

December 16, 2013

The Honorable Sidonie Squier
Human Services Department
2009 S. Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Dear Secretary Squier:

It is with mixed emotions I hand in my formal resignation as CEO of the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative and Director of the Behavioral Health Services Division. My husband and I are headed back east to be within closer proximity to a large part of my family, and also to continue my work in behavioral health. I will be the Chief Operating Officer for a large non-profit behavioral health/child welfare organization, where I look forward to continuing to provide the necessary, but very complicated services that you lead us in providing here in New Mexico.

I want to thank you for inviting me to be part of your team. My gratitude is not only for the professional opportunity, but for the opportunity to work with the most dedicated, brave, knowledgeable team I have ever had the pleasure to work with collectively at an executive level and with such integrity. Your support for always doing the right thing, for the right reasons has led us over some quite tough policy bridges, and has earned my unwavering respect for you. It is very empowering, and rare, in state government to not only have the support of the cabinet secretary, but also the support of the Governor and her staff to take on the challenges we have faced, and to transform our programs – because it's the right thing to do. It has been an honor to work with and be a member of your Executive team.

Thank you for your support during my interview process, as I know it was prolonged for a position of this type. I wish you much luck on all the groundwork you, Brent, and the whole HSD team has laid for health care delivery success for New Mexico. I know change is challenging – but you've shown you can face it and deliver.

Best wishes always,



Diana McWilliams