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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-1-06

SPONSOR Altamirano LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Grant County Monitored Detox Program SB 667

ANALYST Collard

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$750.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 667 appropriates \$750 thousand from the general fund to DOH for the purpose of contracting for a medically monitored detoxification program for Grant County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$750 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

DOH notes, as this appropriation is specific to Behavioral Health Services, the resources would be appropriated and managed through the Behavioral Health Collaborative process.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH indicates the Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative is charged with overseeing publicly funded behavioral health services. Existing appropriations for substance abuse and mental health services are provided through a contract with ValueOptions New Mexico.

Though Grant County does not rank among the top 10 counties in New Mexico for drug- and alcohol-related deaths, Grant County ranked second in the state for alcohol- and drug-related hospitalizations from 2000-2002 (1,162 hospitalizations per 100,000) and fifth for state-funded drug abuse treatment admission rates from 2001-2003.

Specifically, Grant County ranked eighth in the state for deaths from alcohol-related motor vehicle crash (9 per 100,000) and twelfth for alcohol-related injury death (26 per 100,000) from 1999-2003. As noted, Grant County had relatively low rates from alcohol-related chronic disease death (31 per 100,000 compared to a state rate of 33 per 100,000), alcohol-related chronic liver disease death (11 per 100,000 compared to a state rate of 14 per 100,000) and drug-related death (11 per 100,000 compared to a state rate of 16 per 100,000), compared to the rest of the state during the same time period. From 2002-2004 however, analysis of medical examiner data found that Grant County ranked 5th in the state for drug overdose death, with a rate of 21 deaths per 100,000, showing an increase from previous years.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DOH staff would administer and monitor the detoxification program through the Behavioral Health Collaborative and its agent, ValueOptions.

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