

# BHI Approved Projects

Together, the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County have approved more than \$19 million in annual allocations for Behavioral Health Initiative projects.

## **Community Connections Re-entry Supportive Housing – \$1.3 Million per year BernCo/\$500,000 CABQ**

Provides intensive case management and services linked with scattered site housing to a target population of homeless or precariously housed persons with mental illness or co-occurring disorders or other disabilities and whose lack of community based services have resulted in criminal justice system involvement. The program provides high quality intensive wrap-around services and housing subsidies to support individuals.

**Subcommittee:** Supportive Housing

**Status:** Implemented October 2016

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## **Community Connections Supportive Housing Expansion for Frequent Utilizers – \$1.2 million per year**

The program expansion focuses on individuals with behavioral health issues who are homeless or precariously housed and are frequent utilizers of emergency room and other services. The expansion provides for 55 scattered housing vouchers with case management services.

**Subcommittee:** Supportive Housing

**Status:** Implemented May 2017

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## **Reduction of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) – \$3 million per year**

Bernalillo County is supporting at risk children and their families across the full continuum of services including primary prevention, identification, early intervention, support and treatment, harm reduction, outreach, and services in children's homes and within the community. (The funding pays for services and family supports not currently reimbursed by Medicaid or third party payers.)

**Subcommittee:** Prevention, Intervention, Harm Reduction

**Status:** Implemented June 2017

## **Mobile Crisis Teams – \$1 million BernCo/\$456,291 CABQ**

Mobile Crisis Teams are a City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County collaboration that responds to individuals experiencing a nonviolent behavioral health crisis that necessitates a 911-response. There will be four teams formed, with each consisting of a crisis intervention unit deputy paired with a masters' level, behavioral health clinician.

**Subcommittee:** Crisis Services

**Status:** Implemented February 2018

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## **Youth Transitional Living (YTL) – \$800,000 per year**

YTL services are for at-risk youth who are precariously housed or homeless with a mental health or addiction diagnosis. The funding provides youth transitional housing and services for clients who are not currently under any state Children Youth and Families Department, Bernalillo County or other third party-funded program. This initiative also provides a housing bridge to youth, who would otherwise would continue to be detained at YDC due to lack of safe transitional housing.

**Subcommittee:** Supportive Housing

**Status:** Contract negotiations in process

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## **Community Engagement Teams – up to \$1 million per year**

Community Engagement Teams (CETs) help people and their families voluntarily cope with the effects of mental illness and substance abuse disorders in the comfort of their homes and communities pre and post crisis. The CET helps individuals avoid the criminal justice system and emergency hospital visits, and employs a recovery-focused approach that promotes wellness, self-management, personal recovery, natural supports, coping skills, self-advocacy, and development of independent living skills. (Individuals or family members who could benefit from the CETs will be referred through crisis and warm lines, such as the New Mexico Crisis and Access Line (1-855-NMCRISIS), as well as the local law enforcement Crisis Intervention Team database and case management systems.)

**Subcommittee:** Prevention, Intervention, Harm Reduction

**Status:** Implementation by February 2018

### **Peer Driven Drop-in Support Services – \$300,000 per year**

Peer driven drop-in support services provide a place where fellow participants support one another and receive services in order to assist each other in maintaining their current level of care in the community. Peer support is delivered in-person at a center, by phone or over the Internet. (Centers could be located in community centers, libraries, schools, or churches.)

**Subcommittee:** Community Supports

**Status:** RFP in process

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### **Peer Case Management – \$620,000 per year**

This intervention is a peer case management approach to help individuals 14 or older with a primary diagnosis of mental illness. This proposal draws from Strengths-based Case Management and Peer Case Management.

**Subcommittee:** Community Supports

**Status:** RFP in process

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### **Case Management for Substance Abuse Disorder – \$750,000 per year/CABQ funded**

Provides intensive case management (ICM) services for individuals with substance use disorders to help navigate a complex service system and to obtain access to treatment and services that support and sustain recovery.

**Subcommittee:** Community Supports

**Status:** RFP in process

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### **Single-site Permanent Supportive Housing – up to \$4 million Capital Investment; \$1 million for vouchers/services**

The joint city/county project provides 40 to 60 individual housing units with on-site services for single adults aged 18 or older who are homeless or precariously housed; who have a diagnosable mental, behavioral or emotional disorder, substance abuse disorders, and/or serious mental illness; and experience significant behavioral health challenges that require a more intensive level of services to maintain stability. The building will be staffed 24-hours a day, with security cameras both inside and outside of the building and the vouchers will be project-based,

**Subcommittee:** Supportive Housing

**Status:** RFP in process

### **Education and Training – \$3 million over three years**

This effort provides education and training targeting behavioral health awareness, community training, such as Mental Health First Aid and train-the-trainer programs, to raise awareness, understanding, and skills to deal with behavioral health issues. The target population includes individuals with direct contact with populations that navigate behavioral health needs, individuals who have direct contact due to their professions, and the general public.

**Subcommittee:** Prevention, Intervention, Harm Reduction

**Status:** RFP in process

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### **Transition Planning and Re-entry Resource Center – \$1,341,188 in year one; \$1,041,188 annually thereafter**

The Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) releases individuals back to the community who suffer from a variety of mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders. This project includes supports transition planners at MDC and creates a Re-entry Resource Center (RRC) for an effective front door to a network of services. (A one-time renovation cost is allocated to the RRC, which is located at the Public Safety Center, 401 Roma NW, Albuquerque.)

**Subcommittee:** Crisis Services

**Status:** Renovations underway/Opening by May 2018

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### **UNM's Institute for Social Research (UNM/ISR) – \$246,553 per year**

Data analysis and evaluation to help identify target populations and best practices of services, as well as measures on the effectiveness of implemented services.

**Subcommittee:** Steering Committee

**Status:** Implemented July 2016

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### **Behavioral Health Advisor – \$140,000 per year**

Provides guidance on the development and implementation of a behavioral health system and the overall behavioral health initiative, including written standardization of the governance and subcommittee structure, data analysis service evaluations, reports, best practices and targeting and changing new initiatives to continue to meet the needs of priority populations.

**Subcommittee:** Steering Committee

**Status:** Implemented July 2017