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via email

Re: July 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, UNM-BHTAC, and HCA have supported all 13 regions in conducting regional planning workshops in order to develop their regional plans. The process for formal regional plan approval generally takes between 30-45 days prior to the Behavioral Health Executive Committee (BHEC) public meeting, where plans are formally voted on and approved.

*Subject Matter Experts at CYFD, PED, ECECD, DOH, DWS, etc.

As New Mexico transitions into the implementation of these plans, AOC, HCA, UNM, and the LFC have been working closely on how to best support regions moving forward and ensure robust evaluation. This includes the UNM-BHTAC as the clearinghouse for all regional workshop reports, listening session reports, regional plans, and state-issued directives. The AOC will continue to work with regions that are still pending submission of their regional plan to ensure final review and submission to the BHEC. As a reminder, the 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.

The table below shows each region and the status of their Regional Plan. The Behavioral Health Executive Committee will meet on July 9, 2026, and anticipates action on tribal funding and pending regional plan submissions.

Region	Regional Plan Status
Region 2	BHEC approved, with a request for more specificity. Revised plan submitted by Region 2 on or about 6.24.26
Region 1	Pending BHEC final approval
Region 5	Pending BHEC final approval
Region 7	Pending BHEC final approval
Region 9	Pending BHEC final approval
Region 11	Pending BHEC final approval
Region 10	Pending BHEC final approval
Region 13	Pending BHEC final approval
Region 6	Pending BHEC final approval
Region 8	Pending BHEC final approval
Region 12	In Progress; 60-day extension requested
Region 4	In Progress; 45-day extension requested
Region 3	In Progress; 15-day extension requested

Next BHEC Meeting:

Date: **Thursday, July 9, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Location: New Mexico Health Care Authority, Behavioral Health Services Division
37 Plaza La Prensa, Santa Fe, NM 87507

As planning activities conclude, Regions have consistently identified several issues that warrant continued attention during implementation. These include the development of **sustainable regional governance structures**, clarification of the **long-term role and responsibilities of Accountable Entities**, establishment of processes for regional decision-making, ongoing prioritization, and identification of **resources necessary to support implementation of regional priorities.**

The regional planning effort represents an important first step in a longer-term process of behavioral health system transformation. While substantial progress has been made in identifying regional priorities and building collaborative partnerships, implementation of those priorities will require continued leadership, coordination, and investment. AOC is working closely with state partners to ensure an orderly transition of planning-related activities and knowledge gained through this process so that regions can continue advancing the work initiated during the planning phase.

AOC is also including the following in this report

1) Behavioral Health Regional Priorities grouped by themes across regions.
2) Links to all E-SIM Workshop Reports provided by UNM-BHTAC

Behavioral Health Regional Priorities – Thematic Grouping

The completion of the first iteration of regional plans establishes a significant foundation for future behavioral health investments and provides policymakers with region-specific information regarding service gaps, workforce challenges, infrastructure needs, and community priorities across New Mexico.

The matrix below shows which of the 13 regions named each thematic priority among their top 5. A checkmark indicates the region listed as a priority falling under that theme (regardless of rank).

Priority	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13
Housing, Transportation & Basic Needs			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Crisis Services & Stabilization				✓		✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
Justice System, Diversion & Courts			✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
Treatment, Recovery & Clinical Access	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Workforce Development & Provider Support	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Youth, Family & Caregiver Supports	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Prevention, Wellness, Trauma & Cultural Support	✓				✓		✓			✓	✓		
School-Based Supports	✓		✓					✓					
Care Coordination & System Integration			✓	✓				✓			✓		✓
Policy & Social Drivers of Health		✓											

Housing, Transportation & Basic Needs — the most universal theme, appearing in 9 of 13 regions (5, 13, 6, 7, 8, 3, 12, 9, 11). Most pair housing with transportation; Regions (8, 9, 11) extend it to homelessness services, infrastructure, or shelter specifically.

Youth, Family & Caregiver Supports — appears in ten regions (5, 10, 4, 6, 7, 8, 3, 12, 9, 1), making it nearly as universal as housing. Sub-flavors include parental/caregiver support, youth engagement, and youth-specific treatment courts.

Treatment, Recovery & Clinical Access — nine regions touch this (5, 10, 13, 6, 7, 12, 2, 11, 1), though wording varies widely: "increase access to assessments & treatment," "clinical treatment & recovery capacity," "continuum of care," "access & capacity." This is the core service-delivery theme.

Workforce Development & Provider Support — eight regions (4, 13, 6, 7, 8, 2, 9, 1) prioritize recruitment, retention, training, or pipeline development for the BH workforce.

Crisis Services & Stabilization — six regions (10, 4, 13, 6, 12, 9) explicitly name crisis response, often tied to mobile crisis teams, 988 coordination, or "higher-level care infrastructure."

Justice System, Diversion & Courts — six regions (5, 10, 4, 3, 12, 11) prioritize justice-involved populations, ranging from general "justice system services" to specific diversion courts and specialty court programs.

Prevention, Wellness, Trauma & Cultural Support — six regions (5, 10, 7, 8, 11, 1) emphasize upstream prevention, community wellness, stigma reduction, or culturally specific community spaces.

School-Based Supports — five regions (10, 7, 8, 3, 1) call out school settings specifically, though this overlaps conceptually with the youth/family theme above.

A smaller cross-cutting theme is **Care Coordination & System Integration** (regions 13, 8, 3, 11, 2 — "navigation," "coordination across systems," "continuity of care"), and Region 2 stands somewhat apart with two unique standalone categories: **Policy** and **Social Drivers of Health**, which don't have direct analogues elsewhere.

Overall pattern: housing/transportation and youth/family supports are near-universal regional priorities, while justice-system focus and crisis-service focus are more regionally concentrated (roughly half of regions each), suggesting those two may reflect more localized need rather than statewide consensus.

Below is a list of each Regions who have created a BHRIA website:

Behavioral Health Region Websites *(if applicable)*
Region 1 BHRIA Website
Region 2 BRHIA Website
Region 6 BHRIA Website
Region 10 BHRIA Website
Region 11 BHRIA Website
Region 12 BHRIA Website
Region 13 BHRIA Website

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.