

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-14-55 ENACTMENT NO. R.2014-043

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa Peña

1 **RESOLUTION**

2 **COMMISSIONING A STUDY TO ASSESS THE GAPS IN THE CITY, COUNTY**
3 **AND STATE'S FUNDING FOR CERTAIN SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS;**
4 **APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

5 **WHEREAS, it is important that the City Council begins to restore the**
6 **public's confidence in APD by resolving some of the underlying issues that**
7 **have plagued our community and that have led us to this point; and**

8 **WHEREAS, while not part of their formal recommendations, the DOJ**
9 **mentioned the need to address the mental health crisis we have in the city;**
10 **and**

11 **WHEREAS, we can longer use the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) to**
12 **house our residents with severe mental health and substance abuse issues;**
13 **and**

14 **WHEREAS, we *must* invest in prevention and intervention programs and**
15 **accessible inpatient and outpatient mental health services. Without**
16 **addressing these needs and the lack of other services such as services**
17 **relating to homelessness and to the developmentally disabled, the problems**
18 **in our community will persist; and**

19 **WHEREAS, families throughout the city struggle to find help for family**
20 **members who suffer from the above-mentioned issues and are forced to deal**
21 **with them alone. More often than not, the individual never receives the help**
22 **they need and families anguish over how best to help their loved ones; and**

23 **WHEREAS, there are only six psychiatric hospital beds available at UNM;**
24 **and**

25 **WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Detention Center is the largest mental health**
26 **institution in our state. 60% of the MDC population is either mentally ill, has**
27 **severe substance abuse problems or both; and**

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1 **WHEREAS, mentally ill individuals released from the MDC receive only**
2 **three days' worth of medication and no other follow up assistance is provided;**
3 **and**

4 **WHEREAS, 70% of the homeless struggle with mental illness and/or**
5 **substance abuse issues; and**

6 **WHEREAS, we need to develop coordination efforts between**
7 **governmental, quasi-governmental, community based and non-profit mental**
8 **health providers with local law enforcement and incarceration**
9 **agencies/institutions to ensure the safety of the mentally ill and the public;**
10 **and**

11 **WHEREAS, Councilors Winter and Benton have introduced a memorial (M-**
12 **14-5) calling for the formation of a Task Force to discuss joint funding**
13 **opportunities and to propose recommendations to address the issues**
14 **surrounding and concerning mental health issues within the State of New**
15 **Mexico; and**

16 **WHEREAS, that Task Force would benefit from the assistance of a**
17 **consultant to help identify gaps in the existing services provided by the City,**
18 **County and State.**

19 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
20 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

21 **Section 1. The Director of Council Services is hereby authorized to enter**
22 **into an agreement with a consultant to assist the Task Force to be created**
23 **pursuant to M-14-5 in studying and assessing the gaps in the City, County and**
24 **State's provision of services for mental health service.**

25 **Section 2. Thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000) is hereby appropriated**
26 **within the General Fund (110) to the Council Services Department in FY/14 to**
27 **carry out the provisions of Section 1 of this resolution.**

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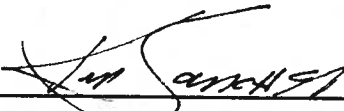
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2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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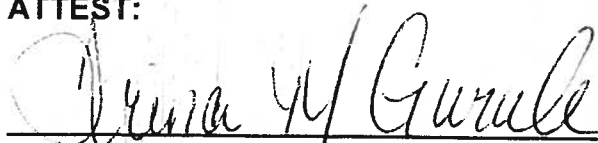
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10 Ken Sanchez, President
11 City Council

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14 APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF June, 2014

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23 Richard J. Berry, Mayor
24 City of Albuquerque

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27 ATTEST:

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30 Trina M. Gurule, Acting City Clerk

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