Welcome/Meeting Purpose/Introductions
Members were welcomed to the AFP New Mexico State Team meeting at the 2005 National AFP Summit in Washington D.C. by Rebecca Shuman, NM’s State Team Leader. Rebecca explained that the purpose of this meeting is to share feedback about the National Summit and gather ideas on how to proceed with actions related to our priorities in New Mexico. Each State Team member introduced themselves and whom they represent.

Ideas for Implementation in New Mexico
The group members shared the following ideas about how to effectively implement actions related to our priority areas.

- Continue to focus on the vision (i.e. NM AFP Priority Areas)
- Do a needs assessment to get the big picture about where we are now; how do we coordinate resources (i.e. augment not duplicate); how do we fill the gaps.
- Send out an email request to major organizations in New Mexico requesting project and program information related to NM AFP priorities.
- This project and program information would assist us to know whose doing what; why they are doing to; what outcomes is it having; what
statewide implications there are; how is sustainability being considered; what are the lessons learned for New Mexico.

- It’s vital to continue projects and programs that positively impact the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families.
- We need to enlarge the scope of successful projects and programs to create systems change statewide vs. narrow focus (i.e. designated pilot communities or audiences).
- All discussion needs to be grounded from the focus of people with developmental disabilities.
- Discover existing resources and available assets (i.e. time; facilities; financial).
- Involve and inform political leaders.
- Work with existing statewide groups (i.e. Disability Coalition; Disability Agency Directors, etc.).
- Create and use more policy briefings to communicate and educate legislators and community members.
- Create NM AFP position statements that are agreed upon to have collective presence and power in the Legislature.
- Make it real!
- Interdependent/independent (i.e. community supports; relationships; connectedness; employment/income).
- Consider resources needed for NM AFP activities.

What’s Next?
Rebecca shared what happens next is the “Talk Back” session scheduled for 9/28/05 at the Southwest Conference on Disability. She encouraged all to attend. Also, she summarized the results of this meeting into an action plan:

- Set a NM AFP meeting in Oct. or Nov. to identify the NM AFP Priority Focus for this time.
- Gather and share information related to the identified NM AFP Priority Focus.

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