



Tribal Engagement & Planning

Administrative Office of the Courts – Tribal Priority Plan Addendum

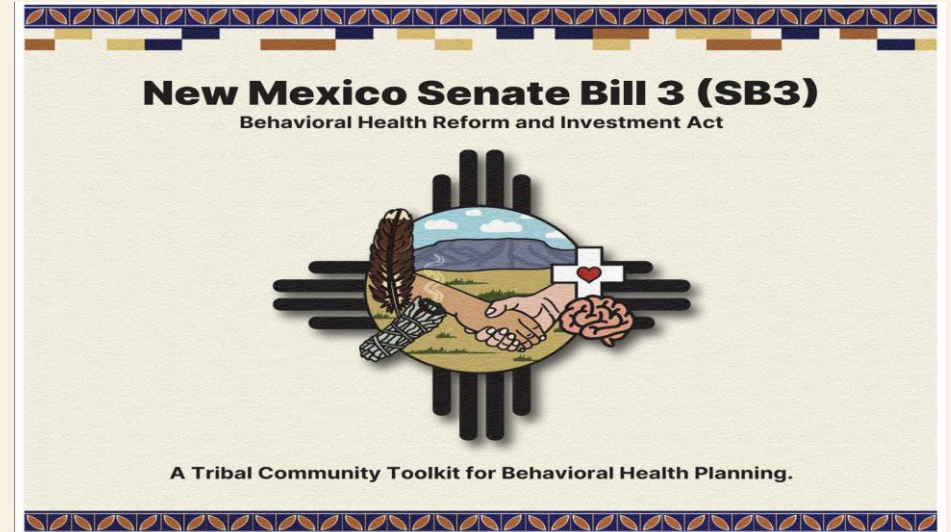
**Behavioral Health Executive Committee – Working Group
May 29, 2026**

AOC Tribal Engagement

AOC hired consultants in Fall 2025 to:

- Create a tribal toolkit explaining and introducing BHRIA (top right picture)
- Conduct initial engagement through a tribal liaison
- Assist in completing Tribal priority plans (bottom right picture)
- Engage in one-on-one ongoing communications with tribal representatives

This process is ongoing as Tribal partners continue to navigate the BHRIA process and sovereignty issues.



Tribal Regional Plan Priority Template

Priority Title and Description

For Example, Priority 1: Transitional Housing – Seeking to obtain property, renovate, staff, and launch 1-2 homes, serving 4-8 individuals.

Priority 2: Policy – Seek to identify where current policies create undue barriers to services access and provision and to make recommendations or changes if possible to increase access and enhance continuity of care.

Demonstration of Need

Please elaborate on how and what needs were identified in your community across the behavioral health continuum of care.

Project Name and Description

Please name and describe the programs/projects you wish to fund and identify how they align with the above identified priorities. You may utilize the below template or provide in narrative form.

Target Population	
Sampling	•
Evaluation Approach and Methods	•
Data Collection	•
Implementation Timeline:	•
Contacts for Annual Progress Updates	

Budget Justification

Why a Tribal Addendum?

1. Honors tribal sovereignty by providing an avenue to identify and communicate tribal specific priorities
2. Supports ongoing regional planning while still incorporating tribal input
3. Demonstrates flexibility and respect for Tribal Government to State Government relationships
4. Tribal priorities are formally captured in the template which supports future funding requests, collaboration opportunities and program development

Current Tribal Engagement Status

Commitment to Submitting a Tribal Addendum

- Pueblo of Laguna
- Pueblo of Acoma
- Pueblo of Cochiti
- Pueblo of San Ildefonso
- Pueblo of Pojoaque
- Pueblo of Picuris
- Pueblo of Taos
- Pueblo of Isleta
- Pueblo of Zia
- Pueblo of Sandia
- Mescalero Apache
- Alamo Navajo

Region 13 AE meetings 5/21- 5/22

- Pueblo of Santa Ana
- Pueblo of San Felipe
- Pueblo of Kewa (*LOS received*)
- Ramah Navajo

No Official Leadership Commitment:

- Pueblo of Nambe (*LOS received*)
- Ohkay Owingeh
- Pueblo of Santa Clara
- Pueblo of Tesuque
- Pueblo of Jemez

Pending:

- Pueblos of Zuni
- Navajo Nation (*NWCOG requested to be co-AE with Navajo Nation*)
- Jicarilla Apache
- Fort Sill Apache (*no allocation*)
- Tohajiilee Navajo

Engagement Status Continued

- Until BHRIA, Tribal funding distribution occurred at the state and federal levels.

Request from AE's:

HCA send Tribal set-aside directly to Tribes or provide the funding formula so AE's can replicate for distribution

- Tribal Partners are aware
 - Regardless of the outcome today they will need a plan to access any of the funds
 - Of the timelines the AEs are following
 - Of their ability to participate/engage with this project when they see appropriate.
- It is possible some Tribal Partners will not submit plans until FY28.