

moving and voice/data communication set-up in the amount of \$ 13.5. Recurring costs, starting in FY 08, will be for additional rent beyond what is currently paid in FY 07. No FTEs will be increased and current fixed assets and equipment will be transferred.

Current rent is \$12.41 per square foot and is paid to the Runnels Building. The assumption is that regular Santa Fe rent will be \$25.00 per square foot, causing an annual increase in rent.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HSD and DOH report the identical information.

HSD is the lead agency for both the New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative (Collaborative) and efforts to close the uninsured gap through *Insure New Mexico!*. HSD's expertise includes managing major federal grant programs to maximize available resources. A major goal of HSD is to improve access to behavioral health services statewide. Moving BHSD to HSD fits the department's mission and the state's goal to improve and streamline behavioral health services in New Mexico Behavioral health services have sometimes been left out of the equation when discussions about improved health care coverage are conducted. BHSD will remain its own division as it moves to HSD and its mission will remain the same: to lead the state's implementation and dissemination of evidence-based practices and to support consumer and family-driven planning and evaluation in local communities; 44 positions will move to HSD. DOH and HSD will work together to ease the transition, and no full-time employee positions (FTE) will be lost in the transition.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The LFC recommendation created a new program at HSD to accommodate the transfer. The new program will include both the prior years Medicaid behavioral health services as well as the transferred services from DOH. This consolidates behavioral health services as recommended by both a LFC performance audit and the Legislative Health and Human Service Committee. With all behavioral health services combined the accountability and fiscal efficiency will both be enhanced. The total budget for the new behavioral health program will be approximately \$260 million from the existing Medical Assistance Division behavioral health program plus another \$47 million and 44 FTE transferred from DOH. This will be a program with \$300 million budget that will dwarf the other approximate \$10 million of behavioral health services currently under supervision by the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative.

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