

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-80

RE: C.R. NO. 19-143/H&SA

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANTS FROM THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE
ABUSE, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$646,411.

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Special Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 19-143, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING GRANTS IN THE
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$646,411 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO
PLAN, CARRY OUT, AND EVALUATE ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT
AND TREAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE FSM, INCLUDING ALL
THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in
its title.

Your Committee held a hearing on November 17, 2015, the
witnesses present included the Department of Health and
Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key
staff, and the Department of Justice. Your Committee was

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also very fortunate to have present the Directors of the State Departments of Health.

The prevention activities regarding substance abuse covered under these grants will be done by the States Behavioral Health & Wellness Programs. Over the years these have included radio spots, education awareness, school visits, to education the public on the consequences of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, and to provide counseling for individuals who are registered and diagnosed with substance abuse. Your Committee requested a progress report, and it received the Substance Abuse Epidemiological Profile while is lengthy and is with the Committee if Members would like to review it. The report shows that there has been a sharp dip in diagnosed cases of mental health, and a small decline in substance abuse. Part of the proposed grants would assist in understanding this trend so program components that are working well can be supported and enhanced.

The specific activities that will be conducted with the funding under these grants are: accident prevention awareness, mental health workshops, World Tobacco Day activities, radio question and answer spots, data training and workshops in the States and nurse leadership conferences. The National and States' budgets are attached for the review of the Members.

The States Directors of Health were very supportive of these grants and stated that it has had positive impact on the health of their communities. They also stated that they felt the current collaboration with the National Department of Health and Social Affairs was positive and they were satisfied with the current situation.

Your Committee was appreciative of the detailed information provided by the Department. The programs covered under

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these grants are well known to the Committee and it is
supportive of efforts to prevent alcohol and drug abuse by
our citizens.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord
with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-143, and
recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Bonsiano F. Nethon
Bonsiano F. Nethon, chairman

/s/ Ferny S. Perman
Ferny S. Perman, vice chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, member

/s/ Florencio S. Harper
Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
Joseph J. Urusemal, member

/s/ Alik L. Alik
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