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LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REFORM & INVESTMENT ACT

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INVESTING FOR TOMORROW, DELIVERING TODAY.



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MISSION

We ensure New Mexicans attain their highest level of health by providing whole-person, cost-effective, accessible, and high-quality health care and safety-net services.

VISION

Every New Mexican has access to affordable health care coverage through a coordinated and seamless health care system.

GOALS



IMPROVE Leverage purchasing power and partnerships to create innovative policies and models of comprehensive health care coverage that improve the health and well-being of New Mexicans and the workforce.



SUPPORT Build the best team in state government by supporting employees' continuous growth and wellness.



ADDRESS Achieve health equity by addressing poverty, discrimination, and lack of resources, building a New Mexico where everyone thrives.



PROVIDE Implement innovative technology and data-driven decision-making to provide unparalleled, convenient access to services and information.

AGENDA

- BHRIA Foundations and Progress
 - Implementation Progress
 - Early Access Funding Update

- Regional Progress and Next Steps
 - Regional Plan Progress
 - Next Steps



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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REFORM
AND INVESTMENT ACT (BHRIA), SB3 2025
FOUNDATIONS & PROGRESS

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Staffing & Capacity

- Hired five key positions, including a Regional Director and four Regional Coordinators.

Regional Planning Support

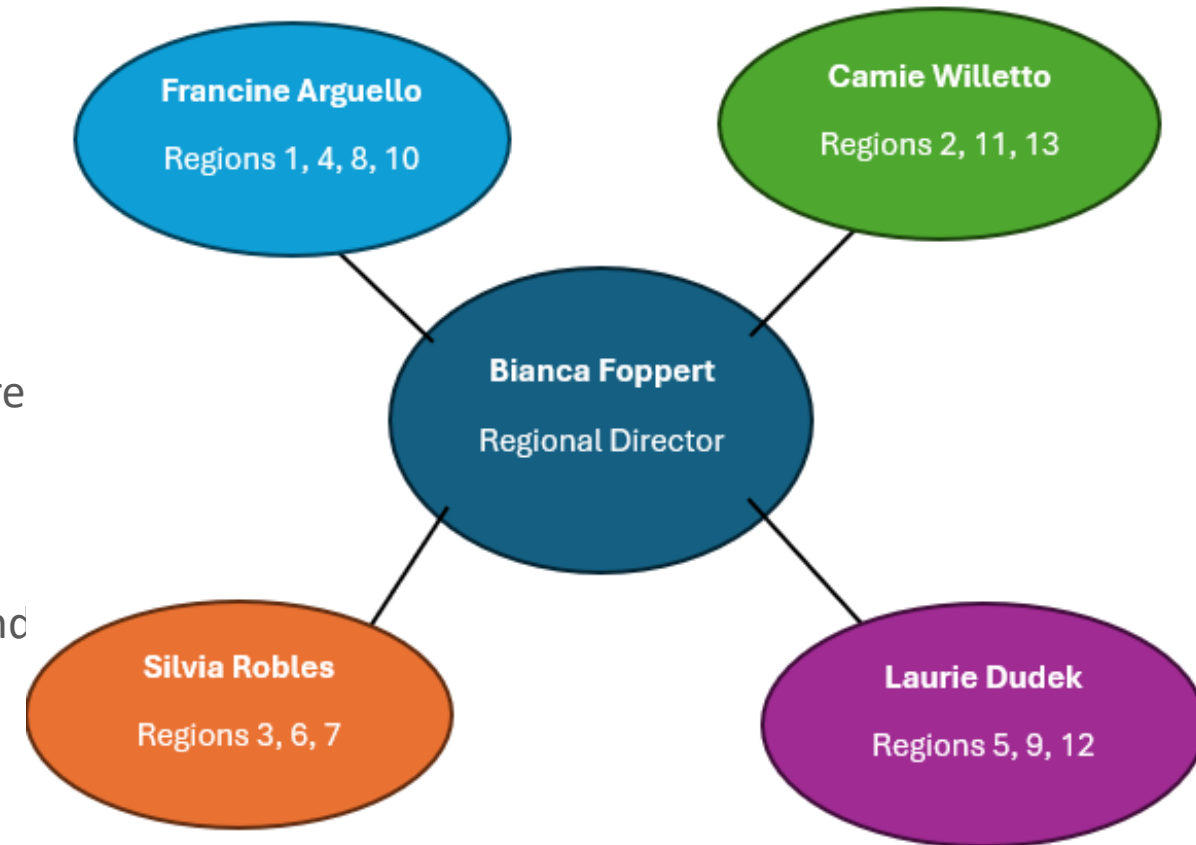
- December 2025: Began statewide technical assistance to support regional planning through weekly Project Echo sessions.
- Published a Regional Plan Template to help region's structure priorities over a four-year grant period.

Regional Plan Development

- April 2026 – Region 2 submitted their regional plan.
- May 2026 – AOC completed regional planning workshops and SIM reports for all 13 regions.
- May 2026 – Region 1 submitted their regional plan.

Tribal Engagement

- December 2025: Held Tribal Consultation.
- Ongoing engagement with Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes through consultation, presentations, and collaborative planning to inform BHRIA implementation.



EARLY ACCESS REGIONAL FUNDING UPDATE

- November of 2025, HCA released a Notice of Funding Opportunity making up to \$26.0 million available statewide through Early Access Regional Funding to accelerate implementation of critical behavioral health services and address urgent service gaps.
- Awarded approximately \$24.5 million across all 13 behavioral health regions. Each region was eligible to receive up to \$2.0 million in Early Access funding through June 30, 2027.
- Executed 12 of 13 Early Access Governmental Services Agreements (GSAs), authorizing regions to begin implementation of approved projects.
- Distributed approximately \$10.8 million in Early Access funding to six regions that completed all required contracting and invoicing steps.
- An additional six regions have fully executed GSAs and have been authorized by HCA to submit their invoice to receive funding. Upon receipt of their invoice, HCA will promptly process payment.
- Early Access projects support implementation of Residential Treatment Continuum of Care, Crisis Continuum of Care, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Justice-Involved Individuals, and Prenatal and Perinatal Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services.

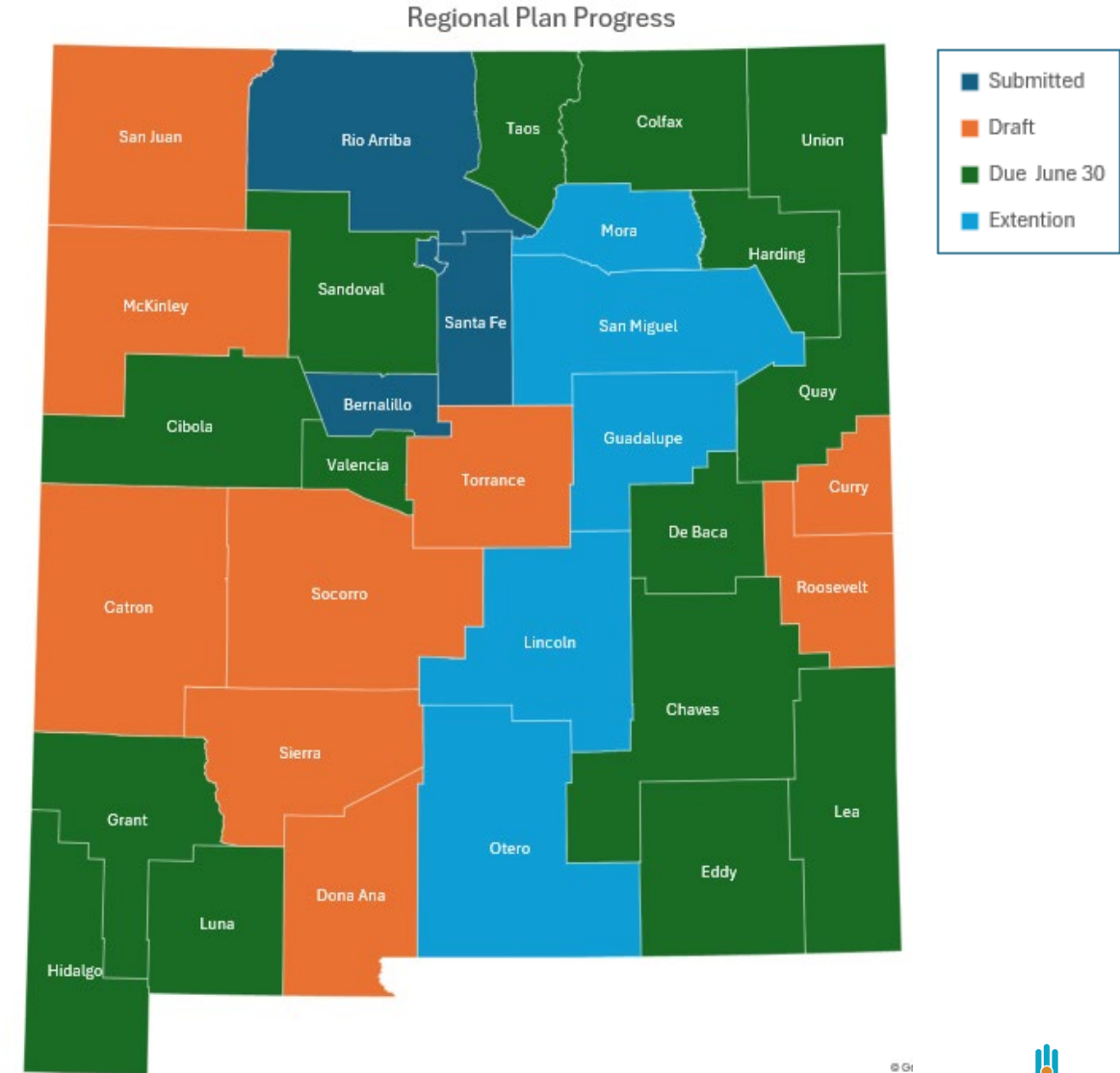


REGIONAL PLAN PROGRESS & NEXT STEPS

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REGIONAL PLAN PROGRESS

- April 10, 2026 - **Region 2** officially submitted their plans to the BHEC; approved by BH Executive Committee but with some requests for additional information.
- May 26, 2026 - **Region 1** officially submitted their plans to the BHEC; to be reviewed at the Executive Committee meeting in July
- **Regions 3, 7, 9, 11 and 12** provided drafts to the AOC but have not yet formally submitted to the BHEC
- **Regions 4 and 12** have requested extensions of 45 and 60 days, respectively (beyond the June 30 deadline)
- Remaining 9 regions to submit by **June 30**



NEXT STEPS

As we move forward with Behavioral Health Reform & Investment Act we will continue to:

- Developing criteria for gap analysis RFP.
- Finalize vendor selection to include behavioral health in the closed loop referral system.
- Further develop structure and support for Nations, Pueblos, and Tribes.
- Continuing statewide technical assistance, contract administration, fiscal oversight, and regional planning support to advance implementation of SB3.
- Review incoming Logic Model/Evaluation Plans.
- Working with our partners for Credentialing & Licensing. Next workgroup meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2026.





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THANK YOU & QUESTIONS

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EARLY ACCESS OVERVIEW

Region	Project Overview	Funding Requested	Funding Awarded	Status
Region 1	Residential Treatment; Crisis Continuum of Care	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	Contract signed and in execution phase. Accountable Entity submitted invoice for payment June 8, 2026.
Region 2	Prenatal & Perinatal SUD; Residential Treatment; Crisis Continuum of Care	\$5,047,733.00	\$2,000,000.00	Contract signed and in execution phase. Funds issued May 27, 2026.
Region 3	Residential Treatment; Crisis Continuum of Care; MAT for Justice Involved Individuals	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	Contract signed and in execution phase. Pending Accountable Entity invoice.
Region 4	Prenatal & Perinatal SUD; Crisis Continuum of Care	\$1,718,862.00	\$1,718,862.00	Contract signed and in execution phase. Pending Accountable Entity invoice.
Region 5	Crisis Continuum of Care	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	Contract signed and in execution phase. Pending Accountable Entity invoice.
Region 6	Residential Treatment Center; Crisis Continuum of Care	\$1,971,000.00	\$1,971,000.00	Contract signed and in execution phase. Pending Accountable Entity invoice.
Region 7	Residential Treatment; Crisis Continuum of Care	\$1,107,600.00	\$1,107,600.00	Contract signed and in execution phase. County submitted invoice for payment June 5, 2026.
Region 8	Residential Treatment; Crisis Continuum of Care	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	Contract signed and in execution phase. Pending Accountable Entity invoice.
Region 9	Crisis Continuum of Care; MAT for Justice Involved Individuals	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	Contract signed and in execution phase. Funds issued May 12, 2026.
Region 10	Residential Treatment; Crisis Continuum of Care; MAT for Justice Involved Individuals	\$1,676,000.00	\$1,676,000.00	Contract signed and in execution phase. Accountable Entity submitted invoice for payment June 5, 2026.
Region 11	Residential Treatment; Crisis Continuum of Care	\$5,283,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	Contract signed and in execution phase. Funds issued May 19, 2026.
Region 12	Residential Treatment; Crisis Continuum of Care	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	Contract is drafted and pending execution by County.
Region 13	Residential Treatment; Crisis Continuum of Care; MAT for Justice Involved Individuals	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	Contract signed and in execution phase. Funds issued May 15, 2026.

