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via email

Re: May 1, 2025 report of the Administrative Office of the Courts pursuant to the
Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act

Senators, Representatives, Director Sallee, Secretary Armijo;

I write to you as the chairs and vice chairs of the Legislative Finance and Legislative Health and Human Services committees, as well as the Director of the Legislative Finance Committee, and Cabinet Secretary of the Health Care Authority. I provide this letter as a report of the Administrative Office of the Court's (AOC) activities related to Senate Bill 3, the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (BHRIA).

The BHRIA tasks AOC with Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) mapping for the entire state, facilitating stakeholder meetings throughout the state in yet-to-be-designated behavioral health regions, and developing thorough regional plans for existing and new behavioral health services. Additionally, as AOC Director, I will serve on the new BHRIA Executive Committee which will come into existence on June 20, the effective date of the act.

To undertake these efforts the Legislature appropriated \$1.7 million as a special appropriation for

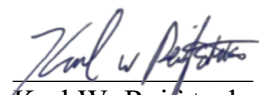
FY26-29 to AOC to pay for administrative costs related to SIM mapping and facilitating regional planning. AOC also received \$2.3 million for FY26 in Government Results and Accountability funding (GRO) which we will use to pay for our existing Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) and criminal competency diversion pilot programs in the First (Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, Santa Fe counties), Fourth (Mora, San Miguel, Guadalupe counties), and Twelfth (Lincoln and Otero counties) judicial districts.

In the short time since the passage of the act, AOC has undertaken several efforts to begin carrying out our duties under BHRIA:

- In March and April AOC conducted a job search for a candidate to serve as our point person for BHRIA-related activities. We extended a job offer, which was accepted. The candidate is scheduled to start work May 12. The HCA has also hired their project manager and these two individuals will be working closely together.
- AOC has been engaged in SIM mapping already. We recently completed SIM mapping in Taos, Union, and Colfax counties in October 2024, Rio Arriba County in December 2024, and Santa Fe County in January 2025. The reports for these events are available online at: <https://behavioralhealth.nmcourts.gov/programs-and-initiatives/community-mapping-sim/>
- AOC has additional SIM mapping scheduled in the Fourth Judicial District (Mora, San Miguel, and Guadalupe counties) on June 10-11, and in Los Alamos County on June 23-24. Reports from those events will be posted on the website above as soon as they are available.
- We have identified possible contractors for SIM mapping the remaining areas of the state, as well as for facilitating regional planning meetings.
- We have held preliminary meetings with the Health Care Authority, LFC staff, UNM Hospital, and a variety of stakeholders from around the state.
- Finally, we have been vetting potential Executive Committee members and anticipate their appointment in the coming weeks.

AOC continues to look forward to helping confront the challenge of improving behavioral health services throughout New Mexico. If you have any questions about this report or any of AOC's BHRIA-related activities, please reach out to me.

Respectfully,


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