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DISCUSSION DRAFT

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER TO RECONVENE THE J. PAUL TAYLOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TASK FORCE TO CONTINUE THE TASK FORCE'S WORK IN IMPROVING COLLABORATION AMONG STAKEHOLDERS AND DEVELOPING FURTHER EARLY CHILDHOOD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PLANS.

WHEREAS, in the 2013 first session of the fifty-first legislature, and in the 2014 second session of the fifty-first legislature, House Memorial 75 and Senate Memorial 5 were passed respectively, requesting the university of New Mexico health sciences center to convene the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force in honor of former legislator and tireless children's advocate J. Paul Taylor; and

WHEREAS, during 2014 and 2015, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has built solidly on its first year by

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1 expanding participation to include the human services
2 department, the four medicaid managed-care organizations, the
3 legislative finance committee and others, including some not
4 usually a part of New Mexico early childhood efforts; and

5 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
6 continues to work collaboratively with a broad-based coalition
7 of state, managed-care, medical, community and legislative
8 stakeholders to identify funding opportunities and gaps and to
9 develop a system to recognize and respond to risk factors in
10 young children and their families; and

11 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has
12 worked to develop a system to identify unserved and underserved
13 at-risk children and families, including research on evidence-
14 based models from within and outside of New Mexico; and

15 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has
16 worked to identify how current service delivery systems could
17 be used for the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

18 WHEREAS, for three years, the J. Paul Taylor early
19 childhood task force has developed public health-driven
20 recommendations to strengthen the state's early childhood
21 behavioral health services system to respond to risk factors in
22 infants, children and families, including recommendations to
23 modify medicaid funding and billing and develop needed linkages
24 among primary and behavioral health and community systems; and

25 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has

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1 promoted evidence-based local community behavioral health
2 programs in New Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, the work of the J. Paul Taylor early childhood
4 task force has built upon New Mexico's existing structures by
5 creating linkages among health, behavioral health and community
6 systems to establish coherent, efficient and accessible
7 infrastructure to recognize and respond to risk factors in
8 families that place infants and young children at risk for
9 their healthy development and safety; and

10 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has
11 reviewed existing state and national data systems that could be
12 used to collect critical data to support rigorous evaluation of
13 programs and the promotion of evidence-based programming; and

14 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has
15 recommended best practices for trauma-informed community
16 services and a state delivery system, including recommendations
17 for a critical work force development training plan; and

18 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has
19 presented its recommendations to interim legislative committees
20 and to the legislature; and

21 WHEREAS, among the recommendations of the 2015 J. Paul
22 Taylor early childhood task force was that the task force's
23 work be continued for another year to allow it to work
24 collaboratively for the successful implementation of the infant
25 and early childhood behavioral health action plan and the child

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1 abuse prevention plan;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
3 OF NEW MEXICO that the members of the 2015 J. Paul Taylor early
4 childhood task force be requested in 2016 to continue improving
5 collaboration among stakeholders to support the implementation
6 and sustainability of the task force's recommended early
7 childhood behavioral health action plan and child abuse
8 prevention plan; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by December 1, 2016, the 2016
10 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force report its latest
11 recommendations to the legislative health and human services
12 committee and the legislative finance committee; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico
14 health sciences center be requested to convene the J. Paul
15 Taylor task force for 2016 and assist the task force as
16 necessary to enable the task force to meet at least quarterly
17 and to develop a legislative report; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the governor, the chair of the legislative
20 health and human services committee, the chair of the
21 legislative finance committee, the secretary of children, youth
22 and families, the secretary of health, the secretary of human
23 services and the chancellor for health sciences of the
24 university of New Mexico.

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