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**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services
To Develop a Comprehensive Statewide Strategic Plan To Serve
Maine People with Behavioral Health Needs throughout Their
Lifespans**

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and
Representatives: FAY of Raymond, MADIGAN of Waterville, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to develop a**
2 **comprehensive statewide strategic plan to serve people in the State with**
3 **behavioral health needs throughout their lifespans. Resolved:** That, within
4 existing resources, the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a vision
5 and comprehensive statewide strategic plan to serve people in the State with behavioral
6 health needs throughout their lifespans, referred to in this resolve as "the plan." For
7 purposes of this resolve, "behavioral health" includes a wide range of mental disorders and
8 illnesses, substance use disorder and developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum
9 disorder.

10 **Sec. 2. Plan participation. Resolved:** That the department's Office of Child and
11 Family Services, office of behavioral health and office of aging and disability services shall
12 draft the plan in collaboration with the Legislature, other agencies of the executive branch,
13 indigenous and tribal populations of the State, the Permanent Commission on the Status of
14 Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations, consumer groups, service providers,
15 public safety organizations, law enforcement organizations, hospitals and the LGBTQ
16 community. For purposes of this resolve, "LGBTQ" includes but is not limited to lesbian,
17 gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and asexual.

18 **Sec. 3. Elements of plan. Resolved:** That, in drafting the plan, the department
19 shall address, as they relate to behavioral health:

- 20 1. Protection of consumer choice;
- 21 2. Evidence-based treatments;
- 22 3. Early screenings, detection and interventions for all children up to 6 years of age;
- 23 4. Identifying and serving children from 6 years of age to 20 years of age in school
24 settings, including screenings and providing early interventions where appropriate;
- 25 5. Public health screenings for families at risk of adverse childhood experiences;
- 26 6. Children in state custody;
- 27 7. Children who are incarcerated;
- 28 8. Best practices for a successful transition from children's to adult services;
- 29 9. Adults who are incarcerated;
- 30 10. Workforce development at all levels;
- 31 11. Availability of diagnosis and treatment in the least restrictive environment at all
32 levels, including:
 - 33 A. Hotlines and so-called warmlines;
 - 34 B. Suicide prevention;
 - 35 C. Crisis services, including response to 9-1-1 calls, safety assessments and
36 stabilization;
 - 37 D. Outpatient treatment;
 - 38 E. Medication management;
 - 39 F. Intensive outpatient treatment;

- 1 G. Assertive community treatment;
- 2 H. Community integration and support;
- 3 I. Case management;
- 4 J. Medication-assisted treatment;
- 5 K. Residential treatment for children and adults;
- 6 L. In-home support services;
- 7 M. Supported employment;
- 8 N. Supported short-term and long-term housing;
- 9 O. Applied behavioral analysis;
- 10 P. Occupational therapy;
- 11 Q. Relationship development intervention;
- 12 R. Speech therapy;
- 13 S. Telehealth;
- 14 T. Technology-assisted interventions;
- 15 U. Peer support; and
- 16 V. Family support;
- 17 12. Discharge planning from inpatient settings;
- 18 13. Annual goals to best serve people in the State with behavioral health needs
- 19 throughout their lifespans;
- 20 14. Methods of measuring and sharing progress toward carrying out the purposes of
- 21 this resolve with the Legislature; and
- 22 15. A financial plan and budget and sources of revenue to best serve people in the State
- 23 with behavioral health needs throughout their lifespans.

24 **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 7, 2022, the department shall submit
25 the plan along with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the joint standing
26 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.
27 The joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters
28 may report out legislation based upon the plan to the First Regular Session of the 131st
29 Legislature.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services, including the
32 department's Office of Child and Family Services, office of behavioral health and office of
33 aging and disability services and a variety of other interested parties and stakeholders, to
34 develop a vision and comprehensive statewide strategic plan to serve people in the State
35 with behavioral health needs throughout their lifespans.