

PRESENTERS' BIOGRAPHIES
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BRIEFING ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TOPICS

Michael J. Willden is the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and has served as Director since 2001. He is responsible for oversight of the largest department in State government, with approximately 5,200 employees and nearly 30 percent of the budget. Prior to his appointment as Director, Mike was the State Welfare Administrator and had worked in that agency in different capacities for 25 years, beginning his career as a case worker. Mike has a degree in business administration from Southern Utah University.

Mary Liveratti is the Deputy Director of the DHHS and has served in that position since 2003. Prior to being appointed Deputy Director, Mary worked in Nevada's Aging Services Division for 23 years, serving as Administrator and in other positions. She is a licensed social worker and received her bachelor's degree in sociology at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Nancy McLane is the Director of Clark County Social Service and Chair of the County Social Service Administrators of Nevada, a National Association of Counties affiliate. She has been an employee of Clark County for 28 years and has worked in human services for the last 12 years, primarily in adult indigent services with a brief assignment to child welfare. During her three and a half years as Director of Social Service, Nancy has overseen key improvements in service delivery, increased collaboration with community partners, and engaged employees to assist in identifying and implementing significant budget reductions in the face of surging client demand.