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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/22/07

SPONSOR Papen LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Behavioral Health Day SB SJM 55

ANALYST Guambaña

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 55 requests that March 6, 2007 be proclaimed “Behavioral Health Day”.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The memorial states that many consumers and family members must cope with disabling behavioral health illnesses. These individuals advocate to:

- Improve the continuum of behavioral health services,
- Ensure that behavioral health services are consumer- and family-driven,
- Increase behavioral health education and training to individuals, families, providers and the general public,
- Promote adequate funding to address the needs of the behavioral health continuum,
- Ensure the availability of appropriate pharmaceuticals,
- Ensure that behavioral health services are provided in a culturally competent manner,
- Use data and information in the decision-making process for the behavioral health continuum in New Mexico, and

- Improve the behavioral health work force capacity in New Mexico by providing appropriate employment and housing opportunities to clients in New Mexico's behavioral health system.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

PED notes that many of the reasons stated in the memorial for “Behavioral Health Day” are included in the goals of the New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative. The Behavioral Health Comprehensive Plan provides an integrated plan to guide the future direction and priorities of the Collaborative by supporting and incorporating local collaboratives into the planning process. The Plan also addresses the need for cultural competency of behavioral services provided and the availability of needed professionals throughout the state. Supported housing and employment are two major areas of capacity building addressed in the plan as needed services which allow individuals with mental health concerns to lead personally fulfilling lives.

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