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via email

**Re: February 2026 Monthly Update on Administrative Office of the Courts Activities
Related to – Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (BHRIA)**

Dear Senators, Representatives, Director Sallee, and Secretary Armijo,

This monthly report provides an update on the implementation of Senate Bill 3 (SB3), including progress on regional behavioral health planning and key items needed for Accountable Entities (AEs) to effectively complete their regional plans.

As of February 2026, five of thirteen workshops have been completed with all 13 workshop dates secured. Each accountable entity is working diligently on planning their workshops, engaging stakeholders, and conducting community listening sessions.

Regional Milestone Tracking – SB3				
Region	Workshop (Status)	Workshop Date	Listening Sessions	Regional Plan Submission (Status)
Region 1	Complete	12/18/2025 - 12/19/2025	Scheduled	In Progress
Region 2	Complete	11/20/2025 - 11/21/2025	In Progress	In Progress
Region 3	Pending Youth E-SIM	2/26/2026 - 2/27/2026	Scheduled	Not Started-Pending UNM Report
Region 4	Scheduled	4/14/2026-4/16/2026	Scheduled	Not Started Pending E-SIM Workshop

Region 5	Scheduled	5/05/2026-5/07/2026	In Progress	Not Started Pending E-SIM Workshop
Region 6	Scheduled	3/24/2026 - 3/26/2026	In Progress	Not Started Pending E-SIM Workshop
Region 7	Scheduled	3/18/2026 - 3/20/2026	Scheduled	Not Started Pending E-SIM Workshop
Region 8	Scheduled	3/11/2026 - 3/13/2026	Scheduled	Not Started Pending E-SIM Workshop
Region 9	Complete	12/02/2025 - 12/04/2025	Complete	In Progress
Region 10	Scheduled	4/21/2026 - 4/23/2026	Not Started	Not Started Pending E-SIM Workshop
Region 11	Complete	12/18/2025 - 12/19/2035	Scheduled	In Progress
Region 12	Complete	1/14/2026 - 1/16/2026	Scheduled	Not Started Pending E-SIM Wrap-Up Report
Region 13	Scheduled	4/8/2026 – 4/10/2026	In Progress	Not Started Pending E-SIM Workshop
<p>*Visit the Alliance of Health Councils for more information and details on upcoming regional listening sessions- https://www.nmhealthcouncils.org/publichealthevents</p>				

Workshop Priorities

	Priority Bucket 1:	Priority Bucket 2:	Priority Bucket 3:	Priority Bucket 4:	Priority Bucket 5:
Region 2	Policy	Access	Continuum of Care	Social Drivers of Health	Workforce Development
Region 9	Crisis, Acute, & Higher-Level Care Infrastructure	Housing & Homeless Services	Community-Based Programs for Youth and Adults	Workforce Development	Youth Prevention Programs & Mentorship
Region 11	Housing, Shelter and Transportation	Diversion, Specialty Courts and Justice System Improvements	Coordination and System Integration	Access and Infrastructure for Behavioral Health Services	Prevention, Community and Cultural Support
Region 1	Workforce and Pipeline Development	Access and Capacity	Prevention, Cultural and Community Spaces	Schools and School Based Supports	Family and Caregiver Support

Clarifications and Pending Items Needed to Advance Regional Planning

At this time, AOC is awaiting the final funding formula and regional plan template from the Health Care Authority. Once these materials are received, Accountable Entities that have completed their regional workshops will be able to begin the planning phase.

In addition, AOC has received concerns related to the Early Access Applications, specifically:

1. Accountable Entity (AE) funding caps:

Accountable Entities were initially advised by HCA that applications exceeding \$2 million were permissible; however, final approvals were capped. This has required regions to significantly scale back proposals, creating implementation challenges and local friction.

2. Direct distribution to Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations (\$2 million Early Access Funding):

Clarification is requested from HCA on whether tribal allocations may be distributed directly to Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations (TPNs), or through an alternative mechanism, rather than flowing through Accountable Entities.

3. Data and performance measurement infrastructure:

Accountable Entities are seeking clarification on whether a centralized data and reporting system will be provided statewide, or whether each region will be expected to independently procure and implement its own data and performance tracking system.

4. Behavioral health workforce pipeline coordination – See Section 24A-10-4(I) NMSA 1979:

AOC and Accountable Entities are requesting updates on implementation of Section I of the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act related to coordination among higher education institutions, HCA, the Workforce Solutions Department, and other stakeholder in the development of a workforce pipeline. Clear direction is needed to avoid duplication of effort and ensure consistent regional planning.

5. Alignment with prior LFC program evaluations:

AOC has reviewed the most recent program evaluation of the Rural Health Care Delivery Fund and requests guidance from the Legislative Finance Committee on whether the report's recommendations should inform SB3 implementation and how those recommendations should be proactively addressed.

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