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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/19/09

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SHORT TITLE Assess Behavioral Health Services SM 13

ANALYST Earnest

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	None		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Health Policy Commission (HPC)
 Human Services Department (HSD)
 Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)
 Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 13 (SM13) requests the Human Services Department (HSD) to designate a working group to design a plan for improving behavioral health service delivery and accessibility, and present that plan to the appropriate interim legislative committee by October 1, 2009, and to the interagency behavioral health purchasing collaborative. This plan is intended to be the first step in a five-year projection of needs and for addressing weaknesses in these systems.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No significant fiscal impact identified, but HSD and DOH suggested some impact from lost work time for employees to participate in the workgroup meetings.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to HSD, the issues requested in SM13 have been addressed in the currently operational NM Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan 2006 and through the Preliminary Needs Assessment, Resource Inventory and Demographic Data from the New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative. The Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan for New Mexico meets the intent and function of the Memorial through:

- Projecting needs and addressing weaknesses to the provision of behavioral health care.
- Community involvement of the Behavioral Health Planning Council and the Local Collaboratives.
- Addressing the housing and employments needs; crisis systems of care and workforce development.

The Plan has been the blue print for the state as it transforms the behavioral health system over ten years. The creation of memorial for another strategic planning process would create conflicts with the existing plan and would disrupt the on going transformational process

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No significant administrative impact was identified.

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