

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Mental health and substance abuse appropriations.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to mental health and substance abuse
2 services; providing appropriations; providing continuous
3 appropriations; specifying conditions; authorizing
4 positions; continuing a study of mental health and
5 substance abuse service delivery systems; and providing for
6 effective dates.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1. Wyoming state hospital co-occurring**
11 **conditions treatment program.**

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13 (a) There is appropriated three hundred eighty-three
14 thousand six hundred sixty dollars (\$383,660.00), or as
15 much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the

1 Wyoming state hospital, for the fiscal year beginning July
2 1, 2007. The funds appropriated under this subsection
3 shall only be used to implement a program to treat
4 individuals with co-occurring diagnoses of serious,
5 persistent mental illness and alcohol/substance abuse,
6 dependence or addiction. The program shall provide initial
7 psychiatric symptom stabilization, followed by a treatment
8 intervention, using multi-therapeutic interventions to
9 include social integration and rehabilitation, vocational
10 guidance and individualized recovery and rehabilitation
11 goals to manage the person's mental illness and substance
12 abuse issues.

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14 (b) The Wyoming state hospital is authorized eight
15 (8) full-time equivalent positions to implement the program
16 specified in subsection (a) of this section.

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18 (c) The department of health shall include a request
19 in its 2009-2010 standard budget request for purposes of
20 continuing funding of the program specified in subsection
21 (a) of this section and the positions authorized under
22 subsection (b) of this section.

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1 **Section 2. Regional residential treatment for persons**
2 **with co-occurring disorders.**

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4 (a) There is appropriated one million six hundred
5 fifty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1,657,700.00),
6 or as much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund
7 to the department of health, for the fiscal year beginning
8 July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated under this subsection
9 shall only be used to fund not more than two (2) treatment
10 facilities in the state to serve persons with co-occurring
11 disorders of mental illness and alcohol or substance abuse.
12 The funding shall be expended to serve not more than twelve
13 (12) clients at any given time in each of the facilities
14 selected by the department of health, in consultation with
15 the mental health division and the substance abuse
16 division, through a competitive bid process.

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18 (b) There is appropriated eighty thousand dollars
19 (\$80,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from the
20 general fund to the department of health, for the fiscal
21 year beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated under
22 this subsection shall only be used to fund the equipment
23 costs for the treatment facilities selected under
24 subsection (a) of this section.

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2 **Section 3. Salary increases; substance abuse**
3 **providers.**

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5 (a) There is appropriated one million three hundred
6 fifty-nine thousand five hundred twenty-two dollars
7 (\$1,359,522.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
8 the general fund to the department of health, substance
9 abuse division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

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11 (b) The appropriation under this section shall be
12 distributed to community substance abuse treatment centers
13 under contract with the division and shall only be expended
14 by the community substance abuse treatment centers to
15 increase the salaries of direct care personnel in community
16 substance abuse treatment centers.

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18 **Section 4. Salary increases; mental health providers.**

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20 (a) There is appropriated one million eight hundred
21 twenty-six thousand one hundred forty-eight dollars
22 (\$1,826,148.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
23 the general fund to the department of health, mental health
24 division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

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2 (b) The appropriation under this section shall be
3 distributed to community mental health centers under
4 contract with the division and shall only be expended by
5 the community mental health centers to increase the
6 salaries of direct care personnel in community mental
7 health centers.

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9 **Section 5. Supported housing.**

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11 (a) There is appropriated one million eight hundred
12 seventy-six thousand seven hundred fifty dollars
13 (\$1,876,750.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
14 the general fund to the department of health, mental health
15 division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. The
16 funds appropriated under this subsection shall be used to
17 enable community mental health centers to provide
18 community-based housing and residential services for
19 clients with serious and persistent mental illness. The
20 residential services shall include appropriate support to
21 enable the residents in the housing to develop or improve
22 daily living skills, including self-care, meal preparation,
23 shopping and budgeting proficiencies so the client may
24 successfully remain in an independent living situation.

1 The funds under this subsection shall only be expended as
2 follows:

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4 (i) Not more than one hundred ninety-four
5 thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$194,150.00) to a
6 community mental health center that enters into a contract
7 with the mental health division to establish ten (10)
8 supervised apartments in Albany county;

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10 (ii) Not more than one million six hundred
11 twelve thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,612,600.00) to the
12 mental health division to enter into contracts with
13 community mental health centers that agree to establish a
14 group home in each of the following regions of the state:

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16 (A) In Teton county;

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18 (B) In Campbell county;

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20 (C) In the southwest region of Wyoming; and

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22 (D) In the Big Horn Basin.

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1 (iii) Not more than seventy thousand dollars
2 (\$70,000.00) shall be one-time funding for the mental
3 health division to administer the funds authorized and
4 contracts required under this subsection.

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6 (b) There is appropriated three hundred fifty
7 thousand dollars (\$350,000.00), or as much thereof as is
8 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
9 health, mental health division, for the fiscal year
10 beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated under this
11 subsection shall be distributed to community mental health
12 providers in the five (5) regions designated by the
13 division. The funds under this subsection shall only be
14 used by the community mental health providers within each
15 region receiving the funds to hire one (1) master's degree
16 level housing expert to assist the community mental health
17 providers within the region to acquire, write and manage
18 loans, grants and contracts related to housing for clients.
19 Each housing expert shall be responsible for the
20 development of a comprehensive mental health housing needs
21 assessment and plan for the respective region. Community
22 mental health centers receiving funds under this subsection
23 shall only expend the funds to pay the salary and benefits
24 of the housing expert hired under this subsection. Any

1 funds unobligated and unexpended under this subsection on
2 June 30, 2008, shall revert to the budget reserve account.

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4 (c) There is appropriated fifty-eight thousand
5 dollars (\$58,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary,
6 from the general fund to the department of health, mental
7 health division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
8 2007. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
9 only be used to pay the salary and benefits of one (1)
10 full-time equivalent employee to coordinate housing
11 planning and development authorized under subsection (b) of
12 this section. The mental health division is authorized one
13 (1) full-time equivalent position to coordinate statewide
14 the housing planning and development authorized under
15 subsection (b) of this section.

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17 **Section 6. Services for seniors with mental illness.**

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19 (a) There is appropriated twenty-seven thousand
20 dollars (\$27,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary,
21 from the general fund to the department of health, mental
22 health division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
23 2007. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
24 only be used to provide one (1) training program per year

1 to clinical staff who work in community mental health or
2 substance abuse centers with older adults who have mental
3 health or alcohol or substance abuse problems.

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5 (b) There is appropriated seventy-five thousand
6 dollars (\$75,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary,
7 from the general fund to the department of health, mental
8 health division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
9 2007. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
10 only be used to provide specialized training throughout the
11 state to nursing home staff who work with older adults who
12 have mental health or alcohol or substance abuse problems.

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14 **Section 7. Mental health regional services**
15 **enhancements.**

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17 (a) There is appropriated one hundred forty-two
18 thousand two hundred dollars (\$142,200.00), or as much
19 thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
20 department of health, mental health division, for the
21 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated
22 under this subsection shall only be used to purchase not
23 more than eighteen (18) self-contained telepsychiatry
24 equipment units each consisting of, at minimum, a monitor,

1 a high definition camera, a microphone and necessary
2 software. The self-contained telepsychiatry equipment
3 units shall be distributed to community mental health
4 centers that do not have such equipment to enable the
5 centers to provide telepsychiatry in rural and frontier
6 areas of the state.

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8 (b) There is appropriated nine hundred seventy-one
9 thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$971,250.00), or as
10 much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
11 department of health, mental health division, for the
12 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated
13 under this subsection shall only be used to enable
14 community mental health providers to hire child and
15 adolescent psychiatrists who may be accessed through
16 telepsychiatry services. Funds under this subsection shall
17 be distributed within regions of the state designated by
18 the mental health division, upon application showing that a
19 qualified psychiatrist has been hired by one (1) or more
20 community mental health centers that are under contract
21 with the mental health division within the designated
22 region to provide the services authorized under this
23 section. Community mental health centers receiving funds
24 under this subsection shall only expend the funds to pay

1 the salary and benefits of the psychiatrist hired under
2 this subsection. Any funds unobligated and unexpended
3 under this subsection on June 30, 2008, shall revert to the
4 budget reserve account.

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6 (c) There is appropriated one million one hundred
7 twenty thousand dollars (\$1,120,000.00), or as much thereof
8 as is necessary, from the general fund to the department of
9 health, mental health division, for the fiscal year
10 beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated under this
11 subsection shall only be used to enhance the availability
12 of nursing support services in conjunction with, and under
13 the supervision of, the child and adolescent psychiatrists
14 working for community mental health centers in regions of
15 the state as designated by the mental health division.
16 Funds under this subsection shall be distributed within
17 regions of the state designated by the mental health
18 division, upon application showing that qualified nursing
19 staff have been hired to provide the support to child and
20 adolescent psychiatrists in community mental health centers
21 under contract with the state. Community mental health
22 centers receiving funds under this subsection shall only
23 expend the funds to pay the salary and benefits of the
24 nursing staff hired under this subsection. Any funds

1 unobligated and unexpended under this subsection on June
2 30, 2008, shall revert to the budget reserve account.

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4 (d) There is appropriated seventy-five thousand
5 dollars (\$75,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary,
6 from the general fund to the department of health, mental
7 health division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
8 2007. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
9 only be used to provide regional training of general or
10 specialty practice physicians on the identification,
11 diagnosis and pharmacological treatment of common mental
12 illnesses. The training sessions shall be conducted by a
13 contractor selected by the mental health division through a
14 competitive bid process.

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16 (e) There is appropriated four hundred thirty-two
17 thousand eight hundred dollars (\$432,800.00), or as much
18 thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
19 department of health, mental health division, for the
20 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated
21 under this subsection shall be distributed to community
22 mental health centers under contract with the mental health
23 division to enhance ancillary transportation support
24 services for clients of the community mental health

1 centers. The funds under this subsection shall be
2 distributed to community mental health centers within
3 regions of the state designated by the mental health
4 division under the existing distribution formula within
5 each region only upon a commitment by the community mental
6 health centers within the region to develop a coordinated
7 plan for transportation throughout the region.

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9 (f) There is appropriated three hundred fifty-six
10 thousand two hundred forty dollars (\$356,240.00), or as
11 much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
12 department of health, mental health division, for the
13 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated
14 under this subsection shall only be used to expand the
15 availability of respite care statewide. The mental health
16 division shall contract with trained providers of respite
17 care for families and caregivers of clients unable to care
18 for themselves to provide the respite care funded under
19 this subsection.

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21 **Section 8. Mental health services for infants and**
22 **children.**

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1 There is appropriated one million four hundred thousand
2 dollars (\$1,400,000.00), or as much thereof as is
3 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
4 health, mental health division, for the fiscal year
5 beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated under this
6 subsection shall only be used to fund not more than twenty
7 (20) master's degree level therapists that may be hired by
8 community mental health centers. The persons hired by
9 community mental health centers under this section shall
10 provide early intervention services for families with
11 preschool age children who are experiencing or are at risk
12 of behavioral, mental or alcohol or substance abuse
13 disorders. Funds under this section shall only be
14 distributed to community mental health centers that have
15 established interagency collaborations within the region
16 designated by the division in which the center is located
17 to provide early intervention services as specified in this
18 subsection. Community mental health centers receiving
19 funds under this section shall only expend the funds to pay
20 the salary and benefits of the therapists hired under this
21 section. Any funds unobligated and unexpended under this
22 section on June 30, 2008, shall revert to the budget
23 reserve account.

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1 **Section 9. Base funding increase for mental health**
2 **and substance abuse providers.**

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4 (a) There is appropriated sixteen thousand one
5 hundred dollars (\$16,100.00), or as much thereof as is
6 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
7 health, mental health division, for the fiscal year
8 beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated under this
9 subsection shall be used to increase the base funding for
10 each community mental health center providing services
11 under contract with the mental health division. The funds
12 under this subsection shall be in addition to the existing
13 base funding authorized for community mental health centers
14 providing services under contract with the mental health
15 division and shall establish a base funding level of
16 seventy-seven thousand dollars (\$77,000.00) per year for
17 each such community mental health center.

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19 (b) There is appropriated seven hundred twenty-nine
20 thousand dollars (\$729,000.00), or as much thereof as is
21 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
22 health, substance abuse division, for the fiscal year
23 beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated under this
24 subsection shall be used to increase the base funding for

1 each community substance abuse treatment center providing
2 services under contract with the substance abuse division.
3 The funds under this subsection shall be in addition to the
4 existing base funding authorized for community substance
5 abuse treatment centers providing services under contract
6 with the substance abuse division and shall establish a
7 base funding level of seventy-seven thousand dollars
8 (\$77,000.00) per year for each such community substance
9 abuse treatment center.

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11 **Section 10. Department of health; remodeling and**
12 **expansion costs for mental health and substance abuse**
13 **divisions.**

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15 (a) There is appropriated three hundred seventy-nine
16 thousand three hundred twenty-three dollars (\$379,323.00),
17 or as much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund
18 to the department of health, mental health division, for
19 the period beginning with the effective date of this
20 section and ending June 30, 2008. The funds under this
21 subsection shall be used as follows:

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23 (i) Not more than two hundred fifty thousand six
24 hundred forty dollars (\$250,640.00) shall be one-time funds

1 expended to allow the acquisition and remodeling of
2 additional space within the Qwest building in Cheyenne and
3 the purchase of necessary furniture and equipment to
4 accommodate the needs of the mental health division;

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6 (ii) Not more than one hundred twenty-eight
7 thousand six hundred eighty-three dollars (\$128,683.00)
8 shall be used for continuing operating costs.

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10 (b) There is appropriated eighty-nine thousand one
11 hundred fourteen dollars (\$89,114.00), or as much thereof
12 as is necessary, from the general fund to the department of
13 health, substance abuse division, for the period beginning
14 with the effective date of this section and ending June 30,
15 2008. The funds appropriated under this subsection shall
16 only be used to pay the costs of remodeling, purchasing of
17 office equipment and furniture and space rental. The funds
18 under this subsection shall be used to allow the
19 acquisition and remodeling of additional space within the
20 Qwest building in Cheyenne to accommodate the needs of
21 additional employees authorized for the substance abuse
22 division under 2006 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 40.

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1 (c) This section is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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6 **Section 11. Substance abuse treatment residential**
7 **services.**

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9 (a) There is appropriated one million eight hundred
10 seventy-nine thousand four hundred sixty-seven dollars
11 (\$1,879,467.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from
12 the general fund to the department of health, substance
13 abuse division, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.
14 The funds appropriated under this subsection shall only be
15 used to increase the capacity of community substance abuse
16 treatment centers to provide residential treatment. Funds
17 appropriated under this section shall be distributed to
18 regions designated by the division as follows:

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20 (i) To community substance abuse treatment
21 centers in the central region, residential services shall
22 be expanded to serve at any given time:

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1 (A) Seventeen (17) additional adult female
2 clients;

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4 (B) Thirty-seven (37) additional adult male
5 clients; and

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7 (C) Ten (10) additional clients who are
8 minors.

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10 (ii) To community substance abuse treatment
11 centers in the northeast region, residential services shall
12 be expanded to serve at any given time:

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14 (A) Ten (10) additional adult female
15 clients; and

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17 (B) Six (6) additional adult male clients.

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19 (iii) To community substance abuse treatment
20 centers in the southwest region, residential services shall
21 be expanded to serve twenty (20) additional adult female
22 clients at any given time;

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1 (iv) To community substance abuse treatment
2 centers in the northeast region, residential services shall
3 be expanded to serve six (6) additional adult male clients
4 at any given time to include medical detoxification
5 services for the clients served under this paragraph.

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7 (b) There is appropriated three hundred ninety-nine
8 thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$399,160.00), or as
9 much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
10 department of health, substance abuse division, for the
11 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated
12 under this subsection shall only be used to establish and
13 provide transitional residential services throughout the
14 state at any given time for not more than:

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16 (i) Thirty-three (33) male clients with alcohol
17 or substance abuse problems; and

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19 (ii) Thirty (30) female clients with alcohol or
20 substance abuse problems.

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22 (c) There is appropriated three hundred ninety-nine
23 thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$399,160.00), or as
24 much thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the

1 department of health, substance abuse division, for the
2 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated
3 under this subsection shall only be used to establish
4 social detoxification services in each of the regions of
5 the state designated by the division. Not more than
6 seventy-six (76) clients statewide with alcohol or
7 substance abuse problems shall be served at any given time
8 by the funds appropriated under this subsection.

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10 **Section 12. Substance abuse-Native American**
11 **traditional healing.**

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13 There is appropriated three hundred eighty-four thousand
14 nine hundred twenty dollars (\$384,920.00), or as much
15 thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the
16 department of health, substance abuse division, for the
17 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated
18 under this subsection shall be used to implement a
19 traditional healing program for Native American clients
20 with alcohol or substance abuse problems who reside on the
21 Wind River Reservation.

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23 **Section 13. Substance abuse regional services**
24 **enhancements.**

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2 (a) There is appropriated four hundred fifty-nine
3 thousand dollars (\$459,000.00), or as much thereof as is
4 necessary, from the general fund to the department of
5 health, substance abuse division, for the fiscal year
6 beginning July 1, 2007. The funds appropriated under this
7 subsection shall be used by the division to enable
8 community substance abuse treatment centers to provide and
9 enhance quality of life services for clients of the
10 centers, including:

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12 (i) Emergency subsistence;

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14 (ii) Prescription medication;

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16 (iii) Health and medical support transportation,
17 including access to clinical services, medical services and
18 educational resources;

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20 (iv) Housing deposits, retention and safety
21 enhancements;

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23 (v) Care, including respite care, and medical
24 and other health care; and

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(vi) Other services approved by the division and itemized by the community substance abuse provider on the appropriate reimbursement form.

Section 14. Select committee on mental health and substance abuse services.

(a) Of the appropriation under 2006 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 40, section 14, all remaining funds shall carry forward from the effective date of this section through June 30, 2008 to enable the select committee on mental health and substance abuse services to continue its study of issues and to propose legislation for a more cost effective and accessible delivery system of services for persons in need of mental health or alcohol or substance abuse treatment.

(b) This section is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

1 **Section 15.** Except as otherwise provided in this act,
2 this act is effective July 1, 2007.

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