity of Care	Housing, Transportation, & Basic Needs	Workforce Development, Training, & Provider Support
<b><u>Region 6</u></b>	Crisis Services & Stabilization	Housing & Basic Needs	Treatment & Recovery Service Access	Workforce Capacity & Development	Youth, Family, & Parental Supports
<b><u>Region 7</u></b>	Housing, Transportation & Basic Needs	Behavioral Health Service Expansion	Community Wellness, Prevention & Stigma Reduction	Youth Engagement, Mentoring & Access to School-Based Behavioral Health Services	Workforce Development
<b><u>Region 8</u></b>	Care Navigation & Coordination	Housing, Transportation, & Community Infrastructure	Youth Programs, Spaces, & Prevention	Workforce & Provider Supports	School-Based Supports & Education
<b><u>Region 3</u></b>	Justice System Initiatives	School-Based Services & Supports	Youth & Family Engagement	Transportation, Housing, & Vocational Resources	Coordination Across Systems

<b><u>Region 12</u></b>	Housing	Behavioral Health Care Continuum Expansion	Youth, Family, & Caregiver Supports	Crisis Response Services	Justice & Diversion Services
<b><u>Region 2</u></b>	Policy	Access	Continuum of Care	Social Drivers of Health	Workforce Development
<b><u>Region 9</u></b>	Crisis, Acute, & Higher-Level Care Infrastructure	Housing & Homeless Services	Community-Based Programs for Youth and Adults	Workforce Development	Youth Prevention Programs & Mentorship
<b><u>Region 11</u></b>	Housing, Shelter, & Transportation	Diversion, Specialty Courts, & Justice System Improvements	Coordination & System Integration	Access and Infrastructure for Behavioral Health Services	Prevention, Community & Cultural Support
<b><u>Region 1</u></b>	Workforce & Pipeline Development	Access & Capacity	Prevention, Cultural & Community Spaces	Schools and School-Based Supports	Family & Caregiver Support

Please visit our [New Mexico Courts 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.