

REGION 11 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REGIONAL PLAN

Overview & Timeline

About the Plan

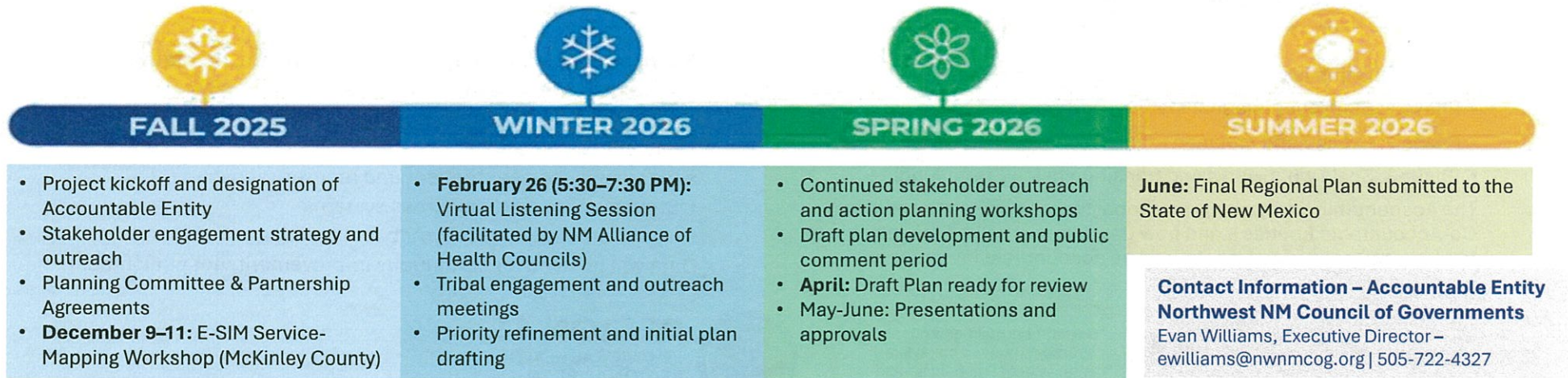
Senate Bill 3, the **Behavioral Health Reform & Investment Act (BHRIA)**, passed during the 2025 New Mexico Legislative Session, calls for rebuilding and strengthening the state's behavioral health system through a regional approach. Region 11—covering McKinley and San Juan Counties, including Native American nations and communities—has been tasked with developing a **multi-year Behavioral Health Regional Plan by June 2026**.

The plan will identify up to **five regional behavioral health priorities** and propose strategies and investments to improve access, coordination, and outcomes across the behavioral health continuum.

Key Goals

- Strengthen and expand behavioral health and substance use services.
- Build regional collaboration among providers, tribal partners, and local governments.
- Develop actionable, fundable strategies for long-term system improvement.
- Ensure community voices guide priorities and investments.

Timeline of Key Deliverables



Project Website: www.nwnmcog.org/rbh11

	% of Annual Funds	Justification
Housing	5% → 15% (scaled)	Housing is foundational; early funding seeds capacity with long-term sustainability
Justice	25%	Reduces jail, improves safety, lowers justice costs
Coordination	25–30%	Backbone investment; prevents duplication and people falling through gaps
Access	25–30%	Builds local care, reduces out-of-region placements
Prevention	10%	Highest long-term ROI, community resilience

Implementation is phased, realistic, and accountable:

- Phase 1: Build coordination, staffing, and governance
- Phase 2: Expand and enhance existing services
- Phase 3: Scale what works and transition to long-term funding

The Accountable Entity along with Tribal Nations invited to serve as Co-Accountable Entities if and how they choose, will be responsible to implement, make investments, and be accountable for impacts.

Success is measured by real improvements, including:

- More people housed and stabilized
- Reduced emergency room visits and jail stays
- Faster access to care
- Increased use of outpatient and recovery services
- Stronger coordination across systems
- Improved outcomes for youth and families

Data will be used for continuous improvement, not punishment.

“Region 11 is building a connected, culturally grounded behavioral health system that puts people back in the center and creates ripples of lasting change for families and communities.”



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