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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-43

INTRODUCED BY:

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A RESOLUTION

THANKING THE LEAD TASK FORCE AND OPERATIONS TEAM FOR THEIR SERVICE AND STATING THE CITY’S INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A COALITION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO FURTHER THE LEAD MISSION.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe established the LEAD Task Force with Resolution 2012-66 to explore and recommend incarceration alternatives, addiction treatment and recover support services; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2013-76 was adopted by the City Council on July 31, 2013 for the purpose of accepting the recommendations of the LEAD Santa Fe Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the LEAD Task Force found that:

- 100 individuals, arrested by City of Santa Fe Police for opiate possession or sales, cost more than \$4.2 million dollars or an average of \$42K per individual across local and state systems over the last 3 years. (This is only the tip of the iceberg – costs not included in this figure include: loss of productivity & earnings; impact on families & social support systems; current “ad hoc” drug treatments; public safety & health issues; witness, jury costs; property crime investigations and value of property lost, etc.)

- 1 • These same 100 individuals cost the City \$1 million dollars in jail/detention costs over 3
- 2 years for a total of 11,502 jail days.
- 3 • They were arrested 590 times by police officers in the 3 years; officers spent an average
- 4 of 9.3 hours per arrest.
- 5 • A majority (91 out of 100) were repeat offenders with a pattern of being re-arrested every
- 6 6 months on average.
- 7 • 51% of those individuals had property crime histories; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the LEAD Task Force recommendations were to establish a LEAD/Pre-
9 Booking Diversion Program which would identify low-level opiate drug offenders for whom probable
10 cause exists for an arrest, and redirect them from jail and prosecution by immediately providing
11 linkages to treatment/support services; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the LEAD Task Force found that with the economic strain on local counties,
13 pre-booking diversion programs offer a viable, cost effective alternative to the status quo that can
14 positively impact Santa Fe; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the benefits of the LEAD/Pre-Booking Diversion Program will:

- 16 • Increase safety for the community by reducing future criminal behavior.
- 17 • Reduce the burden on the law enforcement, county jail, prosecution, and court system.
- 18 • Redirect public safety resources to more pressing priorities, such as serious and violent
- 19 crime.
- 20 • Reduces opiate overdoses (and related burden on the emergency and hospital resources)
- 21 and recidivism.
- 22 • Optimize the use of the Affordable Care Act health coverage for treatment and social
- 23 supports.
- 24 • Improve individual outcomes and community quality of life through research-based
- 25 treatment, harm reduction and social supports.

1 **WHEREAS**, the LEAD Operations Team was established to map out the process of
2 implementing a three year, pre-booking diversion pilot program to divert individuals suffering from
3 opiate addictions to social supports and treatment services; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Resolution 2013-76 approved the planning and implementing of an innovative
5 3-year pre-booking diversion pilot program to divert those individuals suffering from an addiction to
6 opiates into treatment and social supports (Planning phase: August 1 – December, 31 2013; Pilot
7 phase: January 1, 2014 – Dec. 31, 2017) and directed staff to develop an operations plan and explore
8 funding mechanisms to establish and implement the three year LEAD/Pre-booking program in Santa
9 Fe; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the LEAD Operations Team was established to map out the process of
11 implementing a three year, pre-booking diversion pilot program to divert individuals suffering from
12 opiate addictions to social supports and treatment services; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the LEAD Operations Team developed protocols, procedures and has worked with
14 staff to select a local service provider; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe has contracted for services and is implementing training to
16 begin LEAD Santa Fe operations in March of 2014; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the LEAD Task Force and LEAD Operations Team have essentially completed
18 their assigned duties; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the adopted plan indicates the need for two remaining committees to ensure the
20 efficient and ethical operations of the LEAD Santa Fe program.

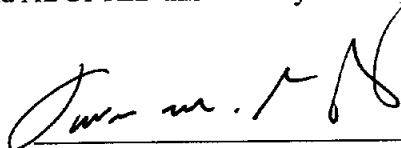
21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
22 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City of Santa Fe expresses sincere thanks the LEAD Task Force and
23 Operations Team for their dedicated work.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby disbands the LEAD Task
25 Force and the Operations Team.

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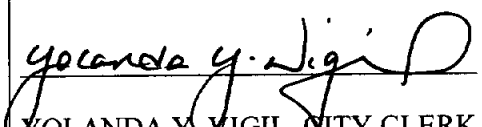
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Santa Fe will enter into a MOU with other concerned government and private organizations to establish the LEAD Coordinating Group and the Operation Group to further ensure the ethical and effective operations of the LEAD Santa Fe program.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11th day of June, 2014.

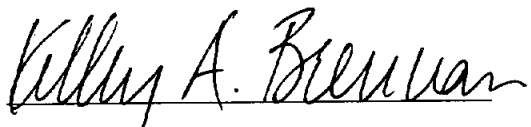


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