

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE INTERAGENCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PURCHASING  
3 COLLABORATIVE AND ITS CONSTITUENT AGENCIES MAXIMIZE  
4 NEW MEXICO'S ACCESS TO FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR  
5 THE STATE'S MENTAL HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE  
6 ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE AND  
7 SYSTEMS.

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9 WHEREAS, New Mexicans face a persistent epidemic of  
10 mental and behavioral health challenges, including substance  
11 abuse; and

12 WHEREAS, according to the 2012 final report of the drug  
13 policy task force established pursuant to the 2011  
14 legislative session's Senate Memorial 18, the combined costs  
15 to New Mexico for medical disorders, trauma, physical  
16 property damage, criminal and judicial expenses and losses in  
17 productivity associated with New Mexico's mental and  
18 behavioral health crisis exceed two billion dollars  
19 (\$2,000,000,000) a year; and

20 WHEREAS, the federal substance abuse and mental health  
21 services administration of the United States department of  
22 health and human services, also known as "SAMHSA", estimates  
23 that mental, emotional and behavioral disorders among youth  
24 in the United States, as a whole, represent a total annual  
25 cost of two hundred forty-seven billion dollars

1 (\$247,000,000,000) to the nation's economy; and

2 WHEREAS, a 2012 report by the federal office of national  
3 drug policy finds that each one dollar (\$1.00) invested in an  
4 evidence-based prevention program can reduce costs related to  
5 substance abuse disorders by an average of eighteen dollars  
6 (\$18.00); and

7 WHEREAS, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable  
8 Care Act, also known as the "Affordable Care Act", contains  
9 provisions to strengthen mental health, behavioral health and  
10 substance abuse prevention and treatment services; and

11 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act provisions related to  
12 mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse  
13 prevention and treatment services include provisions for  
14 health care work force training and preparation, for health  
15 care system innovations and for increasing access to, and  
16 improving the quality and the cost of, mental health,  
17 behavioral health and substance abuse prevention and  
18 treatment services; and

19 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act provides a number of  
20 funding opportunities for states to develop their mental  
21 health, behavioral health and substance abuse prevention and  
22 treatment services infrastructure and systems; and

23 WHEREAS, in particular, the Affordable Care Act provided  
24 for eighty-eight million dollars (\$88,000,000) in funding to  
25 SAMHSA for federal fiscal years 2011 and 2012 through the

1 federal prevention and public health fund to support SAMHSA's  
2 grants to states for mental health, behavioral health and  
3 substance abuse prevention and treatment services  
4 infrastructure and systems; and

5 WHEREAS, President Obama submitted a budget request of  
6 one hundred five million dollars (\$105,000,000) from the  
7 federal prevention and public health fund for federal fiscal  
8 year 2013 to support SAMHSA's grants to states for mental  
9 health, behavioral health and substance abuse prevention and  
10 treatment services infrastructure and systems; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico has availed itself of very little of  
12 the federal money available to support states' mental health,  
13 behavioral health and substance abuse prevention and  
14 treatment services infrastructure and systems; and

15 WHEREAS, though SAMHSA's center for substance use  
16 prevention had a total budget of forty-eight million four  
17 hundred thousand dollars (\$48,400,000) in federal fiscal year  
18 2012, New Mexico received none of the four grants available  
19 through the center for that year; and

20 WHEREAS, in federal fiscal year 2012, SAMHSA's center  
21 for mental health services had a total budget of one hundred  
22 fifty-six million one hundred thousand dollars (\$156,100,000)  
23 and provided grants to states that totaled a maximum of  
24 forty-four million four hundred thousand dollars  
25 (\$44,400,000) each, and New Mexico received three out of the

1 fifteen grants; and

2 WHEREAS, in federal fiscal year 2012, while SAMHSA's  
3 center for substance abuse treatment had a total budget of  
4 one hundred seven million one hundred thousand dollars  
5 (\$107,100,000) and the center provided sixteen grants with a  
6 reported maximum amount of twenty-five million eight hundred  
7 thousand dollars (\$25,800,000) apiece to state grantees,  
8 New Mexico received none of the sixteen grants; and

9 WHEREAS, in all, New Mexico received only approximately  
10 one-half of one percent, or one million seven hundred  
11 thousand dollars (\$1,700,000), of the three hundred eleven  
12 million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$311,700,000) in  
13 SAMHSA's center for substance abuse prevention, center for  
14 mental health services and center for substance abuse  
15 treatment center available grants; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico agencies urgently need to avail  
17 themselves of whatever funding opportunities exist to address  
18 the state's mental health and behavioral health crisis,  
19 including its status among the states worst hit by substance  
20 abuse;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interagency behavioral health  
23 purchasing collaborative and its constituent agencies be  
24 requested to take urgent action to research and apply for any  
25 and all federal grants for mental health, behavioral health

1 and substance abuse prevention and treatment services  
2 infrastructure and systems; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interagency behavioral  
4 health purchasing collaborative be requested to work with the  
5 human services department's office of health care reform to  
6 poll the state agencies that belong to the interagency  
7 behavioral health purchasing collaborative to learn which of  
8 those agencies has applied for federal grants for mental  
9 health, behavioral health and substance abuse prevention and  
10 treatment services infrastructure and systems and, by  
11 November 1, 2014, report to the governor, the legislative  
12 finance committee and the interim legislative health and  
13 human services committee on the following:

14 A. any applications that these state agencies have  
15 made for federal grants;

16 B. any allocations that the federal government has  
17 made to state agencies;

18 C. which federal grant applications were denied  
19 and the reasons for the denials; and

20 D. state agencies' explanations for not applying  
21 for federal grants for which they are eligible; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to the governor, the director of the interagency  
24 behavioral health purchasing collaborative and the secretary  
25 of human services.

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