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Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

‘Sec. 1 Strategic plan. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall collaborate with the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the Riverview Psychiatric Center and seek input from Acadia Hospital and Spring Harbor Hospital and community hospitals that have psychiatric beds, consumers of mental health services and community mental health service providers to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the provision of hospital-based mental health services. The plan must create a coordinated safety net of programs and services that will serve Maine's citizens in the future.

1. The plan development must consist of the following 3 steps:

A. Step one, in which the 4 mental health hospitals shall work together with the department to compile a first draft of the strategic plan;

B. Step 2, in which the community hospitals that have psychiatric beds shall work together with the 4 mental health hospitals and the department to compile a 2nd draft of the strategic plan. This plan must be presented to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2007; and

C. Step 3, in which the department shall invite the participation of consumers of mental health services and community mental health services providers. The department shall consider the input of the consumers and providers provided in this step.

All participants from steps one to 3 shall then work together to compile a final draft of the strategic plan, which must then be presented to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by March 15, 2007.

2. The participants in the development of the draft strategic plans may request the assistance of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review with regard to data and the fiscal impact of program design and the provision of services.’

SUMMARY

This amendment adds 3 steps to the strategic planning process and authorizes the participants to request the assistance of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review. It requires reporting to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the 2nd draft plan by January 15, 2007 and the final draft plan by March 15, 2007.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)