

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 143**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING SANTA FE COUNTY'S ROLE IN
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND FUNDING AND
PLANNING FOR A CRISIS TRIAGE CENTER IN SANTA FE
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, a healthy community is a key goal for Santa Fe County ("County"); and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") approved the *Santa Fe County Health Action Plan* recommended by the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission and the Santa Fe County Community Services Department; and

WHEREAS, the *Santa Fe County Health Action Plan* establishes behavioral health as a priority, including reducing drug abuse, reducing alcohol abuse, and reducing suicides; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department has worked to align existing County programs and develop new ones to maximize the County's contribution to the three high-priority *Health Action Plan* goals that relate to behavioral health and treatment, including:

- creating with Presbyterian Medical Services the Mobile Crisis Response Team, dedicated to assisting first responders with people in behavioral health crisis and providing follow-up case management to connect them with appropriate resources;
- expanding the DWI program's initiative for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment and working with Tesuque Pueblo and Pueblo of San Ildefonso to provide compliance monitoring services for DWI offenders sentenced in their Tribal Court;
- providing funding and oversight for Santa Fe Opiate Safe in the delivery of naloxone and the training of physicians in the prescribing of suboxone;
- supporting La Familia Medical Center's provision of medication-assisted treatment for pregnant women who use opiates;
- reimbursing providers for mental health and substance abuse treatment, including residential treatment with Santa Fe Recovery, as well as wrap-around services with other providers including Casa Milagro, Sangre de Cristo House, and CHRISTUS St. Vincent's program for high utilizers;

- providing funding for County Corrections to implement re-entry programs and case management for people with mental health issues who will be transitioning back to the community; and

WHEREAS, the County participated in the National Association of Counties "Stepping Up Initiative" to reduce the number of people with behavioral health issues in the jail population, and the Board adopted Resolution 2015-66 in support of the Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Counties of Sandoval, Bernalillo, Taos, Dona Ana, Otero, Eddy, Socorro, and Valencia also participated in the Stepping Up Initiative by adopting similar resolutions; and

WHEREAS, on May 16th, 2016, the County hosted a behavioral health summit, which recommended the development and funding of a crisis triage/drop-in center to include professional and peer-led services; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department has engaged professional services to consult with stakeholders and develop a business plan for the implementation and operation of a behavioral health crisis triage center; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2016, the Health Policy and Planning Commission reaffirmed the need for behavioral health triage services and for a specific physical facility located within the County to provide these triage services, and supported planning for a behavioral health crisis facility and program that would provide the following services to clients and families: quick triage, assessment, stabilization, transportation, case management, navigation, peer services, information hub and respite services; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, County voters approved Bond Question 5, authorizing the County to issue up to \$5 million in general obligation bonds to acquire, construct, design, equip and improve community health facilities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has approved two capital projects within the context of Bond Question 5, the First Choice Health Commons in Edgewood (\$3 million) and a facility to serve as a behavioral health crisis triage center (\$2 million); and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, County voters approved a nonbinding advisory question asking whether the County should enact a countywide gross receipts tax for behavioral health services that would increase the aggregate gross receipts tax rate by up to one-eighth of one percent (0.125%).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that Staff is directed to

1. Determine where in the County a behavioral health crisis triage center should be located; and

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- 2. Ascertain what funding sources are available or could be implemented to cover the operations and maintenance of a behavioral health crisis triage center.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Miguel M. Chavez
Miguel M. Chavez, Chair

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar Date: 12-13-2016
Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory S. Shaffer 12/12/2016
Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss
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Geraldine Salazar
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