

**Bringing the Miami Model to New Mexico:
Using Diversion Treatment,
and Prevention to Deter Crime, Jail Time, and
Emergency Room Overcrowding**

**Using the #1 Evidence-Based Model in the US
A Paradigm Shift**

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How Can NM Review & Ammend our Current Laws and Hold all Statutes in One Location?

Problem:

New Mexico's current laws guiding how we treat individuals with mental health, addiction, and co-occurring disorders appear in many different locations in our statues, and may need a major update...especially when addressing individuals proven non-competent to stand trial.

Solution: Combine New Mexico's Multitude of Statutes Guiding BH care into an Act that allows the system of care across the state to be more proactive, and uniform. (Similar to the Florida Mental Health Act).

Miami Center for Recovery is a Comprehensive System of Care

Miami just built a ..a one-stop location for treatment with a court-room, immediate treatment, peer support, medical care, counseling, job skill development and independent housing...

New Mexico already has much of the needed in place infrastructure in place such as the NM Behavioral Health Institute in Las Vegas, the NM Rehabilitation Center in Roswell, the Gateway Center, West Side Shelter, and Care Center in Albuquerque. We are using outdated methods to solve current crisis... Significant investment of state funding in infrastructure, and re-model of existing buildings to house, and treat those with mental illness, and or use existing, underused residential treatment centers where staffing can then be easily recruited from an in-state pool of workers who get incentives to stay in NM after completing BH degrees and training will bring quality, skilled jobs to NM, while providing all levels of BH students a place to train..

Cross System Collaboration

- Judges
- The Court
- Public Defender
- State Attorney
- Law Enforcement
- Consumers and Families
- Department of Corrections
- Mental Health Providers
- Social Security
- Foundations
- DCF

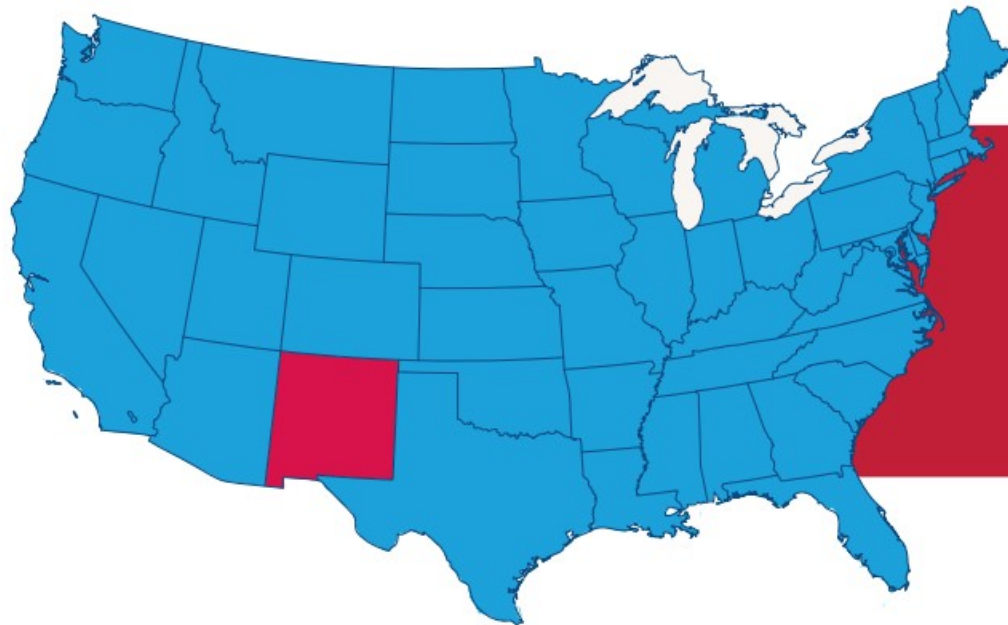
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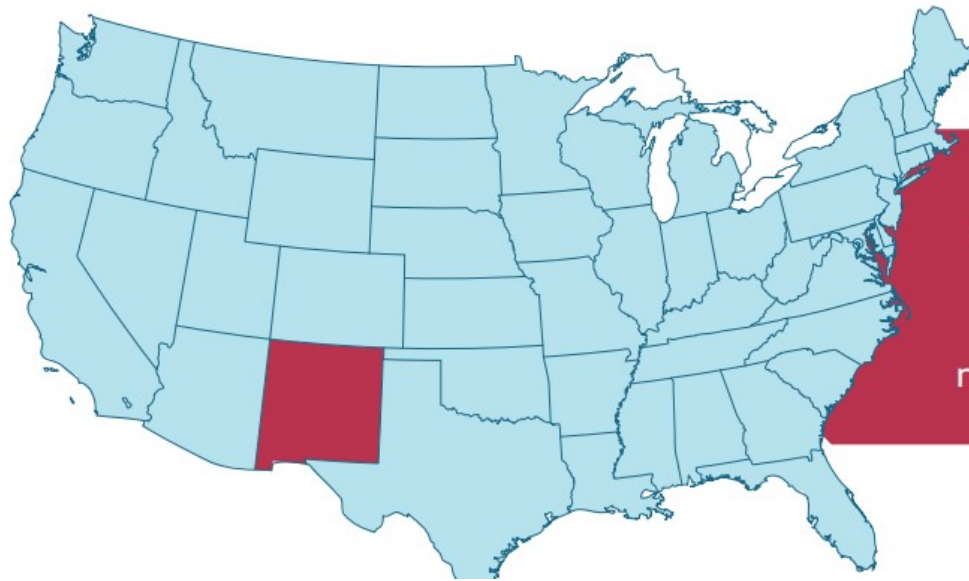
DRUG OVERDOSE IN NEW MEXICO



New Mexico had the
**11th* HIGHEST DRUG OVERDOSE
DEATH RATE IN THE US in 2020.**

*rate is based off the CDC ranking and is subject to change as final rates adjust
(CDC, National Center for Health Statistics site last updated March 1, 2022)

ALCOHOL USE IN NEW MEXICO



New Mexico has the **HIGHEST** alcohol-related death rate **IN THE NATION**

New Mexico's death rate (86.6 per 100,000 population) in 2020 was more than twice the national rate (41.5 per 100,000 population) in 2020.

-NMDOH

Equivalent to 801 deaths per every 11 hours

Report Card on Repeat Offenders in New Mexico...is What We are Doing Now Keeping People Out of Jail ?

According to World Population Review Report:
Recidivism Rates by State 2022:

The three-year recidivism rate for New Mexico is 49.1%, while national average is 44%.

Recidivism is the tendency of a convicted criminal to repeat or re-offend a crime after already receiving punishment or serving their sentence.

Besides sending drug offenders to jail being expensive, it does nothing to treat the problem that got them in trouble. A study in Crime & Delinquency finds if ten percent of offenders are sentenced to drug treatment vs. incarceration, it saves the judicial system almost \$5 billion.

Progress Report

Program Evaluation Unit
Legislative Finance Committee
August 26, 2021

Addressing Substance Use Disorders

Summary

Additionally, little progress has been made to close one of the most glaring gaps in the treatment system—the criminal justice system. Insufficient access to effective treatment in jails and prisons and to evidence-based diversion programs help to perpetuate cycles of substance abuse and incarceration.

New Mexico Group to Attend Tour and Training of Miami Recovery Center

A group of 15 leaders from across New Mexico will be attending the training and tour on Oct 26 and 27 ...There is still time to register until Oct. 16.

If you are interested in attending, we will send you registration info ASAP. LCS will pay for one non-member trip for legislators who wish to join. Please see me, or email: sunshinenm@yahoo.com

Request from Courts Corrections

- 1) **\$100,000 suggested appropriation to hire 2 full time staff attorneys, and 2 UNM Law School interns to review the NM BH Treatment Laws and make recommendations to this committee by June, 2024. (Possibly using the Florida Mental Health Act as a Guide.)**

This staff would take recommendations from PDs, DAs, BH Judges, and the Supreme Court Commission on Mental Health and Competency to streamline, and standardize laws for a more unified system of care...,as well as address problems with our current competency laws.

2) Joint funding of 1 billion in an endowment to BHSD & DOH from CC and HHS committee in a joint bill to be put in escrow until a comprehensive plan for regional facilities and staffing can be set by DOH & BHSD working collaboratively as follows: A.) To upgrade 2 existing state treatment hospitals (LV & Roswell) to treat BH as regional facilities.

B.) To build regional facilities in Las Cruces, Gallup, and revamp of Gateway, and Westside shelter in Albuquerque, with the goal to provide residential and AOT treatment for those in current court diversion and ore-diversion, as well as those outside the court system following the Miami model. C) Facilities will be operated by the state DOH & BHSD jointly with local community input.

D) This endowment would also provide funding for long-term care centers for those unhoused, with severe mental and physical disability in each region. E) Would provide funding of an independent over-site agency of all facilities, providing yearly audit to LFC.

3) Review by this committee regarding the Behavioral Health Collaborative effectiveness over its 19 year existence, and follow up consideration of potential dissolution by statute if it is deemed to no longer be an effective agency.