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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Amending and Approving the Navajo Department of Health Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Comprehensive Policies and Procedures

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0188-24

DATE: June 14, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE; AMENDING AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH COMPREHENSIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is to approve amendments to the Department of Health Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Comprehensive Policies and Procedures.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Health, Education and Human Services Committee

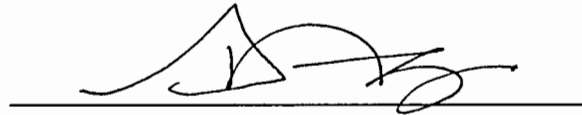
VOTE REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—SECOND YEAR, 2024

INTRODUCED BY



Primary Sponsor

TRACKING NO. 0188-24

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE; AMENDING AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
COMPREHENSIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and as such is empowered to oversee all health and social service-related activities of the Navajo Nation and its organizations and enterprises, relating to the delivery of health. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(C)(2).
- B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has oversight of the Navajo Department of Health. 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(1).
- C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is authorized to establish Navajo Nation policy, and promulgate rules and regulations governing health, social services, education, human services, and general government services of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(1).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 1 A. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services is established within the
2 Navajo Department of Health in Resolution HEHSCJA-01-1, Navajo Department of
3 Health Master Plan of Operation.
- 4 B. The initial Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Outpatient Services
5 Policy and Procedures Manual was approved by the 20th Navajo Nation Council Health
6 and Human Services Committee through Resolution HSSCD-12-05. Resolution
7 HSSCD-12-05 (exhibits omitted) is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 8 C. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services submitted an Executive
9 Summary Memo, attached as **Exhibit B**, requesting amendment to the Division of
10 Behavioral and Mental Health Policies and Procedures. The Department of Justice
11 completed an Executive Official Review and determined the Policies and Procedures
12 to be sufficient.
- 13 D. The amendments reflect updated services, current trends, and changes in clinical
14 terminology.
- 15 E. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Comprehensive Policies and
16 Procedures, underline and strikethrough version, is attached as **Exhibit C**, and
17 includes:
- 18 1. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Outpatient Policies and
19 Procedures;
 - 20 2. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Residential Treatment
21 Center Policies and Procedures;
 - 22 3. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Residential Traditional
23 Healing Component Policies and Procedures;
 - 24 4. The Navajo Regional Health Authority – Training Manual;
 - 25 5. And an Appendix containing various documents.
- 26 F. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services has also provided an unmarked
27 copy, attached as **Exhibit D**, which includes the changes made to **Exhibit C**.
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29 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

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1 The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council
2 hereby amends and approves the Navajo Department of Health Division of Behavioral
3 and Mental Health Services Comprehensive Policies and Procedures, as detailed in
4 **Exhibit C.**

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