



NEVADA LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

(Nevada Revised Statutes [NRS] 439B.200)

SUMMARY MINUTES

The sixth meeting of the Legislative Committee on Health Care for the 2017–2018 Interim was held on Monday, August 27, 2018, at 9 a.m. in Room 4401, Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 3137, Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

The agenda, minutes, meeting materials, and audio or video recording of the meeting are available on the Committee's [meeting page](#). The audio or video recording may also be found at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Granicus/>. Copies of the audio or video record can be obtained through the Publications Office of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) (publications@lcb.state.nv.us or 775/684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN PRIMARY LOCATION:

Senator Patricia (Pat) Spearman, Chair
Senator Joseph (Joe) P. Hardy, M.D.
Assemblyman James Oscarson
Assemblywoman Ellen B. Spiegel

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Assemblyman Michael C. Sprinkle, Vice Chair
Senator Julia Ratti

OTHER LEGISLATOR PRESENT:

Assemblyman Steve Yeager, Assembly District 9

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Marsheilah D. Lyons, Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division
Eric Robbins, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Janet Coons, Manager of Research Policy Assistants, Research Division
Crystal Rowe, Research Policy Assistant, Research Division

Items taken out of sequence during the meeting have been placed in agenda order.

AGENDA ITEM I—OPENING REMARKS

Chair Spearman called the meeting to order and reviewed meeting protocol.

AGENDA ITEM II—PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Prada, D.D.S., Absolute Dental, Las Vegas, submitted written comments regarding how pediatric dentistry has been affected by the decrease in Medicaid reimbursement for dental surgery (Agenda Item II A).

Kristina LaBouff, R.D., Secretary, Nevada Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, expressed her support for changes to [NRS 640E.260](#) that would allow registered dietitians to independently order diets, supplements, and nutrition support for patients. Based on calculations by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, she stated Nevada hospitals could save an average of \$3.2 million per year if registered dietitians had the ability to independently place orders without physician consent.

Kelly Venci Gonzalez, Esq. Team Chief, Education Advocacy Program, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, submitted written testimony regarding the difficulty autistic children have accessing applied behavioral analysis (ABA) services (Agenda Item II B-1) and recommendations to improve the receipt of ABA services for autistic children (Agenda Item II B-2).

Michael Hackett, Alrus Consulting, representing the Nevada Advocates for Planned Parenthood Affiliates, Nevada Primary Care Association, Nevada Public Health Association, and Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition, stated certain proposed recommendations in the Committee's Work Session Document (WSD) (Agenda Item IX) represent the collective interests of these agencies, and he thanked the Committee for their consideration.

Shaun Griffin, Cofounder and Development Director, Community Chest, Virginia City, Nevada, commented on the importance of funding [Senate Bill 122](#) (2017). He stated that much work has been done in the rural areas of the state, specifically in family planning, but public health nurses have no access to family planning or birth control methods for the patients they serve.

Quinn Cartwright, Project Manager, Nevada Community Health Worker Association, Health Communities Coalition, urged the Committee to approve the recommendation to allow community health workers within community health centers to bill Medicaid for their services.

Shawn McGivney, M.D., Las Vegas, and residential facility administrator representing smaller residential care homes, submitted six documents for the Committee's review (Agenda Item II C-1) (Agenda Item II C-2) (Agenda Item II C-3) (Agenda Item II C-4) (Agenda Item II C-5) (Agenda Item II C-6). He expressed concern for: (1) the safety of the disabled and the caregivers in unlicensed, but state-certified, supportive living arrangement and community-based living arrangement single family homes; and (2) the potential misuse of federal fair housing protection for nonprotected classes of people, such as the homeless and released prisoners.

Joseph P. Iser, M.D., District Health Officer, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), thanked the Committee for its support of Recommendation 9 in the WSD (Agenda Item IX) regarding access to care and public health.

Devin Brooks, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, Brooks Behavioral Health Center, representing the North Las Vegas Coalition, expressed concern about managed care organizations (MCOs) in the state not allowing specific health care providers to have access with them and whether the state recognizes a diversity plan with MCOs.

Jared Busker, Associate Director, Childrens Advocacy Alliance, thanked the Committee for considering Recommendations 4 (a), 13, 14, and 15 in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

Catherine M. O'Mara, J.D., Executive Director, Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA), announced that NSMA is hosting a continuing medical education event regarding antibiotics on September 29, 2018, from noon to 3 p.m. at Green Valley Ranch in Las Vegas.

The following comments were also submitted for the record:

- Alison M. Weir, General Counsel and Chief of Policy, National Diaper Bank Network (Agenda Item II D); and
- Nicki Aaker, Director, Carson City Health and Human Services (Agenda Item II E).

AGENDA ITEM III—APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 17, 2018

MOTION: Assemblywoman Spiegel moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 17, 2018. The motion was seconded by Assemblyman Oscarson and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM IV—CONSIDERATION OF REGULATIONS PROPOSED OR ADOPTED BY CERTAIN LICENSING BOARDS PURSUANT TO NRS 439B.225

A. LCB File R094-18 of the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors

B. LCB File R109-18 of the State Board of Health

C. LCB File R169-18 of the Board of Psychological Examiners

D. LCB File R171-18 of the Board of Psychological Examiners

Eric Robbins, previously identified, stated representatives from each board were present to answer questions; however, Committee members had no questions on the regulations (Agenda Item IV A) (Agenda Item IV B) (Agenda Item IV C) (Agenda Item IV D).

AGENDA ITEM V—PRESENTATION REGARDING PRIORITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARDS (CREATED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 366, CHAPTER 479, *STATUTES OF NEVADA 2017*)

Assemblyman Steve Yeager, previously identified, Chair, Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board, discussed the Board's meeting schedule, topics presented at the meetings, and its electronic community survey. He submitted a list of 13 potential bill draft requests (BDRs) for consideration (Agenda Item V A-1) and the Board's top five priorities (Agenda Item V A-2). Assemblyman Yeager reported the Board voted to advance Recommendation 2 for BDR consideration (Agenda Item V A-2).

In response to a question from Chair Spearman, Assemblyman Yeager commented that diversity was not discussed during Board meetings; however, he said it could be mentioned in the Board's final report and it may be mentioned in some of the survey responses.

Charles Duarte, Chair, Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board, presented a list of seven possible concepts for bill draft consideration (Agenda Item V B). He reported the Board will put forward a BDR recommending legislation that programmatically and fiscally supports a crisis stabilization unit in Washoe County.

David Wm. Fogerson, M.P.A., Chair, Northern Behavioral Health Policy Board, and Deputy Fire Chief, East Fork Fire Protection District, submitted a letter addressing the Board's meeting schedule, community diversion and the crisis stabilization system of care, workforce development, and community resources (Agenda Item C-1). He reported the Board will put forward a BDR to clean up the "Legal 2000" process of civil commitment (Agenda Item C-2).

Chair Spearman expressed concern for outreach to diverse communities. She encouraged the boards to look at the suicide rate of teenagers in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (or questioning) communities.

Mr. Fogerson reported that Nevada leads the nation in senior suicide rates.

Joelle Gutman, Coordinator, Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board (RRBHPB), submitted a letter on behalf of Brooke O'Byrne, Chair, RRBHPB, regarding the Board's regional priorities and its recommendation for a BDR (Agenda Item V D). She reported the BDR calls for a pilot project that addresses the behavioral health crisis response needs within the region, including the following: (1) changes to Medicaid reimbursement rates; (2) emergency and nonemergency transportation; and (3) crisis response consistent with the nationally supported Sequential Intercept Model.

Assemblywoman Spiegel and Ms. Gutman discussed issues with obtaining grants. Ms. Gutman stated the Board works with multiple grant offices in the state; however, grant opportunities are offered statewide, and the Board would like to work with the grant offices to create special considerations for smaller populations.

Ms. Gutman reported the Board has worked with various licensing boards since the 2017 Legislative Session and improvements have been made; however, there are still barriers to mental health that need improvement.

Jake Wiskerchen, President, Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors, said the Board has implemented license reciprocity; however, it intends to expand the scope of practice. He noted Nevada is the only state that does not allow marriage and family therapists and clinical professional counselors to treat psychotic disorders or administer psychometric testing, which has negatively impacted the ability to hire qualified clinicians. Mr. Wiskerchen mentioned the Board's funding has not increased since 1989, which has adversely affected processing applications. He stressed that more staff is needed.

Discussion took place regarding:

- Funding rural areas through success contracts pursuant to [Senate Bill 400](#) (2017);
- Capacity building with other agencies through memorandums of understanding;
- Benefits of license portability, compacts with other states, and practicing across state lines;
- Telehealth services as a method of expanding services; and
- Rural hospitals not having appropriate medications on hand for psychiatric treatment.

AGENDA ITEM VI—PRESENTATION CONCERNING ANTIBIOTIC SUSCEPTIBILITY, RESISTANCE, AND STEWARDSHIP IN NEVADA

Joseph P. Iser, M.D., previously identified, shared a presentation on antimicrobial stewardship and antibiograms (Agenda item VI). He pointed out that 30 percent of antibiotic prescriptions for all ages and conditions are unnecessary. Dr. Iser explained how to use and read various samples of antibiograms. He requested that the Legislature support the development of antibiotic resistance tracking and reporting; encourage dentists, physicians, veterinarians, and other prescribers to wisely choose antibiotics and prescribe only as necessary; and support teaching medical and other providers about antibiotic stewardship.

Assemblywoman Spiegel and Dr. Iser discussed patient education. He stated the SNHD produces education videos, and Clark County offers a community health education program, but he acknowledged more needs to be done in public outreach and education.

Dr. Iser clarified for Assemblyman Sprinkle that the antibiograms indicate that eventually there will be no clear, definitive treatment of several organisms due to significant resistance. He said *stewardship* means protecting people and antibiotics by using them only when necessary.

AGENDA ITEM VII—PRESENTATION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING OR SPEECH IMPAIRED (NRS 427A.750)

Eli Schwartz, Chair, Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired, Office of the Governor, shared the Commission's accomplishments and strategic plan, goals for 2018–2019, legislative requests, and policy recommendations (Agenda Item VII).

Chair Spearman encouraged Mr. Schwartz to reach out to LCHC staff regarding possible funding for a school for the deaf.

AGENDA ITEM VIII—PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG SUPPLY CHAIN, PRICING, AND COST TO THE STATE

Rocky Finseth, President and Chief Executive Officer, Carrara Nevada, Las Vegas, on behalf of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America® (PhRMA), introduced Asher Lisec, Senior Director, State Policy, PhRMA.

Ms. Lisec shared a presentation on the prescription drug supply chain, and she explained an example of the flow of payment for an everyday patient (Agenda Item VIII). Ms. Lisec said PhRMA has requested at the federal level that rebates and discounts no longer be paid off the list price of drugs and that rebates and discounts should be shared with patients.

Responding to questions and comments from Committee members, Ms. Lisec discussed the following topics:

- Bringing forth legislation during the 2019 Session that addresses increasing drug prices by focusing on patients and how they can be helped at the pharmacy counter;
- The copay accumulator system and how it works;
- The gag ban on pharmacists and its effect on patients saving money on prescription drugs;
- How banning rebates from the Medicaid program would affect Nevada;
- What can be done at the state level regarding drug pricing regardless of the type of plan;
- The Good Rx, Inc. phone application;
- The role of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) in setting drug prices;
- Formularies and tiers of drugs; and
- Increased consolidation in the market among insurers, PBMs, and pharmacies.

Mr. Finseth and Ms. Lisec offered to assist with bringing legislation forward during the next session that would help patients with the affordability of and access to medicine.

AGENDA ITEM IX—WORK SESSION—DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO:

Marsheilah D. Lyons, previously identified, presented the WSD (Agenda Item IX). She said the Committee is limited to ten legislative measures and has been authorized to submit certain BDRs after the September 1, 2018, deadline. Ms. Lyons added the Committee will have a final work session at its September 24 meeting that will cover behavioral health, children's mental health, health insurance, and housing and community-based services.

A. Access to Care and Public Health

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 1 a and b as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

MOTION: Senator Hardy moved to approve Recommendation 1 a and b. The motion was seconded by Assemblywoman Spiegel and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 2 a and b as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

Assemblyman Sprinkle questioned whether something has happened regarding the management of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) by board members.

Chair Spearman explained that a constituent informed her of someone operating an FQHC who had been convicted of felonies. She added that Joseph P. Iser, M.D., previously identified, discussed in a previous meeting the idea of establishing a fund that would allow the state to do more with prevention rather than trying to pay for things on the back end.

Assemblyman Sprinkle asked whether diverting excise taxes away from Ballot Question 2, approved by voters in the 2016 General Election, is legal.

Eric Robbins, previously identified, said he would have to review the language of the initiative.

Senator Ratti explained that the 15 percent excise tax applied to the wholesale sales of marijuana was included in the ballot question, and the Legislature added a 10 percent excise tax on retail sales. She said that after three years, the Legislature can change the language on the ballot question, and statutory language regarding the excise tax can be changed at any time.

Referring to Recommendation 2 a, Senator Ratti stated her opinion that people convicted of minor felonies should not be excluded from participating on the board of directors for an FQHC.

Senator Hardy agreed with Senator Ratti. He moved to approve Recommendation 2 b only.

Assemblywoman Spiegel acknowledged that Nevada needs a public health improvement fund, but she questioned redirecting marijuana excise taxes into a fund that would not revert to the State General Fund if money was unspent.

Senator Ratti agreed to move forward with Recommendation 2 a if *board members* are removed. Referring to Recommendation 2 b, she too acknowledged there should be a public health improvement fund but questioned whether the marijuana revenue is the appropriate funding source. Senator Ratti shared her opinion that the \$5 per capita rate and the creation of the fund should be included in the recommendation, but the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means should determine the source of funding.

Chair Spearman tabled Recommendation 2 a and b for the September LCHC meeting.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 3 a, b, and c as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

MOTION: Senator Hardy moved to approve Recommendation 3 a, b, and c. The motion was seconded by Assemblywoman Spiegel.

Assemblyman Sprinkle questioned removing consultation with a physician as a course of action, and he looks forward to having this discussion during session.

The previous motion by Senator Hardy and seconded by Assemblywoman Spiegel passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 4 a and b as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

MOTION: Senator Hardy moved to approve Recommendation 4 a and b. The motion was seconded by Assemblywoman Spiegel and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 5 as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

MOTION: Assemblywoman Spiegel moved to approve Recommendation 5. The motion was seconded by Senator Hardy and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 6 a, b, and c as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

Chair Spearman clarified for Senator Ratti that the \$12 million was suggested by Elisa Cafferata, owner, Cafferata & Company Government Relations, Reno, Nevada.

Ms. Lyons explained that Recommendation 6 c refers to long-acting contraceptive methods. She said the intent was not to broaden the forms of contraceptives that have already been approved, but rather to clarify that there would be no discrimination in the awarding of the grants.

Senator Hardy expressed concern about using “any” contraceptive method; therefore, he will vote no on the recommendation.

MOTION: Assemblyman Sprinkle moved to approve Recommendation 6 a, b, and c. The motion was seconded by Senator Ratti and passed. Senator Hardy voted no. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 7 as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

Senator Hardy stated the cost of family planning providers may include procedures of which he does not agree.

MOTION: Senator Ratti moved to approve Recommendation 7. The motion was seconded by Assemblywoman Spiegel and passed. Senator Hardy voted no. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 8 as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

MOTION: Assemblywoman Spiegel moved to approve Recommendation 8. The motion was seconded by assemblyman Sprinkle and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 9 a, b, and c as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

MOTION: Senator Hardy moved to approve Recommendation 9 a, b, and c. The motion was seconded by Assemblyman Sprinkle and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

B. Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 10 a and b as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

Chair Spearman said this recommendation is a result of confusion regarding physicians prescribing pain medication.

Assemblywoman Spiegel shared a recent news article that explained when someone died from an overdose in California, the county health board sent a letter to the prescribing physician that did not imply malpractice or ill intent. She wondered whether the Committee would entertain the idea of sending a letter from the county where an overdose occurs as a courtesy communication to the original prescribing physician.

Assemblyman Sprinkle stated there will be a comprehensive clean-up bill to [AB 474](#) (2017) during the upcoming session, which could accommodate the idea of this letter. He offered to work with Assemblywoman Spiegel during session, to which she agreed.

Senator Hardy concurred with Assemblyman Sprinkle that many challenges with AB 474 will be addressed during the 2019 Session. He stated the wording of Recommendation 10 a and b is problematic and should be excluded; he suggested using, “Propose legislation to clarify certain provisions of AB 474.”

Mr. Robbins clarified that proposed legislation must have one specific item that can be drafted; therefore, at least Recommendation a or b needs to be included.

MOTION: Senator Hardy moved to amend Recommendation 10 b (2) to state, “Develop and disseminate a clarification or technical assistance advisory bulletin to help clarify the intent of the legislation and clarify which drugs may or may not be affected by the legislation.” The motion was seconded by Assemblyman Sprinkle and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Chair Spearman called for a vote on the revised version of Recommendation 10.

MOTION: Senator Hardy moved to approve the amended version of Recommendation 10 b (2).

Mr. Robbins questioned whether the recommendation intends to impose this requirement on the State Board of Pharmacy (SBP) or the various professional licensing boards that regulate the prescribers.

Senator Hardy said AB 474 included six licensing boards as well as the SBP.

Mr. Robbins clarified that AB 474 prescribed certain requirements concerning the prescription of controlled substances and gave the SBP authority to adopt regulations concerning those requirements. He said the bill also gave specific boards that license prescribing professions the duty to adopt regulations concerning discipline, for prescribers who violate the requirements of the bill or the regulations of the SBP, and regulations governing the procedure for imposing such discipline. Mr. Robbins stated the function of the SBP in AB 474 is different than the function of the prescribers’ boards. He suggested imposing this requirement on the SBP only so that there would be a uniform statement regarding the intent of the legislation.

Senator Hardy declared he did not have a problem with Mr. Robbins’ suggestion, but limiting this recommendation to the SBP is not effective in solving the problem of the licensing boards not doing what the bill required of them.

Mr. Robbins interpreted Senator Hardy as saying the requirement would be more constructive if it were imposed on the various boards that regulate the providers, including the SBP.

Senator Hardy clarified that his motion to approve the proposed amendment includes the SBP and the licensing boards identified in AB 474. The motion passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 11 a and b as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

MOTION: Senator Hardy moved to approve Recommendation 11 a and b. The motion was seconded by Assemblywoman Spiegel and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 12 as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

MOTION: Assemblywoman Spiegel moved to approve Recommendation 12. The motion was seconded by Senator Hardy and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

C. Children's Health

Jared Busker, previously identified, stated that [SB 325](#) from the 2017 Session allowed lawfully residing immigrant children to enroll in Nevada's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medicaid. He shared a proposed amendment to Recommendation 13 asking the LCHC to send a letter to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), requesting it to look at the cost of providing health insurance coverage to all children residing in the state regardless of their immigration status.

MOTION: Senator Ratti moved to approve Mr. Busker's amendment to Recommendation 13. The motion was seconded by Assemblyman Sprinkle.

Senator Hardy questioned whether Mr. Busker's amendment removes the word *lawfully*, to which Mr. Busker answered in the affirmative.

Senator Ratti restated her motion.

MOTION: Send a letter to DHHS encouraging the DHCFP to examine Nevada's CHIP eligibility policies to provide health insurance coverage to all immigrant children in Nevada.

Marta Jensen, Administrator, DHCFP, DHHS, stated the addition of children who are not legally in the state would go against federal funding; therefore, 100 percent of their health care would have to be paid for by the State General Fund, which she assumed would be expensive.

Assemblywoman Spiegel asked for clarification that the motion was to encourage DHHS to examine the costs and not implement policy.

Senator Ratti rescinded her previous motion.

MOTION: Senator Ratti moved to approve sending a letter to DHHS encouraging DHCFP to evaluate the cost of adding all immigrant children to Nevada's CHIP eligibility. The motion was seconded by Assemblyman Sprinkle.

Senator Hardy opined the motion, as stated would make it difficult to estimate the cost. He said adding the word *residing* would better define the proposal and the state's ability to project the actual cost.

Senator Ratti agreed to include *residing* in her motion.

The previous motion by Senator Ratti, which now includes the word *residing*, passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 14 a through e as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

Chair Spearman, Senator Hardy, and Mr. Robbins discussed how the distribution of asthma medication in Recommendation 14 c should be the same process found in [SB 453](#) (2013) whereby the Chief Medical Officer writes the standing order for EpiPens in schools because of sovereign immunity protection.

MOTION: Senator Hardy moved to approve Recommendation 14 a through e. The motion was seconded by Assemblywoman Spiegel and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Chair Spearman clarified that the procedure for Recommendation 14 c, which states, “Authorize physicians to issue a standing order for asthma medication . . . ,” would be consistent with the requirements of SB 453.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 15 as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

MOTION: Senator Hardy moved to approve Recommendation 15 with the same caveat regarding the procedure identified in Recommendation 14 c. The motion was seconded by Senator Ratti and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 16 a through e as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

MOTION: Senator Hardy moved to approve Recommendation 16 a through e. The motion was seconded by Senator Ratti.

Senator Ratti requested the LCHC consider the public comments made earlier this morning by Kelly Venci Gonzalez, the representative from Legal Aid, requesting an analysis of the allocation of resources made during the 2015 Session to improve autism care (Agenda Item II B-1) (Agenda Item II B-2). She stated her desire to amend the motion to include Recommendation f to request a report that addresses the allocation of resources for autism care.

Senator Hardy considered the amendment to his motion as friendly.

MOTION: Senator Hardy moved to approve adding Senator Ratti’s amendment to request a report that addresses the allocation of resources for autism care to his previous motion. The motion was seconded by Senator Ratti and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

D. Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 17 a through e as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

Responding to questions from Committee members, Eli Schwartz, previously identified, explained the following:

- The Commission is asking \$50,000 to pay for expenses plus additional funding for the director; the money could come from the State General Fund or tobacco settlement funds, and he approximated a total figure of \$100,000;
- The Commission wants to increase its membership from 9 to 11 members to provide better diversification of the deaf community; and
- Recommendation 17 c (2), could be “a member of an advocacy program.”

Assemblywoman Spiegel suggested amending Recommendation 17 c (2) to read as, “One member who is a member of an advocacy organization that has a membership of persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech-impaired.”

MOTION: Assemblywoman Spiegel moved to approve Recommendation 17 a through e, with the amendment to c (2) as stated above. The motion was seconded by Senator Hardy and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

E. Victim Services and Support

Ms. Lyons reviewed Recommendation 18 as stated in the WSD (Agenda Item IX).

MOTION: Senator Hardy moved to approve Recommendation 18. The motion was seconded by Assemblywoman Spiegel and passed. Assemblyman Oscarson was absent for the vote.

AGENDA ITEM X—PRESENTATION REGARDING THE 2017 HEALTHCARE REPORT CARD AND DATA PORTAL CREATED BY THE NEVADA MEDICAL CENTER, A NONPROFIT WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE IN NEVADA

(This agenda item was taken out of order.)

Julie Murray, Nevada Medical Center (NMC), shared the history of the *2017 Healthcare Report Card* (Agenda Item X).

Florence Jameson, Obstetrician/Gynecologist, and Member, Board of Directors, NMC, presented the *2017 Healthcare Report Card* (Agenda Item X) and [NMC data portal](#). She said the report card and website will help legislators negotiate their way through complex and expensive problems of health care.

Brian Haynes, Project Manager, Applied Analysis, Las Vegas, said he worked with NMC to develop the [website and report card](#). He demonstrated how the report card works and shared the URL address (<https://nvmedicalcenter.org>, Healthcare Statistics). He also shared that the next version of the report card, which will be in October, will have a demographic breakdown by race and ethnicity.

Chair Spearman and Mr. Haynes discussed connecting education outcomes with health care outcomes in communities with high instances of chronic disease and substance abuse from a multidimensional approach.

AGENDA ITEM XI—PRESENTATION REGARDING THE FAMILY TO FAMILY CONNECTION, A PROGRAM WHOSE MISSION IS TO EMPOWER AND SERVE FAMILIES TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT THROUGH PARENT EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY NETWORKING

(This agenda item was taken out of order.)

Diane Farkas, M.S., Executive Director, Family to Family Connection, introduced Cambria Frazier, Program Director, Family to Family Connection. Ms. Farkas and Ms. Frazier jointly presented information that highlighted the Connection's mission, history, services provided, population served, lack of funding, and value in the community (Agenda Item XI).

Ms. Farkas and Ms. Frazier also discussed the Connection's role in:

- Closing the achievement gap in Nevada by preparing children and helping families understand their children's needs; and
- Preventing isolation of parents by teaching positive behavior management of their children and modeling appropriate strategies to reduce child abuse and depression.

Assemblywoman Spiegel asked whether any data exists comparing education and health outcomes of children involved in the Family to Family Connection to the population at-large.

Mr. Farkas replied the program does not have the available staff or appropriate access to schools to complete longitudinal studies, but she said the nonprofit department of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, has evaluated the program and completed focus groups with the parents.

Chair Spearman suggested having parents periodically memorialize what the program means to them and seek funding opportunities through success contracts.

AGENDA ITEM XII—PRESENTATION REGARDING YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAMS, INC., WHICH PROVIDES ADVOCACY, WORKFORCE PROGRAMS, AND OTHER SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE YOUTH IN NEVADA

(This agenda item was taken out of order.)

Nyeri Richards, Program Director, Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP), discussed the history of the program, populations served, and the following programs: (1) the Clark County Advocacy Program; (2) The Harbor Mentorship Program; and (3) and the onsite alternative high school

(Agenda Item XII). She mentioned that all youths who enter YAP are eligible for a \$1,000 Tom Jeffers Endowment Fund for Continuing Education scholarship.

Neosha Smith, Workforce Connections Director, YAP, highlighted the following: (1) the Safe@Home program, a safety management program contracted with the Clark County Department of Family Services; (2) a work-based learning pilot program in Henderson, Nevada, funded through the United States Department of Labor; (3) work readiness classes; (4) Girls Circle activities; (5) Teen Hangout co-ed classes; and (6) Boys Council classes (Agenda Item XII).

Ms. Richards mentioned there is a growing need to provide services for victims of human trafficking, both male and female, and YAP is continuously looking for funding to help with the ancillary costs associated with serving this population.

Chair Spearman encouraged Ms. Richards and Ms. Smith to contact Assemblywoman Jill Tolles regarding a program she is working on regarding young people who have experienced adverse childhood experiences to help them gain empathy and channel their anger. She also mentioned a program the ambassador from Sweden is setting up in Nevada to address the international component of sex trafficking.

Chair Spearman indicated she would like to set up a workshop to connect YAP and other agencies with philanthropic entities that would like to help pay it forward.

AGENDA ITEM XIII—PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Roberts, Compliance Officer, Hemostasis and Thrombosis Center of Nevada, thanked the LCHC for its help regarding access to care. She reported the Center currently is negotiating with two of the three managed Medicaid MCOs.

Betsey VanDeusen, Executive Director, Nevada Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation, also thanked the LCHC for helping hemophilia patients and the bleeding disorders community to obtain better access to care by addressing network adequacy issues. She encouraged the LCHC to initiate an investigation of the copay accumulator adjustment program.

George Ross, representing HCA (Hospital Corp of America) Management Services, L.P., thanked the LCHC for helping to keep the proposed changes to reimbursement rates for neonatal intensive care unit services from happening.

Chair Spearman announced the next meeting would be held on Monday, September 24, 2018, and there will be another work session.

AGENDA ITEM XIV—ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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Marsheilah D. Lyons
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APPROVED BY:

Senator Patricia (Pat) Spearman, Chair

Date: _____

MEETING MATERIALS

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Agenda Item II C-1	Shawn McGivney, M.D., Las Vegas	Link to <i>Performance Audit LA 18-04 Division of Aging and Disability Services, Department of Health and Human Services</i>
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Agenda Item IV B	Eric Robbins, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB	Revised roposed regulation of the State Board of Health LCB File R109-18
Agenda Item IV C	Eric Robbins, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB	Proposed regulation of the Board of Psychological Examiners LCB File R169-18
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Agenda Item VI	Joseph P. Iser, M.D., District Health Officer, Southern Nevada Health District	Microsoft PowerPoint presentation
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Agenda Item VIII	Asher Lisec, Senior Director, State Policy, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America®	Microsoft PowerPoint presentation
Agenda Item IX	Marsheilah D. Lyons, Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB	Work session document
Agenda Item X	Florence Jameson, Obstetrician/Gynecologist, and Member, Board of Directors, Nevada Medical Center (NMC), and Julie Murray, NMC	<i>2017 Healthcare Report Card</i>
Agenda Item XI	Diane Farkas, M.S., Executive Director, Family to Family Connection, and Cambria Frazier, Program Director, Family to Family Connection	Information on the Family to Family Connection
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