

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-15-253 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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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 to implementing initiatives to 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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