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SENATE MEMORIAL 56

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE INTERAGENCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PURCHASING
COLLABORATIVE TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE, STATEWIDE PLAN FOR
TREATMENT OF OPIOID ADDICTION AMONG ADOLESCENTS.

WHEREAS, in 2005, New Mexico had the second-highest
drug-induced death rate in the United States, with nearly
thirty deaths for every one hundred thousand persons, compared
to a rate of just over eleven deaths for every one hundred
thousand persons in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the total unintentional drug overdose death rate
in New Mexico increased by one hundred eighty percent between
1990 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, adolescent deaths from opioid overdose accounted
for twelve percent of all opioid deaths in New Mexico in 2009,
up from two percent prior to 2004; and

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1 WHEREAS, a 2007 national survey, conducted by the federal
2 substance abuse and mental health services administration,
3 indicated that New Mexico teens between the ages of twelve and
4 seventeen use illicit drugs more heavily than the United States
5 average; and

6 WHEREAS, according to data collected from the 2009 youth
7 risk and resiliency survey, fourteen and three-tenths percent
8 of New Mexico students used prescription painkillers to get
9 high that year, an increase of nearly two percent from 2007;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico lacks a system of coordinated and
12 effective care for treatment of opioid-addicted adolescents;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, there are virtually no outpatient facilities in
15 New Mexico that offer combined medical and psychological
16 treatment of adolescent opioid addiction; and

17 WHEREAS, there are no inpatient facilities in New Mexico
18 that offer combined medical and psychological treatment of
19 adolescent opioid addiction; and

20 WHEREAS, a November 4, 2009 study, conducted by the
21 department of health in response to House Memorial 9, which was
22 passed in the first session of the forty-ninth legislature,
23 acknowledged the seriousness of opioid use among adolescents;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, despite the report's numerous recommendations for

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1 an ongoing commitment to addressing this problem, no
2 comprehensive plan for treatment of adolescents has been
3 developed;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
5 OF NEW MEXICO that the interagency behavioral health purchasing
6 collaborative be requested to develop a comprehensive,
7 statewide plan for treatment of opioid addiction among
8 adolescents; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interagency behavioral
10 health purchasing coordinate in the development of the plan
11 with the behavioral health services division of the human
12 services department; the substance abuse subcommittee of the
13 behavioral health planning council; the children, youth and
14 families department; the department of health; and other member
15 agencies of the interagency behavioral health purchasing
16 collaborative that are involved in the treatment of adolescents
17 with opioid addiction; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the comprehensive plan,
19 including steps for implementation of the plan, be presented to
20 the interim legislative health and human services committee by
21 October 2011; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the chief executive officer of the interagency
24 behavioral health purchasing collaborative, the behavioral
25 health services division of the human services department and

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2 planning council.

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