

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-15-253 ENACTMENT NO. R-2015-102

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1 RESOLUTION
2 CREATING A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
3 REFORM BEGINNING WITH THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND BERNALILLO
4 COUNTY THROUGH THE ALBUQUERQUE/BERNALILLO COUNTY
5 GOVERNMENT COMMISSION.

6 WHEREAS, Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque are responsible
7 for, and committed to, promoting the health and safety of all City and County
8 residents; and

9 WHEREAS, presently there are acute problems with the system of
10 providing all levels of behavioral health services to City and County residents
11 and the residents of surrounding communities; and

12 WHEREAS, the County Commission has already begun the process of
13 identifying community needs, passing a gross receipts tax to assist in
14 providing new funding and reaching out to partners in the community who
15 also are currently providing behavioral health services and/or have numerous
16 behavioral health needs; and

17 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has already begun the process of
18 identifying community needs and has invested approximately \$14 million of
19 funding into behavioral health and counseling services; and

20 WHEREAS, implementing collaborative solutions to identified behavioral
21 health problems will best utilize the limited resources to impact the most
22 clients; and

23 WHEREAS, the County has already passed two Resolutions, AR 2015-16
24 and 31 to attempt to begin the creation of a regional system to address
25 behavioral health needs, but the organizational structure to accomplish the
26 task has not yet been established; and

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1 **WHEREAS, counties surrounding Bernalillo County have expressed their**
2 **willingness to collaborate in the development of a regional behavioral health**
3 **system; and**

4 **WHEREAS, in order to formally begin to create a regional answer to our**
5 **behavioral health needs the two largest governmental entities in the region**
6 **must first determine how to partner in this process; and**

7 **WHEREAS, the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Commission**
8 **has been created to solve mutual problems facing the City and the County and**
9 **it is the appropriate forum to begin the process of mutual decision making to**
10 **create a regional solution to the behavioral health needs we now face.**

11 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
12 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

13 **Section 1. That the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government**
14 **Commission (ABCGC) shall be the lead entity to work collaboratively to create**
15 **a governance structure to begin the regional system of providing behavioral**
16 **health care.**

17 **Section 2. That the City of Albuquerque requests that Bernalillo County**
18 **also designate the ABCGC as the lead entity to recommend a form of a**
19 **regional behavioral health authority.**

20 **Section 3. That the City of Albuquerque authorizes the ABCGC to begin to**
21 **Identify which agencies and governments should be involved in a regional**
22 **authority and what form of governance the authority should establish for the**
23 **purposes of providing oversight, coordination, systems and program**
24 **development and implementation of initiatives which best utilize all available**
25 **behavioral health funds.**

26 **Section 4. That the City of Albuquerque directs the ABCGC to seek input**
27 **from the public, hold public meetings, discuss potential cooperative**
28 **governing structures and present options to surrounding counties interested**
29 **in partnering in the development of the City and County behavioral health**
30 **system.**

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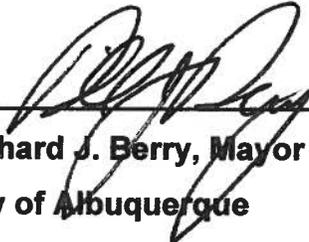
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2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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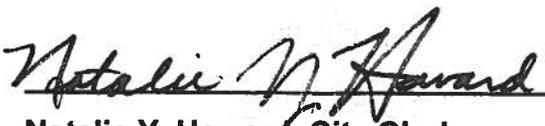
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10 Rey Garduño, President
11 City Council

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13 APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF November, 2015

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20 Richard J. Berry, Mayor
21 City of Albuquerque

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28 Natalie Y. Howard, City Clerk

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