**Continuum of Care**

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Improving and sustaining the quality of health and healthcare for all people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) in New Mexico

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**NM Legislature: 2014 Session**

Our NM Legislature convenes on January 21st, 2014 for their 30 day regular session (ends February 20th). Our Legislature is composed of a 70-member House of Representatives (37 Democrats, 33 Republicans) and 42-member Senate (25 D; 17 R).

Governor Martinez’ “Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Message” was released on January 6, 2014. Her FY 2015 budget includes:

- “$100 million in new funding to support the needs of NM classrooms and public school students....”
- “$5 million to significantly expand NM’s health care workforce, in response to state and federal policy changes that will add up to an additional 205,000 New Mexicans to Medicaid, and which are designed to increase the use of primary care facilities, as opposed to costly emergency rooms. These proposals include:

  - Roughly $1.6 million to add 24 new Nurse practitioner slots and $750,000 to expand the number of family practice residency slots by 7 at the University of New Mexico.”

To view the complete budget, please visit Governor Martinez’s website: [http://governor.state.nm.us](http://governor.state.nm.us)

Currently, there are 146 House Bills (HB), 6 House Joint Memorials (HJM), 6 House Joint Resolutions (HJR), 10 House Memorials (HM), 1 House Resolution (HR), 113 Senate Bills (SB), 14 Senate Joint Memorials (SJM), 13 Senate Joint Resolutions (SJR), 14 Senate Memorials (SM), and 1 Senate Resolution (SR). To list a few:

- HB 8: Medicaid Reimbursement Rate Increase
- HB 49: School use of Emergency Medications
- HB 52: School administration of Emergency Meds
- HB 69: Autism Spectrum Disorders Services
- HB 75: Dev. Disability Reimbursement Raise
- HB 76: Health Care Contracts No Compete Limits
- HB 118: HC Practitioner Gross Receipts
- SB 33: Clarify Definition of Medicaid Fraud
- SB 55: Dev. Disabilities Program 5-year Plan


To find a Legislator, find a bill or track a bill, please go to our Legislative Website: [http://www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov)

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**DDSD Regional Offices Corner:**

**Clinical Call Monthly Meetings:**

These meetings serve to provide a forum for regular communication for all CSB regional nurses. Some of the main purposes include:

a) Discussion around clinical “hot” cases and/or trends in the different regions with members from DDSD (Betsy Finley), DHI (Rebekah Hartung), TEASC (Dr. Toni Benton, Pat Beery) and Continuum of Care (Dr. Lourdes Vizzacarra)

b) Provide direct access to physicians and system supports personnel for assistance in trouble shooting any issues or concerns

c) Provide a means for introductions to new staff and updates form all agencies involved

d) Topics specific to DDSD regional nurses

and Continuum of Care (Dr. Lourdes Vizzacarra)

Attendance, whether in person or via phone conference call, is vital for staying current and maintaining good lines of communication.

**Meeting Dates/Times:**

2nd Wednesday of every month

9-10 am

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Please call in to:

1-888-850-4523

Pass code: emailed to you

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**MEETINGS:**

Clinical Coordination Group: (@ CoC)

January 6, 2014

Health Decision Resource: (@ CoC)

February 12, 2014 @ 11:30am

Regional Offices:

Please call the regional offices directly

**DDSD Clinical Call:**

January 8, 2014 @ 9am

February 12, 2014 @ 9am

March 12, 2014 @ 9am

Conference Call-in: 1-888-850-4523

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**Upcoming Events & Trainings:**

Annual NM DDNA Conference

Fall 2014

- Registration/Events & Trainings: Specifics [http://coc.unm.edu](http://coc.unm.edu)
The Transition Consultative Clinic (TCC) is a clinic for adolescents and young adults with Special Healthcare Needs who need to start the process of transitioning from a pediatric primary care provider to an adult primary care provider before they transfer to adult medicine.

The departments of Family & Community Medicine, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at UNM-HSC joined together to offer consultative services to our families, individuals, pediatric and adult primary care providers. The goal is to assist in formalizing an individualized transition plan to enhance the transfer process, make this process as smooth as possible and support positive outcomes.

Services offered are:
1) A comprehensive assessment of the individual’s needs: medical, emotional, nutritional, educational, vocational, legal, transportation, independent living, self-advocacy, DME etc. by a multi-disciplinary team
2) An individualized health care plan based on the adolescent and family’s goals
3) Assistance in identifying future primary care provider

Referrals can be made by: the individual him/herself, primary care providers, medical specialists, families, and schools.

TCC Multi-disciplinary Team:
Jennifer Benson, M.D. Internal Medicine
Lourdes Vizcarra, M.D. Family Medicine
Sandra Whisler, M.D. Pediatrics
Louise Wells, RN III Care Coordinator
Jennifer DiTucci RD, LD Nutritionist

The clinic is located at:
UNM-HSC Westside Family Health Clinic
4808 McMahon Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87114

For more information please contact:
Vanessa Pimentel, MA
Voice Mail 505-272-5965
Main Office 505-272-2900
Fax 505-272-2909

Individuals/families requesting an appointment will be asked to fill out an extensive intake form prior to the appointment being scheduled. A copy of medical records will also be requested. This information will be used to start putting together a comprehensive medical summary for that individual. The more information provided, the more complete the summary.

This clinic was started in September 2010 at Continuum of Care and was later relocated to the UNM-HSC Westside Family Health Clinic.

MEDICAL TOPIC EXCERPT:

Title: “Dementia”
Presenter: Jennifer A. Vickers, M.D.

“Definition of Dementia:
• Gradual deterioration of: memory, mood concentration, reasoning and planning, language
• Affects a person’s ability to perform activities of daily living
• Lasting more than 6 months
• Without alteration of consciousness”

This presentation takes you through 11 different case presentations and does an extensive review of multiple types of dementia, medical causes of apparent dementia, history, pathophysiology, pathology, epidemiology, symptoms, diagnosis and treatments.

Please visit website for complete presentation:
*Training Tab
*CoC Presentations
*Dementia Training 2/8/2013

Please go to our website to read about the broad spectrum of training options given by CoC and to see an extensive list of previous training power point presentations and training videos posted and available for your learning.

Topics on our website include:
• Challenges of Aging in I/DD
• Pain and Depression
• End of Life
• Psychopharmacology

Please feel free to send in any suggestions on specific conditions that you would like resources on.

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