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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/19/09

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SHORT TITLE Behavioral Health Services Delivery Report SJM 26

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

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 26 requests the Interagency Behavioral Health Collaborative to develop and present a regular report of information regarding the delivery of behavioral health services in New Mexico and to consult with service providers, care recipients and families of recipients in the creation of this report. SJM26 further specifies the information to be provided and requires that such information be provided twice yearly to the interim health and human services committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to HSD:

SJM 26 highlights many of New Mexico's challenges in delivering behavioral health services to meet the high levels of need throughout New Mexico and in continuing to lead the nation in transforming a fragmented and ineffective system into one that enables

recovery and resiliency and encourages providers and practitioners who are assisting consumers and family members to achieve the health and outcomes they wish to enjoy.

The Collaborative was formed in part to carry out the desire of the legislature and of consumers and families with behavioral health needs in New Mexico “that more people in need of behavioral health and substance abuse services receive those needed services, and that the delivery of those services be continually improved”. SJM26 reaffirms that desire and commitment on the part of the legislature.

The Collaborative is completing its first four years of a 10-year transformation process for New Mexico’s behavioral health system. Already positive change is evident, even in the midst of great need and the challenges of inadequate capacity and resources. There has been an \$8.1 million increase overall in community-based services over the last two years, and a 51% increase in funds expended for evidence based practices.

This represents expenditure in the direction intended by the Collaborative and the emphasis on community-based services supported by the Behavioral Health Planning Council. 80,254 consumers are estimated to have been served last year. The Collaborative receives monthly reports detailing the kinds of information requested in this memorial and regular highlights of that data that inform their discussions and decisions. Such information could also be presented to the interim committee as sought in this memorial.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HSD identified little administrative because the “information requested is currently compiled and reported to the Collaborative, and through quarterly reports to the Legislature.”

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