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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Use My Community NM for Underserved Inventory SB _____

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$5.0 - \$25.0				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Health Policy Commission (HPC)
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Memorial

House Memorial 49 requests that DOH establish a task force to assess the benefits of utilizing My Community NM as the state's comprehensive, bilingual inventory of resources for underserved New Mexicans.

The Memorial provides for the following:

- many NM organizations maintain resource inventories to serve their constituencies;
- the multiple efforts to collect and maintain resource information is costly in dollars and staff time;
- duplicative efforts have produced many underfunded, incomplete and out-of-date inventories;
- My Community NM is the state's only bilingual, interagency, on-line resource inventory;
- My Community NM has been developed by a number of nonprofit organizations to reduce the cost and improve the quality of the information they provide to their constituencies;
- My Community NM currently serves a wide range of nonprofit organizations providing services to New Mexicans, including four community health councils funded by the Department of Health (DOH), the Office of the Governor's Council on Women's Health, the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness, the Kiwanis Club of Albuquerque, the

University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center Office of Community Affairs and Pathways Program, La Plaza de Encuentro and La Comunidad Habla;

- My Community NM has resulted in a cost-effective, flexible, consumer-friendly system that is accessible to English- and Spanish-speakers with very limited computer literacy skills;
- My Community NM collects the wide range of resource information needed by at-risk New Mexicans, including health, social services, food, income support, transportation, legal, education and job-training resources;
- DOH currently supports a number of community initiatives, such as county- and tribal-based community health planning councils, which have the task of collecting and distributing resource information that at-risk New Mexicans need; and
- My Community NM can be used by individual community members and by members of the health care delivery system, most notably community health workers; community health representatives; and *promotoras*, who help underserved individuals and families identify and access health and human services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Memorial requests that the task force consider how to finance My Community NM.

DOH and other state entities will likely incur costs in staff time to participate in stakeholder meetings and produce reports.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The task force will assess the potential of My Community NM in the following respects:

A. its use as a statewide resource inventory, including the inventory's direct and indirect cost savings, its greater resource information and its accessibility by at-risk populations with low computer literacy skills; and

B. its ability to provide users with the opportunity to make regular resource information updates.

The Memorial seeks to reduce the duplicative efforts and costs associated with maintaining resource inventories.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DOH staff would need to establish the task force and ensure that the assessment of My Community NM occurs.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The task force will include representatives from the following organizations: the Children, Youth and Families Department; the Indian Affairs Department; the Office of the Governor's Council on Women's Health; the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness; the Bernalillo County Community Health Council Youth Coalition Initiative; the Bernalillo County Community Health Council; the Children's Cabinet; La Comunidad Habla; the Kiwanis Club of Albuquerque; La Plaza de Encuentro; the Sandoval County Community Health Alliance; the Sierra Health

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Council; Southwest Creations Collaborative; the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center Office of Community Affairs and Pathways Program; and the Valencia Community Partnership.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DOH notes that My Community NM serves non-profit organizations providing services to New Mexicans, including four community health councils. My Community NM began as a comprehensive, bilingual, interagency on-line resource directory developed by nonprofit organizations to improve access and quality of health and social service information.

DOH further notes that My Community NM can be used by individual community members and by members of the health care delivery system; most notably community health workers, community health representatives, and promotoras, who help underserved individuals and families identify and access health and human services.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

A task force would not assess the benefits of utilizing My Community NM for underserved New Mexicans.

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