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Report to

**LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

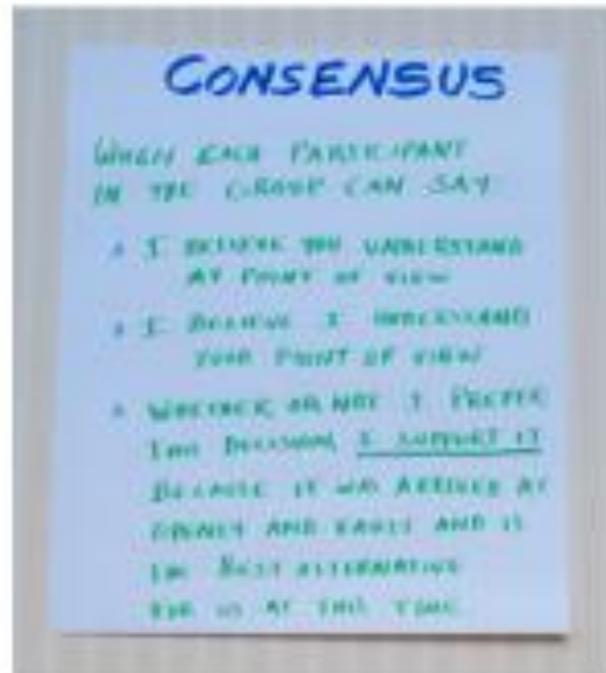
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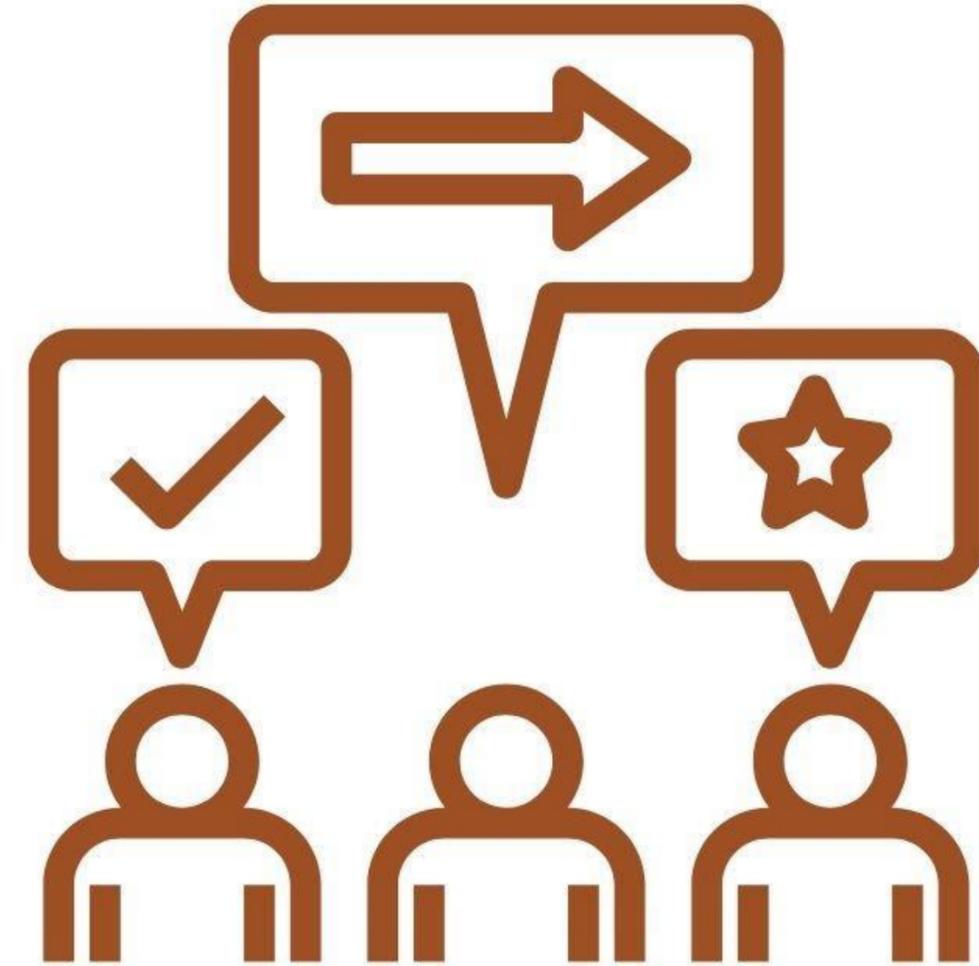


Definition of Consensus

- When each participant in the group can say:
 - I believe you understand my point of view.
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- Whether or not I prefer this decision, I support it because it was arrived at openly and fairly and is the best alternative for us at this time.

In other words:

- I may not love it, but I can live with it!



Eight Consensus Recommendations

1. Expand training for providers to increase competency to serve clients of all cultures, languages, ages, gender identification/sexual orientation to include survivors of and those who have been exposed to sexual trauma and violence.
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Consensus Recommendations (cont'd)

4. Expand covered services, funding, and provider rates for Medicaid to ensure more New Mexicans, including incarcerated individuals where allowable, have secure access to medical and behavioral health resources including: simplifying and improving the provider billing process, identifying barriers to out of state services that impede access, and initiate interstate agreements that will streamline payers acceptance of out of state services.
5. Fully fund the continuum of behavioral health professionals and staff at rates above national competitive market rates and further incentivize culturally and linguistically appropriate service delivery for all in need as measured not only by contacts but by outcomes.

Consensus Recommendations (cont'd)

6. Create and implement a statewide platform inclusive of databases (such as Health Information Exchange, Homeless Management Information System, etc.) with access to information to provide comprehensive services for clients.
7. Streamline the licensing and credentialing process from internship through employment.
8. The state of New Mexico shall create a permanent fund dedicated to behavioral health needs.

Big Themes in other recommendations

- Rural, tribal communities and special populations / communities of interest
- Workforce
- Leveraging and elevating lived experience



Areas for further consideration

- Housing
- Child welfare / CYFD
- Behavioral Health Master Plan



Thank you!

Questions?



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