

Presentation to the Legislative Courts and Corrections Committee (Las Vegas, July 23, 2026)

The Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (SB3)

- I. What's been done during FY26
 - *Regions selected*
 - *Accountable entities chosen*
 - *UNM TAC conducted E-SIM workshops,*
 - *Priorities determined and plans submitted*
 - *"Early access" funding reached regions in July*
 - *HCA established Behavioral Health Standards*
- II. Issues that have become barriers to success
 - *Tribal sovereignty and participation*
 - *Reimbursement policy of HCA*
 - *Treating BHRIA funding as yet another siloed program*
 - *Number and disparity in size of regions adds to admin cost*
- III. Suggestions for how to update SB3 to overcome the barriers
 - *Legislation to clarify tribal and reimbursement issues*
 - *Revise the composition of the Executive Committee*
 - *Workforce issue must be dealt with right away*
 - *Statewide strategic plan is needed as the foundation for Regional Plans*
 - *SB3 should be revised to mandate that the state strategic plan address all BH funding-not just SB3 funds*
 - *SB3 should require and fund consultation for strategic planning*
- IV. Recommendations for improving the Behavioral Health System in NM
 - *System for training and certifying CPSW's needs to be addressed*
 - *School-based health centers need greater support; access to Medicaid*
 - *CCBHCs should become the foundation for providing BH services*
 - *Medicaid for incarcerated is required now but not being done*
 - *100% New Mexico needs to be supported, invited to full participation*
 - *Case management services through Medicaid need to be re-established*
 - *Opioid settlement money has to be made part of the overall BH system*
 - *State Institutions operated by DOH also should be part of the plan.*