

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-60

RE: C.R. NO. 20-93/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,291.

MAY 18, 2018

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Twentieth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Fourth Regular Session, 2018

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was  
referred C.R. No. 20-93, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$106,291 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND AND  
SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROJECT  
IN THE FSM FOR THE BUDGET PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2017  
TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND  
CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee held a hearing on May 14, 2018 the witnesses  
present included: the Department of Health and Social  
Affairs, including the Secretary and her key staff, and

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representatives the Department of Justice and the Department of Finance and Administration, as well as, the Office of the President.

Your Committee is supportive of all of the work done by the Department of Health and Social Affairs in the areas of substance abuse prevention and treatment, and mental health. The programs supported by this proposed grant are very well known to the Committee, and the Department further updated the Committee during the hearing.

The specific uses of this grant will be counseling services and medication in all the four states. The program coordinators confirmed that only out-patient services are available for the citizens of our Nation, however, this is the model that has been adopted for the most part in the U.S. The program coordinators further stated that substantial efforts are made by the State Departments of Health and mental health programs to travel to our citizens in need rather than depending on them to go the hospital or clinic.

Your Committee has also requested the Department of Health and Social Affairs, and its program coordinators to investigate what can be done to assist the mental health and substance abuse patients with other health issues. It is noted by the Committee the need to take into consideration all the health needs of this vulnerable group.

The detailed budget for this grant is attached for the review of the members. To avoid confusion the Committee notes that the budget is for an anticipated annual award and the current grant is for half, or a six month period.

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Your Committee is strongly supportive of the Department of Health and Social Affairs' efforts to provide additional funding for services to our citizens suffering from issues relating to substance abuse and/or mental illness and it is therefore, for the reasons set forth above, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs supports the grant activities proposed to be funded, it is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No.20-93 and recommends its in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Alik L. Alik  
Alik L. Alik, vice chairman

Tiwiter Aritos, member

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

/s/ David W. Panuelo  
David W. Panuelo, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
Joseph J. Urusemal, member

/s/ Derensio S. Konman  
Derensio S. Konman, member