Task Force Members Present
Bill Wiese UNM/RWJF – Chairing the meeting
Bette Betts ALTSD
Sheila Lewis DPA and Women’s Justice Project
Jaye Swoboda MD at Questa
Jennifer Weiss Heroin Awareness Committee
Riesha Fiorina Drug policy Alliance
Kristin Jones CYFD
Grace Philips NM Assoc Counties
Pam Brown NMDC
Erick Eichler DPA intern
Felice Marohn DPA Intern
Estela Vasquez UNM/RWJF Fellow

<Several members tried unsuccessfully to use the announced telephone connection.>

NEW Action Items from this meeting:

Kristin Jones *Forward Tony Sanford’s correct e-mail at CYFD to Bill Wiese
Sheila Lewis *Forward e-mail from Pam Brown about Correction costs to the whole Task Force.
*Send to Task Force SM 19 recommendations on women and addiction to review the documents and make a decision on whether to support.
*Draft language for recommendation and send to Task Force on the Corrections Department re requiring the collection of data on response to persons who have a dirty analysis while on probation and persons who are being tested for drugs as well as persons who have an addiction problem. Include ideas for training model.
Felice Marohn *Send Pam Brown a copy of the current MAT daft report so she can review/comment.
Riesha Fiorina *Follow up on contacting Rachel O’Conner for the DWI synopsis/summary.
Bill Wiese *Add to the beginning of the Interim Report a section for special populations.
*Re-write wording for recommendation one to no longer recommend the creation of another Task Force.
*Re-write wording for recommendation on pg 19 based on comments of Task Force members.
*Inquire about setting up a meeting with in-coming governor to get her position on topic.
Grace Philips *Rewrite and draft up a new version of Sheila Lewis’s recommendation for the sentencing and collateral consequences to soften the language. Re-do the last
recommendation. Inquire how much of a dramatic increase has occurred in NM and look into current legislation regarding giving counties power with incarceration.

Pam Brown Identify specific peer programs to give to Sheila Lewis to further look at and for Bill Wiese to then consider in the report for any changes. (for recommendation on pg 18).

Minutes from November 9th, 2010 were reviewed and approved by members. Sheila Lewis moved to approve the minutes. Jennifer Weiss seconded and all supported. Minutes were approved with no corrections.

Purpose of the Meeting: Follow up on previous action items; consider recommendations; consider interim report of the Task Force.

Opening Comments:

- Bill Wiese informed members this is the last meeting unless the Task Force is extended during the upcoming legislative session. The Interim report will, however, continue to be drafted and based on what is done by e-mail to get it submitted.
- Bill Wiese asked Kristin Jones about emails to Tony Sanford at CYFD being returned. Kristin will investigate and forward the correct address to Bill.
- Jane Davis was absent and circulated an e-mail to members about her current position being uncertain.
- Bill Wiese inquired about Judith Arciniaco. Kristin Jones informed the members she did followed up with her and sent Judy Arciniaco an e-mail. Judy Arciniaco informed Kristin Jones that she will contact her and has been in contact with Jane Davis. However, no words from Judy Arciniaco.

Follow Up From Previous Meeting:

A. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES MAPPING
Project to create an inventory and to map provider information, specifying services available to both juveniles and adults, including eligibility and how people get into services and how systems of care are developed, and information on detention centers. Jane Davis has made progress on the behavioral mapping. This is presently an on-going database building effort at BHSD and is not ready to be shared yet.

a. Bill Wiese said this mapping should go beyond any one organization (e.g. BHSD) and this assignment will have to spill over into any extension of the Task Force next year.

b. Grace Philips emphasized the importance of this mapping; it not only informs what services are available, but it also includes eligibility criteria, as well as information on the funding. Grace Philips requested that the Task Force ensure this project is completed.

c. Kristin Jones said we need a follow-up from Harrison Kinney. Bill Wiese said Linda Roebuck was going to talk to Harrison Kinney.

B. PRISON NEEDS and SERVICES
Report to summarize aspects of prison alcohol and drug census, releases, recidivism, programs, planning, costs, and alternative funding strategies and opportunities, capacity, and barriers, and draft recommendations remains pending. A subcommittee was charged at the October meeting to gather the information from various sources, summarize and make recommendations. This subcommittee initial
membership: Sheila Lewis (initial convener), Bernie Lieving (declined), Valerie Hubbard, Angie Vacchio, Catie Willging Pam Brown and Mike Estrada.

a. Sheila Lewis reported the members did meet electronically and everyone completed their to-do and submitted their reports. She will re-convene the subcommittee following this Task Force meeting.
b. Sheila inquired about the template Bill Wiese sent out for reporting recommendations. Bill recommended using the template as much as reasonably possible, but blanks are fine at this time.
c. Sheila will send a snapshot submitted by Pam Brown of costs for Corrections to the whole Task Force.

C. MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT

a. Felice Marohn reported that a scheduled meeting with Bruce Trigg and Mike Estrada did not take place. Felice Marohn sent the HM-9 (2009) recommendations to Bruce Trigg. Bruce is to prepare/edit updated recommendations, but will be away until January 10th. The recommendations may not be available in time for the Interim Report. Bill Wiese noted that the MAT recommendations are a priority for the Task Force and need to be completed for the upcoming legislative session.
b. Pam Brown would like to see drafts and have input. Felice will send her a copy.
c. Grace Phillips identified the need to extend the prescribing guidelines to nurse practitioners. Currently there are very few jails with access to a physician, but may have access to a nurse practitioner or others. However, these health professionals are not able to prescribe buprenorphine. Pam Brown observed that this restriction on prescribing opioid replacement is based on federal statute. Nurse practitioners are able to oversee patients’ care after a physician has prescribed the drug.
d. Jaye Swoboda added that Medicaid generally covers services only when psychiatrists prescribe, that Medicaid is now covering Suboxone better after prior authorization process.
e. Grace Philips wanted to minimize frontload costs.
f. Sheila Lewis noted funding is available under the Affordable Care Act if a state takes steps to adopt the right policies and language. She recommended that the MAT group (Felice and Bruce) look into this possibility in the ACA.

< Sheila Lewis asked about a meeting with incoming governor to inquire on her position on this topic. Bill Wiese will follow up on this. >

D. WORK GROUP TO PLAN HEARING for JANUARY

a. Herman Silva has been point person for scheduling the hearing. Sheila Lewis has tried to contact him but has not received a response. Task Force decided it is too late in the process and there is not enough time to do an adequate job. This item is now off the agenda.
b. Jennifer Weiss suggested going to the Behavioral Health Day at the State Legislature. This could be a great venue. Ann Casey from MAPS and Letty Rutledge from BHSD informed her about the event.

E. DWI FUNDS

a. The Task Force’s goal re DWI is to understand where funds come from and how they are distributed. These funds are in addition to the general appropriations for addiction, substance abuse, the Collaborative, etc. Susan Bosarge was going to prepare a summary for the Task
Force. Kristin Jones reported that Susan has been out on medical leave and will be for the
next few months.

b. Pam Brown suggested contacting Rachel O Conner from the governor’s office. Riesha
Fiorina will follow up.

F. BARRIERS TO REINTEGRATION
   (This was deferred.)

Approvals for Drafted Recommendations (Interim Report)

REPORT FEEDBACK: Bill Wiese requested feedback on the general format of the Interim Report. The
report starts out with larger general letters and moves onto the methodology and then into a section of
general findings. He would like to know what to omit or what to expand on. Currently each page is its
own topic starting with a general paragraph that sets the frame.

GENERAL:
• Sheila Lewis asked for inclusion of a specific recommendation regarding women and addiction.
  She would like evidence-based policies. For example: a previous Task Force taught a key
  intervention site is to engage in intervention for recovery for pregnant women. A specific policy
  is to ensure all resources are also available for pregnant women. Kristin Jones recommends
  making it clear that this Task Force supports the SM-19 Task Force recommendations. Sheila
  will send out the SM-19 report and language that will go into the Report.
• Jennifer Weiss added we also need specific recommendations for adolescence. Sheila Lewis
  suggested adding to the beginning of the report a section on special populations such as
  adolescences and geriatric populations as well as pregnant women and African American or a
  cultural component section. The Task Force agrees with Sheila Lewis recommendation on
  special populations. Bill Wiese will add this section to the beginning of the Interim Report.
• Sheila Lewis says the Task Force report can make a statement on how the Task Force has
  reviewed previous reports. Jennifer Weiss says to also add how such recommendations have
  been recommended before and that the problem is still here and it is getting worse. This demands
  action.
• Bill Wiese said recommendations need to be very specific and include to whom the
  recommendation is directed. The action needs to be clearly stated as to who will carry out the
  action/recommendation.

INTRODUCTION:
• Sheila Lewis suggested explicitly stating we want to take a public health approach and change
  (instead of modifying) the current approach to criminal justice. Such change demands for a
  larger and significant paradigm and ideological shift. Pam Brown and Jennifer Weiss agreed
  because too often many forms of violence originates from drug addiction problems, but this is
  often overlooked. The criminal justice system decisions/actions are rapidly prosecuted without
  any treatment or recognition of the drug addition as a health problem that needs intervention.
  Moving offences such as personal use or possession from felony to misdemeanor would help in
  refocusing the intervention toward treatment rather than punishment.
• Pam Brown is interested in the time lapsed during probation. Sheila Lewis suggested the
  Corrections Department collect data on the response to persons who have a dirty analysis while
  on probation and persons who are being tested for drugs as well as persons who have an
  addiction problem. There is a need for documentation on effort in getting them into treatment.
• Sheila suggested adoption of a model shown to be successful elsewhere that includes changes regarding (1) diversion, (2) violation of probation, and (3) redefining successful outcomes of parole. Sheila offered to draft this language and send it to the Task Force. This recommendation is addressed to the Corrections Department, Probation and Parole. Pam Brown said Hope Project based in UCLA is another possible model to investigate. Jaye Swoboda said these recommendations can easily be placed into the sentencing section of the report. Grace Philips expressed concern that policies aren’t always expressed in practice. The recommendation must specify the collection of data in order to know what really happens.

RECOMMENDATION FOR COORDINATION IN COMMUNITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY MULTIPLE STATE AGENCIES
This is the issue raised by Suzie Trujillo. When state agencies engage in communities, operations are too often top down and not responsive to the community. Multiple agencies may not communicate. The community, not the agencies, must become the central to operations, analogous to funding following patient in ACA.

• Grace Philips questioned the need of another new taskforce, proposing merging this effort with another existing effort, and others agreed. Maybe instead this recommendation needs to go onto an existing taskforce.
• Kristin Jones recommended directing this recommendation to the advisory board of the (Behavioral Health Planning Council). Local collaborative should be responsible for gathering local recruitment.
• Jaye Swoboda proposed the mapping of the agencies and the roles would be useful to better characterize the situation.
• Bill Wiese will re-write the draft. Grace Philips says get rid of the interagency Task Force and just focus on behavioral health.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL USE
As drafted: Reduce the number of people who are active drinkers at young age. Take environmental approach. Support increase in state alcohol tax.
State tax was proposed by Glenn Wieringa, who favored the state tax in order to gain uniform statewide coverage.

• Jennifer Weiss recommended stressing local option, such as implemented in McKinley and San Juan Counties, or including both local option and state tax and hope we get at least one. There was general concurrence on this approach.
• Sheila Lewis said a bill called “minor possession of alcohol” language indicates an obviously intoxicated youth will be placed in jail. Sheila Lewis does not think we need another criminal response. Need to develop a public health response - those found to be intoxicated should not automatically be incarcerated. The Task Force agreed with this opinion.
• Kristin Jones pointed out the wording of the recommendation says primary care – rewording the paragraph in order to quickly understand the concepts at use.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION OF ILLICT DRUG USE

• There is need for consensus on terminology for use of drugs. Kristin Jones said its “alcohol and other drugs” is preferred. Susan Bosarge, from BHD, gave a presentation that used “illicit drugs”, but it remains unclear to what extent this term is employed generally. Jaye Swoboda said “illicit drugs” seems appropriate. He favored using “addiction” and “no addiction”, and not in-between words that are ambiguous. “Abuse” is using prescription
drugs outside of prescribed use; “misuse” is using a prescribed drug incorrectly. DPA has a lexicon that Sheila Lewis will make available.

- Pam Brown noted that DSM-5 will be done in 2013. Sheila Lewis recommended using the DSM terms and diagnostic criteria e.g. a substance abuse disorder. This should help with unifying the use of such terms/terminology.
- The table in the draft is the wrong one.
- Sheila Lewis proposed making a generic recommendation such as mandate the NM Board of Pharmacy to enhance the utilization of current database and develop a system for cross listing among pharmacy.
- There was discussion about adding mandatory drug education in schools at all age levels and possibly using the educational program developed by the Drug Policy Alliance. The Task Force supported this.
- There was agreement that state-sponsored ad campaigns would be helpful.
- There was discussion regarding persons who use of heroin without it being an addiction or harmful to the user, and whether such users should be regarded as being “at risk.” Widely different opinions within the Task Force were evident.

RECOMMENDATION FOR HARM REDUCTION

- Jennifer Weiss recommended individuals under 18 should be able to get the needles. These populations are using drugs, but are not using clean needles. The Task Force agreed.
- Jennifer noted that Sen. Ortiz y Pino is drafting a bill to lower the age to 16 and to maintain funding for Harm Reduction.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAPPING

Mapping, the mapping goes beyond the needs of the individual agency. Keeping it agency-specific may be useful to agency, but less so for the public. A comprehensive behavioral health database will assist in determining capacity for services in various parts of the state.

- Services and information to be added:
  - Grace Phillips proposed eligibility criteria and whether funding is available.
  - Bette Betts suggested adding the Aging & Disability Resource Center, a state-wide call-in center for all adults that has a large data base maintained and regularly updated by ALTSD.
  - Kristin Jones noted the Sentencing Commission has a database as well.
  - Pam Brown proposed adding the buprenorphine providers.
  - Sheila Lewis proposed including the tribes.
  - Pam Brown suggested adding local collaborative too as the responsible agency.
  - Jennifer Weiss said Help New Mexico is currently trying to figure out a road map for providers to use. Jennifer will inquire further.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTEGRATION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTO PRIMARY CARE

- Change pg. 3 title and pg. 14 title to say integration with behavioral health services into primary care. Jay Swoboda also suggested adding in local collaborative.
- In number 3 recommendations Bette Betts amended the wording used for the Core Service Agencies (CSA).
- Bill Wiese said there need to be multiple points of access. Primary care can provide a large portion beyond the current behavioral health providers.
• Sheila Lewis informed the group the police are testing a good model. Police rack kids up and send into the Jail system located in Las Cruces. Royal Rank a public offender uses Juvenile Assessment Referral Center (JARK).
• Kristin Jones highlighted the prenatal care and connection to pregnant woman.
• Pam Brown said not just reimbursement but a point of cut off is needed for this document.
• Chris Wendel recommended demonstration models for integration with someone in-charge of the individual – un-carving the carve-out.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAT :
• Felice Marohn will keep in contact with Bill Wiese about these recommendations.
• Bill Wiese will contact Sen. Sanchez in terms of what her time frame is.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SENTENCING AND COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES
• Sheila Lewis has provided the draft. Bill has reviewed these with Tony Ortiz at the Sentencing Commission. Tony said (Enact the Uniform Collateral Consequences Act) language needed for Legislative action. For (Focus resources only on high-risk), he recommended getting rid of the evidence-based practice - don’t say we want to get you out but say we want better guidelines in practice. Tony indicated (Amend the Alternatives to Incarceration Bill) is a creative solution to the highly polarize topic and believes it is a possible option.
• Jaye Swoboda felt the recommendations are too long. Grace Philips some are written in a more severe way than appropriate. She said we need a more positive spin so maybe adding a paragraph that is less black/white -- the point is to ensure only the right people are locked up. She volunteered to work on the wording and soften it up.

RECOMMENDATION ON MANAGEMENT OF PRISONERS WITH ADDICTION:
• Pam Brown said many of these last activities are all based on staff. She also liked the idea of the adult in formal and informal practices. However, some of these are dependent on money.
• Sheila Lewis said there are many prevention grants. Sheila Lewis recommended creating a successful model to later further expand. Our recommendation is to inform DOH or HOC that they need to apply for such grant ad then lead it. Pam Brown did not feel these are very realistic.
• Bill Wiese said we already have a recommendation of increasing peer access (from Chris Wendell). Bill Wiese said its possible to move paragraph (#2) to findings and then to engage in the actual findings. Pam Brown said these programs are available to the prison and anywhere in the population as well.
• Pam Brown will identify specific things to then give to Sheila Lewis to further look at and for Bill Wiese to then consider in the report for any changes.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEER RECOVERY ACCESS
• Behavioral Health Collaborative does certification of individuals for the corrections and the jail system.
• Sheila Lewis recommended making specific elaborations on the videos, phone calls, etc. For example phone lines to get a line so that people can use it to communicate. Facilities should provide prisoners with the ability to get in contact with their peer mentor.
• Pam Brown inquired about the peer process. Kristin Jones and Sheila Lewis both responded that peer volunteers are supporters and guidance/mentors to the prisoners. Pam said volunteers get a 4 to 6 hours training program. Faith-based facilities do their own training and so do other organizations/groups.
• Bill Wiese will try to re do some of these.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JAILS:
• Grace Philips will re-do some of these. Grace Philips is unsure how much of a dramatic increase, but does know they NM locks up more people than any other capital of the states. Grace Philips would like to further clarify this.
• Grace Philips will submit a memorial on how to address mental health issues and others as well as other legislation. There is a debate about community custody program. Grace will review and revise this section.
• Grace said a survey could be done on a sample of counties. She said she was uncertain what the role of the Association of Counties should be in this.
• Sheila Lewis raised the issue of bonds. People put up 20%. Pam Brown has the figures and will send them to Bill Wiese.

CLOSING REMARKS:
• Bill Wiese will send out iterations of the draft as they are ready for review and comment and will edit an Interim Report for general distribution

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Next meeting: (to be determined)