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**Update Concerning Certain Provisions of  
Family Planning in Nevada**

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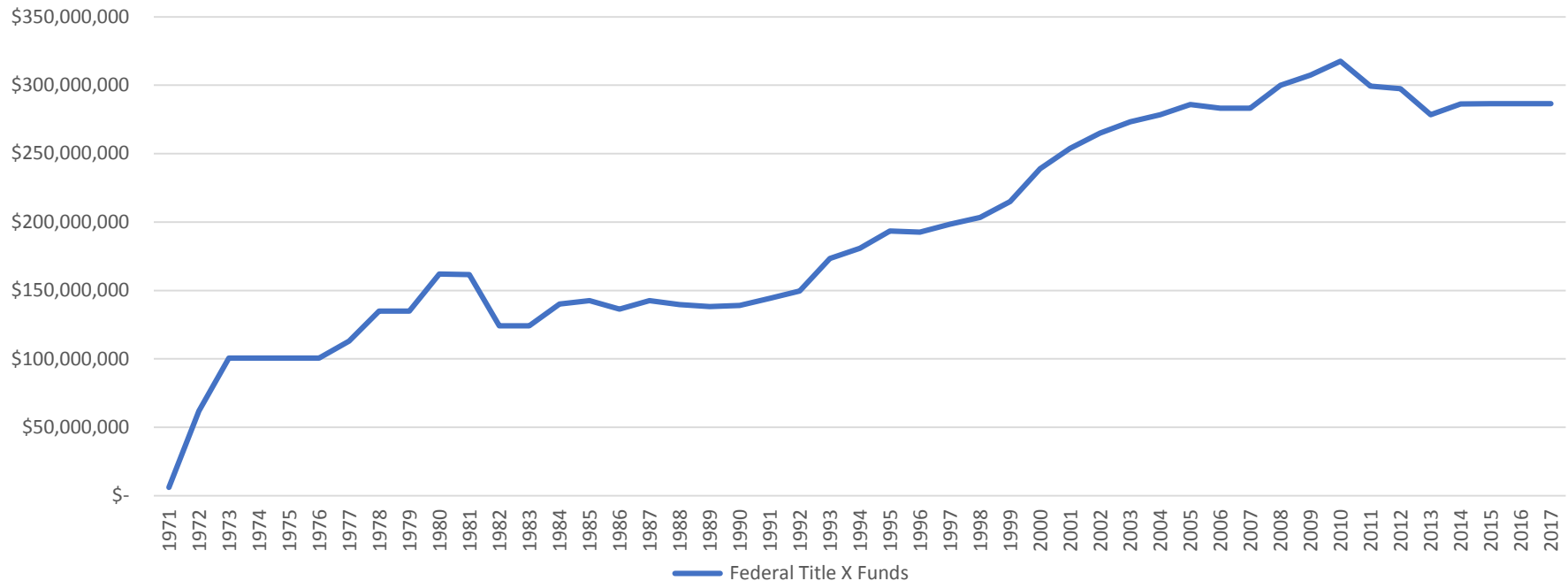
# Items Committee Requested

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- Title X Funding and Related Programs
- Family Planning Related Provisions of Senate Bill 122 and Assembly Bill 397

# Title X Funding Background

- Title X grants are distributed through the Office of Population Affairs through the US Department of Health and Human Services.
- For more than 40 years, Title X family planning clinics have played a critical role in ensuring access to a broad range of family planning and related preventive health services for millions of low-income or uninsured individuals and others.
- Title X is the only federal grant program dedicated solely to providing individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services.



<https://www.hhs.gov/opa/title-x-family-planning/about-title-x-grants/funding-history/index.html>

# Title X Funding Overview

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- The goal of Nevada's Family Planning Program is to improve the reproductive health, reduce rates of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections and support an overall health and well-being for individuals, families and the community through prevention, early intervention and quality services.
- Community Health Services (CHS) offers reproductive health and family planning services with priority to the underserved, underinsured and low-income communities in rural and frontier counties of Nevada.
- CHS is projected to serve 1,170 clients in the calendar year 2018, which includes an extension period to the current grant award.
- In calendar year 2017, CHS served 1,064 clients for a total number of 1,966 family planning visits.
- In calendar year 2016, CHS served 1,403 clients for a total number of 2,147 family planning visits.

# Title X Funding

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- Community Health Services (CHS) provides family planning services funded by Title X, Title XX, Title V and State general funds through thirteen (13) community base clinics in nine (9) rural and frontier counties.
- The State of Nevada has a projected allocation of \$3,334,000 from Title X for multiple applicants statewide through a competitive grant process. Historically successful applicants have been: Carson City Health and Human Services, DPBH Community Health Services, Washoe County Health District, Southern Nevada Health District and Nevada Health Centers (Elko).

# Title X Funding – CHS Program

State Fiscal Year	Dates	Title X Grant	Date of Grant Award	Non-Federal Share
SFY 16	July 2015-June 2016	\$585,000	June 18, 2015	\$137,826
SFY 17	July 2016-June 2017	\$180,000	September 6, 2016	\$100,000
SFY 18	July 2017-June 2018	\$201,000	September 29, 2017	\$ 33,189
SFY 18/19	April 2018-August 2018	\$ 73,000	March 29, 2018	\$ 43,093
* Title X Extension				

\* Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for reproductive health delayed at the federal level for 4 months. The purpose of the extension was to reduce service disruption and realign the federal award period.

# Title X Funding – Current Activities

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- CHS is current on Federal reporting requirements.
- Technical Assistance is currently being provided through the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) to improve fiscal policies and procedures and incorporate best practices.
- CHS staff is currently working with Nevada Public Health Foundation (NPHF) to establish a formal Information and Education (I&E) Committee to ensure compliance with federal regulations.

# Title X Funding

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- On July 21 and 22 of 2015, Title X representatives conducted a program review of the CHS Title X project. The review included an assessment of the agency's compliance with Title X (administrative, clinical and fiscal) and federal grant and budget guidelines.
- Governor's Finance Office/Division of Internal Audits conducted a review of the Title X report received on September 26, 2015 and agreed with findings and recommendations.



# Quality Improvement and Remediation Completed

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- Results of Corrective Actions Implemented
  - Family planning staff review and acknowledge non-coercion policy annually
  - Plan submitted for routine comprehensive site reviews
  - Developed clinic specific plans for response to non-medical emergencies
  - Policy and patient registration forms were revised to ensure that demographic information is collected and updated in compliance with OMB and Title X
  - Plan submitted to comply with Title X requirements to involve community input on family planning needs
  - Plan submitted to comply with Title X requirements related to community outreach and education
  - Clinic programs aligned to follow nationally recognized standards of care

# Quality Improvement and Remediation Completed

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- Results of Corrective Actions Implemented
  - Staff received training in client centered, quality counseling and education according to national standards
  - Scope of program plans and budget changed when indicated.
  - Developed internal policy for 100% time and effort tracking.
  - Declining dashboard developed for tracking, monitoring and reconciliation for actual costs.
  - Nevada does not have sub-grantees.
  - Developed and implemented internal controls for cash receipting and reconciliation for each clinic

# Quality Improvement and Remediation Completed

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- Results of Corrective Actions Implemented
  - CHS worked with Rates and Cost Containment to analyze and update family planning rates to present to Board of Health in September 2018.
  - Developed policy and implemented procedure to consistently apply the schedule of discounts to all family planning clients and third party payers.
  - Developed policy and a system to collect fees for adult client seeking confidential services.
  - Developed inventory policies and procedures to comply with federal guidelines.
  - Developed and implemented policy for annual contract review. CHS no longer support sub-grantees.
  - Policy and procedure updated to identify the federal share of asset purchase.

# Projected Title X Funding

- A new Title X grant application was submitted May 24, 2018.
- Grant Submittal Funding Projections for Family Planning Services:
  - Year 1                      \$289,721.04
  - Year 2                      \$299,002.29
  - Year 3                      \$314,385.67
  - Year 4                      \$324,131.48
- The Title X Scope of Work under this funding request allows for ongoing reproductive health services with the addition of piloting Community Health Workers (CHW) and Telehealth for additional access to primary and specialty care.

# Projected Title X Funding

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- The current competitive application is awaiting review and award with no anticipated announcement date being offered by Title X.
- There were other non-profits and health departments in Nevada that applied for the grant.
- There are ongoing lawsuits related to change in priorities and key issues designed to change the scope of the Title X program.
- Proposed federal changes could result in:
  - Decreased access to family planning funding and scope of services
  - Reduction in resources to underserved areas

# Senate Bill 122

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- A bill to establish a program and account to award grants to local governments and non-profit organizations to provide family planning services.
  - Specifies the type of service and manner in which the service is to be delivered.
  - Allows for up to 10% of the funds in the account to be used for the administration of the account.
  - The DPBH Administrator may apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant or other source of money for the purpose of awarding grants.
  - The account can earn interest and income to be used for the same services.
  - Funds remain in the account and cannot revert to the State General Fund.
  - Requires the Board of Health to adopt regulations to specify how the funds will be awarded. Regulations will be drafted once funding is placed in the account.

# Assembly Bill 397

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- An appropriation bill for SFY 18 and 19 to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to provide grants of money to local governmental entities and nonprofit organizations for certain family planning services.
- The total amount was \$500,000 for each fiscal year with unspent funds in SFY 18 rolling over to SFY 19. This was established as a one-time appropriation.
- Funds are to be used to provide family planning services to persons who would otherwise have difficulty obtaining such services because of poverty, lack of insurance or transportation or any other reason.
- A “service” includes:
  - Counseling regarding family planning
  - Distributing information concerning family planning
  - Referring persons to appropriate agencies, organizations and providers of health care for services.
  - Also includes prescriptions and contraception

# Assembly Bill 397 Funding Process

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- DPBH requested the funding process be conducted solely through the Nevada Grant Office.
- The Nevada Grant Office completed the request for proposal (RFP) process.
- Sent the RFP out to 683 contacts on their listservs
  - NVStakeholders: 391 contacts
  - County / City: 169 contacts
  - DHHS Health: 108 contacts
  - AB397/SB122 sponsors/supporters: 15 contacts
- Review panel consisted of 2 staff members from the Grant Office and 1 community partner from each of the following counties: Clark, Washoe, and Elko.
- There were a total of 10 applicants awarded; 14 applications in total (2 did not pass initial technical review for RFP compliance)



# Assembly Bill 397 Awardees

Applicant Organization	Geographic Region
White Pine County	White Pine County
NyE Communities Coalition	Nye, Lincoln, Esmeralda Counties
Nevada Health Centers	Las Vegas Metro Area
Lyon County Human Services	Lyon County
Churchill County	Churchill County
Douglas County	Douglas County
Carson City Health & Human Services	Carson City
Volunteer Medicine of Southern Nevada	Clark County
Planned Parenthood Mar Monte	Washoe County
Community Health Alliance	Washoe County

# Assembly Bill 397 Services Provided – Highlights

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- The Planned Parenthood Reno has provided 3,587 family planning visits in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 an increase from 2,214 served from the previous year.
- Carson City Health and Human services saw 497 Hispanic and Latino clients through its bilingual public health nurse.
- Douglas County added 155 new patients; a 35% increase
- Nevada Health Centers has used funds to see an additional 1,180 patients
- Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada provided additional counseling to 111 individuals and services to 58.

# Lessons Learned/Challenges with Implementation

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- Initial implementation was made more complicated due to confusion on the relationship between SB 122 and AB 397.
- Some testimony for the bills indicated funds were most needed in rural counties.
- SB 122, but not AB 397, notes that the local government may use funds in that account to contract with the State, a community health nurse, etc.
- SB 122 allowed for up to 10% of the funds to be used to help administer the account.
- AB 397 was a one-time appropriation, so must be removed from the agency requested budget and must be requested each biennium if still needed. If the funds were in the appropriations act (L01), it would be part of the “base” agency budget.

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