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HOUSE MEMORIAL 107

**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 HOUSE OF  
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interagency  
17 behavioral health purchasing collaborative convene a team of  
18 appropriate stakeholders to discuss a plan for the  
19 sustainability of the New Mexico SBIRT program in integrated  
20 primary care and school-based health 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.