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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/29/07

SPONSOR Papen LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Day Program for Persons With Mental Illness SB 255

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 555

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 255 appropriates \$250.0 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department to fund a not-for-profit organization's clubhouse model day program designed for persons with severe mental illness. The purpose of such a program is to aid in the recovery of persons through socialization and life skills, vocational rehabilitation and employment services, weekend, evening and holiday programs educational and housing services and reintegration into the greater community.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The consumer-run clubhouse model is nationally acknowledged as promoting recovery and resiliency. The key to its success is an environment of support, acceptance, and commitment to the potential contribution and success of each individual regardless of the severity of his or her illness or diagnosis. Clubhouses are places to which people can “belong” as contributing adults, rather than as full-time “patients” who are there only to be “treated.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

If the transfer of the Behavioral Health Services Division to the HSD is not adopted, then the appropriation should be directed to DOH.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

It is anticipated these funds would be administered by ValueOptions, New Mexico’s single entity behavioral health provider.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Why are other behavioral health subpopulations such as substance abuse and co-occurring populations not addressed or included as part of the club house service group?

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