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1 WHEREAS, the lack of available facilities serving
2 behavioral health and substance abuse needs is compounded by a
3 lack of facilities providing after-hours services; and

4 WHEREAS, many primary health care clinics may be capable
5 of providing or expanding behavioral health and substance abuse
6 services; and

7 WHEREAS, an analysis conducted by the department of health
8 in 2002 indicates there are serious gaps in behavioral health
9 and substance abuse services in the state and that only
10 nineteen percent of the need is being met;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health be requested
13 to work with an organization of primary health care clinics and
14 an organization of individual behavioral health and substance
15 abuse services providers to determine the feasibility of
16 allowing individual health care providers to use primary, rural
17 and community health care clinics, federally qualified health
18 centers and similar facilities to provide behavioral health and
19 substance abuse services for persons who would otherwise go
20 without services due to lack of facilities or providers that
21 provide after-hours programs or services; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health be
23 requested to present its findings and recommendations to the
24 legislative health and human services committee during its
25 October 2004 meeting and that two copies of the department's

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1 written report be provided to the legislative council service
2 library; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the department of health.

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