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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/2/09

SPONSOR Picraux LAST UPDATED _____ HB 221

SHORT TITLE Behavioral Health Screening and Intervention SB _____

ANALYST Earnest

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$800.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Human Services Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 221 appropriates \$800 thousand from the general fund to Human Services Department to contract with a non-profit, community health partnership to fund a program of behavioral health screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$800 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

According to the December 2008 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$293 million, or 2.6 percent, less than the FY09 appropriation. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Behavioral Health Collaborative currently contracts with a health partnership to provide a Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral & Treatment (SBIRT) program. Federal funds for the SBIRT program are ending, and this appropriation would continue the work of the organization at the same level in FY10.

For the past five years, according to DOH, New Mexico has received an SBIRT grant of \$2.5 million per year from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to implement SBIRT infrastructure in the state. This grant has been administered by the Sangre De Cristo Community Health Partnership, and has extended SBIRT services into 18 primary care sites, 11 school-based health centers, and 19 telehealth sites around the state. Between 2003 and 2007 almost 50,000 patients were screened in these settings, and data collected by Sangre De Cristo suggests that SBIRT has been successful in reducing excessive alcohol use and related outcomes (e.g., emergency department use, criminal justice involvement) in the population that received SBIRT services. New Mexico's SAMHSA-funded SBIRT grant ended in 2008, and HB 221 is intended to help maintain the SBIRT infrastructure built over the past five years until a more permanent funding arrangement can be made.

HSD purchases and manages most behavioral health services through the Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative contract with the statewide entity, currently ValueOptionsNM. OptumHealth NM has been selected as the statewide entity for FY10 through FY13.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

HSD suggests that if this bill is not enacted, some behavioral health screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment services may continue to be provided by the current health partnership for no more than nine months.

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