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SENATE MEMORIAL 88

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE INTERAGENCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PURCHASING
COLLABORATIVE TO CONVENE A STAKEHOLDER TEAM TO FIND WAYS TO
SUSTAIN FUNDING FOR THE SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION AND
REFERRAL TO TREATMENT MODEL FOR USE IN INTEGRATED PRIMARY CARE
AND SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS.

WHEREAS, in October of 2003, the United States substance
abuse and mental health services administration center for
substance abuse treatment awarded the governor's office a five-
year grant for screening, brief intervention and referral to
treatment, SBIRT, services in New Mexico worth three million
five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) per year; and

WHEREAS, through the department of health, the state
awarded administration and implementation of the grant to
Sangre de Cristo community health partnership; and

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1 WHEREAS, Sangre de Cristo community health partnership
2 provides a clinical model of services within the health clinic
3 setting based upon interventions that have been shown to result
4 in a change in status of individual patients; and

5 WHEREAS, this model of SBIRT saves the state an estimated
6 ninety-seven thousand three hundred fifty-six dollars (\$97,356)
7 per month; and

8 WHEREAS, to date, SBIRT has provided services to fifty-one
9 thousand thirty-four New Mexicans through integrated services
10 within thirty-six medical and school-based health clinic sites
11 where behavioral health services were previously limited or not
12 available; and

13 WHEREAS, federal funding has ended for this program and
14 state dollars are not available;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
16 OF NEW MEXICO that the interagency behavioral health purchasing
17 collaborative convene a team of appropriate stakeholders to
18 discuss a plan for the sustainability of the New Mexico SBIRT
19 program in integrated primary care and school-based health
20 clinics; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a funding plan be developed to
22 include medicaid, general fund or economic stimulus money, as
23 well as grant opportunities for sustainability; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan include the
25 maintenance and continuity of the SBIRT telehealth network; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and
recommendations of the team be presented to the interim
legislative health and human services committee by August 1,
2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to the interagency behavioral health purchasing
collaborative.