

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES
3 CENTER TO RECONVENE THE J. PAUL TAYLOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TASK
4 FORCE TO CONTINUE THE TASK FORCE'S WORK IN IMPROVING
5 COLLABORATION AMONG STAKEHOLDERS AND DEVELOPING FURTHER EARLY
6 CHILDHOOD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PLANS.

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8 WHEREAS, in the 2013 first session of the fifty-first
9 legislature, and in the 2014 second session of the
10 fifty-first legislature, House Memorial 75 and Senate
11 Memorial 5 were passed respectively, requesting the
12 university of New Mexico health sciences center to convene
13 the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force in honor of
14 former legislator and tireless children's advocate
15 J. Paul Taylor; and

16 WHEREAS, during 2014 and 2015, the J. Paul Taylor early
17 childhood task force has built solidly on its first year by
18 expanding participation to include the human services
19 department, the four medicaid managed-care organizations, the
20 legislative finance committee and others, including some not
21 usually a part of New Mexico early childhood efforts; and

22 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
23 continues to work collaboratively with a broad-based
24 coalition of state, managed-care, medical, community and
25 legislative stakeholders to identify funding opportunities

1 and gaps and to develop a system to recognize and respond to
2 risk factors in young children and their families; and

3 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
4 has worked to develop a system to identify unserved and
5 underserved at-risk children and families, including research
6 on evidence-based models from within and outside of
7 New Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
9 has worked to identify how current service delivery systems
10 could be used for the prevention of child abuse and neglect;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, for three years, the J. Paul Taylor early
13 childhood task force has developed public health-driven
14 recommendations to strengthen the state's early childhood
15 behavioral health services system to respond to risk factors
16 in infants, children and families, including recommendations
17 to modify medicaid funding and billing and develop needed
18 linkages among primary and behavioral health and community
19 systems; and

20 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
21 has promoted evidence-based local community behavioral health
22 programs in New Mexico; and

23 WHEREAS, the work of the J. Paul Taylor early childhood
24 task force has built upon New Mexico's existing structures by
25 creating linkages among health, behavioral health and

1 community systems to establish coherent, efficient and
2 accessible infrastructure to recognize and respond to risk
3 factors in families that place infants and young children at
4 risk for their healthy development and safety; and

5 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
6 has reviewed existing state and national data systems that
7 could be used to collect critical data to support rigorous
8 evaluation of programs and the promotion of evidence-based
9 programming; and

10 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
11 has recommended best practices for trauma-informed community
12 services and a state delivery system, including
13 recommendations for a critical work force development
14 training plan; and

15 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
16 has presented its recommendations to interim legislative
17 committees and to the legislature; and

18 WHEREAS, among the recommendations of the 2015
19 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force was that the task
20 force's work be continued for another year to allow it to
21 work collaboratively for the successful implementation of the
22 infant and early childhood behavioral health action plan and
23 the child abuse prevention plan;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the members of the 2015

1 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force be requested in
2 2016 to continue improving collaboration among stakeholders
3 to support the implementation and sustainability of the task
4 force's recommended early childhood behavioral health action
5 plan and child abuse prevention plan; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by December 1, 2016, the
7 2016 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force report its
8 latest recommendations to the legislative health and human
9 services committee and the legislative finance committee; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico
11 health sciences center be requested to convene the
12 J. Paul Taylor task force for 2016 and assist the task force
13 as necessary to enable the task force to meet at least
14 quarterly and to develop a legislative report; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the governor, the chair of the legislative
17 health and human services committee, the chair of the
18 legislative finance committee, the secretary of children,
19 youth and families, the secretary of health, the secretary of
20 human services and the chancellor for health sciences of the
21 university of New Mexico. _____