



WORK SESSION DOCUMENT

Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada

(Nevada Revised Statutes 439.625)

July 13, 2006

The following “Work Session Document” has been prepared by the staff of the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada to assist the members of the Task Force in making decisions during the work session.

The “Work Session Document” contains a summary of major recommendations, as designated by the Chairman for inclusion in the work session, that have been presented to the Task Force in public hearings and correspondence for its consideration. For purposes of this “Work Session Document,” the recommendations are not preferentially ordered. Individuals or entities proposing the recommendations may be referenced in parentheses.

The possible actions listed in the document do not necessarily have the support or opposition of the Task Force. Rather, these possible actions are compiled and organized so the members may review them to decide if they should be adopted, changed, rejected, or given further consideration. Possible actions available to the Task Force include the following: (1) amending the *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS); (2) drafting a resolution; (3) writing a letter; or (4) including a statement or finding in the final report.

TASK FORCE OPERATIONAL ISSUES

RECOMMENDATION NO.: 1 Clarify Authority to Allocate Funds for Evaluation and Other Technical Functions

Submit a Bill Draft Request (BDR) to amend NRS 439.630 to authorize the Task Force to allocate funds—separate from those allocations required by paragraphs (g), (h), and (i) of subsection 1—to “support data development, needs assessments, evaluation and related technical assistance.”

(Proposed by Laura Hale, Chief, Grants Management Unit, Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS], July 13, 2006)

AND/OR

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2: Increase the Cap on Administrative Expenses

Submit a BDR to amend Paragraph (b), Subsection 4, of NRS 439.620 to increase from 2.025 percent to 3.375 percent the amount of money in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada that may be used each year to pay the costs incurred by the DHHS, including, without limitation, the Aging Services Division, to carry out its duties as set forth in NRS 439.625 and 439.630.

(Proposed by Laura Hale, Chief, Grants Management Unit, DHHS, July 13, 2006)

AND/OR

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3: Eliminate the Requirement for a Biennial Competitive Application Process

Submit a BDR to delete the last sentence of Paragraph (m), Subsection 1, of NRS 439.630, which provides that the procedures developed by the Task force for the administration and distribution of contracts, grants, and other expenditures “must require at least one competitive round of requests for proposals per biennium.”

(Proposed by Laura Hale, Chief, Grants Management Unit, DHHS, July 13, 2006)

AND/OR

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4: Eliminate the Requirement for Approval by the Interim Finance Committee of Certain Proposed Allocations

Submit a BDR to delete subsection 6 of NRS 439.630, which requires the DHHS to submit certain allocations proposed by the Task Force to the Interim Finance Committee for its approval prior to issuing a contract or grant. This requirement applies to allocations that the Task Force has proposed to make from the Tobacco Control, Children’s Health, or Disability categories and that “would be used to expand or augment an existing state program.”

(Proposed by Laura Hale, Chief, Grants Management Unit, DHHS, July 13, 2006)

TAB A

(Materials relate to Recommendations No. 1 through No. 4)

1. Memorandum from the DHHS outlining proposed legislation.
2. Copies of NRS 439.620 through NRS 439.630.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5: Streamline Grant Application and Review Processes

Submit a Bill Draft Request to amend paragraph (m) of subsection 1 of NRS 439.630 to:

1. Provide that the existing requirement for “at least one competitive round of requests for proposals per biennium” applies only to applicants that were not funded from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada in the previous biennium and to applicants funded from the Fund during the previous biennium, but that the Task Force has determined: (a) are not carrying out the contract or grant adequately or (b) are not within a priority area identified for funding by the Task Force; and
2. Provide that the existing requirement that the Task Force establish policies and procedures for the administration and distribution of funding must include policies and procedures for:
 - Setting priorities within each program category;
 - Reducing or eliminating funding to grantees and recipients of contracts that operate programs no longer within the priority areas;
 - Reducing funding, with regard to a specific program, to grantees and recipients of contracts that received funding for that program from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada during the previous biennium;

- Encouraging grantees and recipients of contracts to leverage funding from different sources and become self-sustaining.
- Setting a minimum level of funding for grants and contracts.

(Proposed by Senator Maurice E. Washington, Chairman, Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada, July 13, 2006)

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6: Consider Proposed Statutory Changes and Other Proposed Actions that May Arise from Deliberations on Agenda Item XI, “Presentation and Discussion of the Results of a Survey to Assess the Effectiveness of the Subcommittee Process”

HEALTH CARE ISSUES

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7: Support a Statewide Wellness Program to Prevent Chronic Disease

Write a letter to the Legislative Committee on Health Care supporting the concept of investing in wellness programs to prevent chronic disease; describing examples of grant allocations made by the Task Force for the 2006-2007/2007-2008 Grant Cycle that are designed to reduce chronic disease; and indicating willingness to consider ways the Task Force may be able to participate in a proposed Statewide Chronic Disease Grant Program in the future.

(Proposed by Donald S. Kwalick, M.D., M.P.H., Chief Health Officer, Southern Nevada Health District, June 23, 2006)

TAB B

1. Cover letter from Dr. Kwalick to staff of Task Force.
2. Concept paper titled “Statewide Chronic Disease Grant Program: Investing in the Future of Nevada,” submitted by Dr. Kwalick.
3. Letter from M.A. Anderson, M.D., M.P.H., Washoe County District Health Officer, Washoe County District Health Department

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8: Support Efforts to Improve Oral Health Care in Nevada

Write a letter to the Legislative Committee on Health Care concerning the work of the Strategic Plan Accountability Committee (SPAC) for Seniors. The letter should concur with the SPAC's identification of oral health care as a priority issue in Nevada, especially in rural and underserved areas, and express support for the SPAC's recommendations for increasing access to affordable oral health care. These recommendations include the following proposals:

1. Explore avenues to stimulate workforce development in the field of oral health care.
2. Fund expansion of Senior Rx to cover dental care for seniors.
3. Extend Medicaid to cover preventive and restorative oral health care for adults.
4. Increase current grant funds for dental care.

(Proposed by Connie McMullen, Chair, Strategic Plan Accountability Committee for Seniors, June 18, 2006)

TAB C

1. Memorandum from Ms. McMullen regarding the Nevada Strategic Health Plan that provides an overview of oral health care issues.
2. Chart containing information about suggested priorities, titled "Health Workgroup—5/17/2006."
3. Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled "The Burden of Oral Disease in Nevada—2004."

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