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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. 0087-24

DATE: April 16, 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 POLICES AND PROCEDURES

PURPOSE: If approved, this resolution will amend and approve the Navajo Department of Health Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Outpatient Treatment Center and Residential Treatment Center 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.

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
12 COMMITTEE; AMENDING AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT
13 OF HEALTH DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
14 COMPREHENSIVE POLICES AND PROCEDURES

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

17 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 18 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the
19 Navajo Nation Council and as such is empowered to oversee all health and social service-
20 related activities of the Navajo Nation and its organizations and enterprises, relating to
21 the delivery of health. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(C)(2).
22 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has oversight of the Navajo
23 Department of Health. 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(1).
24 C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is authorized to establish Navajo
25 Nation policy, and promulgate rules and regulations governing health, social services,
26 education, human services, and general government services of the Navajo Nation. 2
27 N.N.C. § 401(B)(1).
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29 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**
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- 1 A. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services is established within the
2 Navajo Department of Health. Resolution HEHSCJA-01-18 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 of the Division of
10 Behavioral and Mental Health Policies and Procedures. The Department of Justice
11 completed an Executive Official Review and determined the
- 12 D. Amendments are needed to reflect updated services, current trends, and changes in
13 clinical terminology.
- 14 E. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Comprehensive Policies and
15 Procedures, attached as **Exhibit C**, includes:
- 16 1. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Outpatient Policies and
17 Procedures;
 - 18 2. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Residential Treatment
19 Center Policies and Procedures;
 - 20 3. The Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services Residential Traditional
21 Healing Component Policies and Procedures;
 - 22 4. The Navajo Regional Health Authority – Training Manual;
 - 23 5. And an Appendix containing various documents.
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25 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

26 The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council
27 hereby amends and approves the Navajo Department of Health Division of Behavioral
28 and Mental Health Services Comprehensive Policies and Procedures, as detailed in
29 **Exhibit C**.

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