

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 199

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to research and explore through collaboration among various stakeholders ways to address youth and adult behavioral health issues. The aims of the study are to identify opportunities for cooperation, develop sustainable revenue models, and update facilities for improved outcomes in youth and adult behavioral health systems, based on best practices and evidence-based approaches.

(1) The study shall include, but need not be limited to, collaboration with the following entities:

(a) The Office of Probation Administration and district and state court systems;

(b) Law enforcement agencies;

(c) County attorneys and public defenders;

(d) School districts;

(e) The University of Nebraska and the Metropolitan Community College;

(f) The city of Omaha and Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties;

(g) Behavioral health providers and Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare;

(h) The Department of Health and Human Services;

(i) The State Board of Education; and

(j) Other subject matter experts in behavioral health services.

(2) The study should also include, but need not be limited to, an exploration of the following:

(a) Best practices and evidence-based approaches for addressing youth and adult behavioral health issues;

(b) Sustainable revenue models for effective collaboration in addressing

youth and adult behavioral health issues;

(c) Opportunities for regional cooperation among entities involved in behavioral health;

(d) Development of updated facilities for improved behavioral health services on county-owned property near 42nd Street and Woolworth Avenue in Omaha, Nebraska, property on the University of Nebraska Medical Center campus, property near the Douglas County Department of Corrections, and any other potential locations; and

(e) Where gaps in the provision of mental health services exist and how to potentially address the gaps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.