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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/12/07

SPONSOR Griego LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Drug Treatment Center Capacity SB 899

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$350.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Public Defender Department (PDD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 899 appropriates \$350.0 from the General Fund to DFA to increase residential capacity for the Santa Fe indigent alcohol and drug abuse treatment center. SB 899 declares an emergency.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$350.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 and 08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The appropriation funded in SB 899 would go to the Santa Fe Recovery Center. The Center is a 23 bed in-patient adult treatment center facility for alcohol and drugs. It is also the only in-patient treatment center in Santa Fe. Treatment includes 28 days of treatment with four to seven days of detox for a total of 32 to 35 days of services.

Currently, the Department of Health provides funding for six beds, for clients who qualify under the indigent program. The funding in this bill would increase to ten the bed capacity available on a monthly basis.

No one who qualifies under the indigent program can afford medical insurance. They must also fall within the annual income limit, which is set at \$35,350 to qualify as indigent.

Referrals are made from case managers at the jail, public defenders, judges, the Care Connection in Santa Fe, as well as self referral's.

There is continued out-patient follow-up care available but it is funded through other sources.

Source: Silvia Barela, Program Coordinator-Santa Fe Recovery Center

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Center reports that currently there are about 30 screenings performed each month on potential clients. These clients are not charged for the screening services. All 30 qualify under the indigent treatment program. In addition, there is a waiting list of between six to eight weeks for treatment for indigent clients.

RELATES TO

SB 715 is virtually identical but contains an appropriation of \$348.0. SB 899 contains an emergency clause.

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