



NEVADA LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE
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SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The third meeting of Nevada's Legislative Committee on Health Care was held on December 13, 2005, at 9 a.m. in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. A copy of this set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report," including the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" ([Exhibit A](#)) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature's Web site at www.leg.state.nv.us/73rd/Interim. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Publications Office, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Senator Maurice E. Washington, Chairman
Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Vice Chairwoman
Senator Steven A. Horsford
Assemblyman Joe Hardy
Assemblywoman Kathy McClain

COMMITTEE MEMBER EXCUSED:

Senator Joe Heck

OTHER LEGISLATOR PRESENT:

Senator Valerie Wiener

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU (LCB) STAFF PRESENT:

Marsheilah D. Lyons, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB
Amber J. Joiner, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB
Leslie K. Hamner, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB
Andrew K. Min, Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB
Erin DeLong, Senior Research Secretary, Research Division, LCB

OPENING REMARKS

Senator Maurice E. Washington, Chairman, welcomed members and the public to the third meeting of the Legislative Committee on Health Care for the 2005-2006 interim.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2005, MEETING IN CARSON CITY

- The Committee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 15, 2005, MEETING HELD IN CARSON CITY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATION CONCERNING EFFORTS TO ADDRESS OBESITY AND THE STATE PROGRAM FOR FITNESS AND WELLNESS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 197 (CHAPTER 82, *STATUTES OF NEVADA 2005*)

- Senator Valerie Wiener gave a presentation on obesity and discussed the establishment of a State fitness and wellness program. She mentioned the 2003-2004 interim study on obesity and provided highlights of the work accomplished by the subcommittee, including proposed changes to the Clark County School District nutrition policies. She also discussed the following: (1) health risks associated with obesity and its impact on health costs, diseases, and aiding in complications of medical treatments; and (2) statistics regarding obesity in both children and adults, and the funds that are spent nationally on obesity-related matters. Senator Wiener detailed the requirements for the Health Division, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), including the following: (1) the development of a strategic plan; (2) the creation of a fitness and wellness program; (3) the establishment of an advisory council; (4) the development and coordination of model programs to encourage nutrition, fitness, and health for State employees and residents; and (5) the development of a model program for schools on fitness and wellness in coordination with the Department of Education. Concluding, Senator Wiener said the Health Division will submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding fitness and wellness program updates, as well as the status and statistics on obesity in the State of Nevada.

There was discussion regarding school meals and vending machines, and Senator Wiener reviewed voluntary nutrition policies, work in progress, and the United States Department of Agriculture requirements for wellness programs in schools. She also noted an additional concern regarding the use of food as awards for behavior or achievement in school, at parties, and for fund-raising activities. Chairman Washington requested that the Committee members receive an update regarding the Clark County School District breakfast program.

- Bradford Lee, M.D., J.D., M.B.A., State Health Officer, Health Division, DHHS, gave a status report on obesity and wellness efforts within the Health Division ([Exhibit B](#)).

PRESENTATION REGARDING NEVADA'S PREPAREDNESS FOR AVIAN INFLUENZA, PANDEMIC INFLUENZA, AND SEASONAL INFLUENZA

- Dr. Bradford Lee, previously mentioned in these minutes, gave a slide presentation on seasonal influenza and the concept of pandemic influenza ([Exhibit C](#)).

There were discussions about the possibility of a pandemic, the coordination of efforts between the Health Division and other responding agencies such as the Office of Emergency Management, and the impacts on tourism and the work force in Nevada. Coordination of preparedness plans and awareness programs for work places was also discussed, as well as preparations by individuals and neighborhood groups to augment government resources and efforts.

Discussions also ensued regarding the use of antibody tests to check for unconfirmed cases of avian influenza, liability, quarantine issues, and the stockpiling of supplies and influenza vaccines. A concern was noted regarding high-risk groups that seek medical care and, in doing so, create a risk for spreading an influenza virus, and whether there is a developed mechanism for providing care in that type of situation. It was suggested that an inquiry be made regarding an emergency room plan, since people without medical coverage would most likely seek care in emergency rooms.

- Senator Horsford commented on the need for outreach programs to inform underserved communities and those with difficulty accessing health care. He stated the need for a new approach to reach and involve all affected communities, not just the health care community.
- Chairman Washington discussed the preparedness of the State in the event of an influenza epidemic or pandemic, the level of involvement of regional and statewide officials, and the availability of vaccines. He said these concerns should be addressed under the category of public health and designated Senator Horsford, assigned to that area for the development of the statewide health plan, to review any recommendations made by the Health Division in regard to the State's preparedness.
- Alexander Haartz, M.P.H., Administrator, Health Division, DHHS, gave a presentation on perspectives, responsibilities, and activities taking place for pandemic influenza preparedness on both federal and state levels ([Exhibit D](#)). Mr. Haartz said most of the information regarding the federal perspective is based upon a national summit he attended on December 5, 2005, in Washington D.C., where the Secretaries of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requested that representatives from each state gather to discuss pandemic influenza preparedness. He mentioned that various federal departments directed to develop plans, but no time frame was given.

Concluding, Mr. Haartz discussed a series of federally proposed summits to be held in each state with their respective Governors in attendance.

There was discussion regarding the proposed pandemic influenza summit to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Haartz said the Committee would be notified of the meeting date, and commented that there may be an opportunity to have a second meeting in northern Nevada.

UPDATE CONCERNING CERTAIN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN CLARK COUNTY

- Carlos Brandenburg, Ph.D., Administrator, Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services, DHHS, gave a presentation regarding the current status of mental health services in Clark County ([Exhibit E](#)). Dr. Brandenburg discussed the following: (1) Division funding for Clark County; (2) the development of a strategic plan for the DHHS; (3) an increase in observation beds; (4) the addition of psychiatric beds for the new hospital; and (5) approved residential placements. He noted that legislative funding allowed a contract with WestCare Nevada to provide acute psychiatric beds, which relieved some of the congestion in Clark County emergency rooms and helped to reduce waiting times for care. He also discussed funding obtained for additional mental health courts in the State, and the addition of some new Division positions.

Dr. Brandenburg continued his discussion of various mental health issues, including: (1) emergency room wait times; (2) a decrease in private acute psychiatric beds, (3) private bed availability for adults in the Las Vegas area; (4) the Division's responsibility to provide care for patients covered by Medicaid, Medicare, and third-party providers in addition to the indigent and the uninsured; (5) the results of a prevalence rate study, including statistics on needs of severely mentally ill individuals; and (6) concerns regarding individuals that have been adjudicated incompetent to stand trial, and their access to care. He said the Division recently received contingency funds to expand the amount of forensic beds, and gave an overview on the status at the Lakes Crossing Center for the Mentally Disordered Offender and the Dini-Townsend State Psychiatric Hospital facilities. Finally, Dr. Brandenburg presented information to the Committee on an audit review by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) ([Exhibit F](#)). He stated that some deficiencies were found in the Division's agencies, and he included with the report a copy of the Division's correction plan.

There were discussions concerning facility expansions, bed shortages, facility competency evaluations, and the necessity to admit mental health patients into appropriate mental health facilities instead of seeking care at hospital emergency rooms in southern Nevada. Dr. Brandenburg noted that the problem is due to an increase in Clark County's population and the subsequent pressure on the infrastructure.

- Dr. David Rosin, Medical Director, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS), Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS), DHHS, Las Vegas, Nevada, provided an overview regarding the CMS audit completed in October 2005. Dr. Rosin said the CMS conducts unannounced audits to ensure the State is providing active treatment for the Medicaid and Medicare services billed. He stated that, as a result of the survey, there were “significant deficiencies” noted in the active treatment programs, medical recordkeeping, and staffing. Finally, Dr. Rosin said a large part of the survey targeted the Psychiatric Observation Unit (POU), which has continuously expanded as a result of the psychiatric bed shortage in Clark County.
- Dr. Jonna F. Triggs, Agency Director, SNAMHS, MHDS, DHHS, Las Vegas, explained corrective actions taken by the SNAMHS in response to the CMS audit. Dr. Triggs discussed national nursing shortage issues and the agency’s difficulty in recruiting nurses. Dr. Triggs noted that SNAMHS increased staffing levels as a result of the CMS audit, and a request will be submitted to the Interim Finance Committee in January 2006, to move funds within the agency in order to ensure the necessary level of nursing care. She also discussed psychiatrist positions and vacancies in the in-patient POU, as well as out-patient nursing and psychiatric recruitment issues in their medication clinics not included in the audit. Finally, she discussed the inadequacy in medication clinic doctor and nursing staffing in comparison to the number of patients currently needing care.

There were discussions concerning nurse recruitment, staffing of the new hospital, and whether protocols, policies, and procedures were followed concerning the case of the death of a patient. Assemblywoman Leslie inquired regarding medical assessments, and the issue of placing medical screenings under the State’s supervision instead of being conducted in hospital emergency rooms. Dr. Triggs discussed protocols introduced according to the agency’s corrective action plan in order to ensure that nurses and doctors conduct evaluations of high-risk patients, and reviewed disciplinary actions and supervisory assistance implemented as a result of the patient’s death.

Another discussion ensued regarding a resurvey to be conducted by the CMS, and the changes made in preparation which include increasing active treatment hours and medical coverage on weekends, hiring of staff, and redefining high-risk patients. There were other discussions involving: (1) funding for mental health care; (2) providing staffing alternatives; (3) tracking acuity level data; (4) the medical care and medication treatment received by prisoners awaiting placement in detention facilities; (5) using technology to assist in patient care and safety, such as video cameras; (6) developing education and training programs to increase the work force; (7) contracting nurses from private agencies; (8) providing administrative, psychiatric, and medical staffing for weekend coverage; and (9) clarifying current staff positions within the mental health facilities.

- Thom Reilly, Ph.D., County Manager, Clark County, provided an update on mental health services in Clark County ([Exhibit G](#)), and indicated the following two areas of concern: (1) adult mental health issues; and (2) the lack of resources and services for child mental health care. He also discussed the following: (1) the provision of mental health services for children in southern Nevada; (2) youth in the juvenile justice system; and (3) the issue of determining what agency or agencies are legally responsible for providing child mental health services. In conclusion, Dr. Reilly provided information regarding child welfare and family services, juvenile justice services, pediatric patient issues at the University Medical Center, and Clark County's ability to fund child mental health services.
- Assemblywoman Leslie commented on emergency room waiting times, and the need to find a solution regarding medical clearances. She volunteered to participate in a meeting with representatives from hospitals and triage units, as well as with the new director of the Division of Child and Family Services and other State representatives, to discuss issues and develop a plan. Assemblywoman Leslie recommended that the Legislative Committee on Health Care propose funding and a redesigned plan for providing children's mental health services, including substance abuse treatment, for the 2007 Legislative Session. Finally, Assemblywoman Leslie offered to individually address children's mental health issues in order to present possible solutions for the Committee's further consideration.
- Chairman Washington said there is a structured mandate for the Committee to develop the comprehensive statewide health care plan, and added that the contractor would be asked to address concerns of both medical and mental health issues in assisting the Committee with the development of the plan.
- Bill Welch, President and CEO, Nevada Hospital Association, Reno, Nevada, commented that there be an assessment and development of a plan based on availability in health care services, with specific focus on mental health, including: (1) identifying a national "baseline" of the standard for appropriate health services; (2) inventorying current resources in Nevada for comparative purposes; (3) developing a plan projecting forward for three, five, and ten years, instead of addressing issues from legislature to legislature; (4) conducting a study to compare Nevada with other states concerning health care provider reimbursements for mental health services; (5) obtaining legal counsel from the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and/or the Office of the Attorney General to clarify State law as to what, who, where, and how services can be provided; and (6) allowing the State mental health hospitals to perform medical screenings of mental health patients.

Discussions ensued regarding: (1) comparing the availability of beds and emergency room waiting times between northern and southern Nevada; (2) the Nevada Hospital Association's efforts to assist with recruitment and training of nurses and other health professionals; (3) the possible causes of inappropriate placements of mental health patients; and (4) nurse recruitment and retention issues.

- Chairman Washington said the contractor would also be asked to address dental issues in the development of the comprehensive statewide health care plan.

PRESENTATION REGARDING THE CENTER FOR HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

- Jennifer Personius Zipoy, Director of Research, Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy, Center for Health Disparities Research, School of Public Health, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), gave an overview and a slide presentation on the UNLV's new Center for Health Disparities Research ([Exhibit H](#) and [Exhibit I](#)). Her presentation included the following: (1) identification of most disparities occurring among racial and ethnic minorities; (2) development of student and faculty research skills and projects on a variety of health issues; (3) current areas of research being completed by the Center; and (4) when data from the Center's studies would be available. Concluding, Ms. Zipoy said that while most of data is collected statewide, the health disparities and community readiness studies are specific to Clark County.

There was discussion regarding outreach efforts of the Center, including: (1) collaboration with the Office of Minority Health; (2) community-based input and direction the private and public sectors; and (3) minority communities, including underserved populations and subgroups within smaller communities.

PRESENTATION REGARDING THE *STUDY OF UNINSURED POPULATIONS IN NEVADA*, 2005 EDITION

- Patricia Durbin, Executive Director, Great Basin Primary Care Association (GBPCA), discussed issues concerning Nevada's uninsured populations ([Exhibit J](#)). Ms. Durbin's presentation included: (1) a report on uninsured persons in Nevada for 2003 and 2004 ([Exhibit K](#)); (2) a statement from Nancy Whitman, Director of Community Development for GBPCA, and Project Director, AccessHealth ([Exhibit L](#)); (3) a "Fact Sheet" on the Access to Health Care Network ([Exhibit M](#)); and (4) a "Project Abstract" for AccessHealth ([Exhibit N](#)). Ms. Durbin discussed the AccessHealth project in Clark County, which she said is designed to assist those that cannot afford health insurance but make too much income to be eligible for Medicaid. She reviewed funding for the pilot program, the requirements for enrollees, and the process of building network providers. In conclusion, she stated that AccessHealth providers offer significantly discounted fees for their services, and people in primary care homes, Medicaid, and Nevada Check-Up may also enroll in the program.

Discussions ensued regarding health insurance, including: (1) employees who are unable to afford to pay insurance premiums; (2) availability of coverage for seasonal and casino workers, (3) employees cost-sharing with employers; (4) insured employees that cannot afford family coverage premiums; (5) government mandates on insurance; (5) provider and physician notification concerning the AccessHealth program; and (6) tracking and compiling insurance information.

- Marie Saldo, Representative, Sierra Health Services, Las Vegas, explained how insurance needs are determined and provided by employers. She said that employers first examine the structured benefit plans and types of products, and then choose benefit policies based on their ability to pay. Ms. Saldo indicated that most employers contribute 50 percent to the premium for employees, but not for their dependents. In conclusion, she described how benefit plans can be redesigned to be more constricted with fewer co-payments and no deductibles, or more cost-sharing with the employees.

There were other discussions including: (1) Nevada's high uninsured rate; (2) the cost of benefit plans presented to employers; (3) factors contributing to individuals being unable to afford health insurance; (3) the Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability waiver program; (4) experiments and examples regarding health insurance coverage in other states; (5) the inability of some small businesses to afford and provide insurance; and (6) the impact on the cost of insurance in Nevada due to statutory mandates. Ms. Saldo commented that there are many contributors to medical care costs besides mandates, including new technology, and hospital and drug costs. She said mandates do not affect self-insured health plans, and suggested that the Committee recommend implementing federal mandates to cover everyone due to the inequities in benefit plans. Finally, Ms. Saldo discussed legislative initiatives on pooling small groups together to offer health plans.

- Chairman Washington assigned the issue concerning insurance mandates to Assemblywoman Leslie.

UPDATE REGARDING THE TRACKING OF THE TRANSFER OF CARE FOR CERTAIN PERSONS TO AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY SERVICES AND CARE AT THE HOSPITAL AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 458 (CHAPTER 382, *STATUTES OF NEVADA 2005*)

- Rory Chetelat, EMS Manager, Clark County Health District, Las Vegas, provided an update on wait times in hospital emergency rooms. He discussed the committee established by the S.B. 458 and its membership. Mr. Chetelat said the committee purchased software, which provides electronic patient care reporting, a color-coded warning system to indicate patient wait times, and a report on patients who waited over 30 minutes. Concluding, he said the committee will meet approximately once a month over the next year, and quarterly reports will be submitted to the Legislative Committee on Health Care, with a final report to be compiled for the 2007 Legislature.

PRESENTATION CONCERNING TRENDS IN PATIENT CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND PATIENT POPULATIONS SERVED AT VARIOUS SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

- Chris Salm, Research Director, Service Employees International Union, Local 1107, Las Vegas, did not testify. Chairman Washington announced that this agenda item would not be presented at the meeting.

SELECTION OF A HEALTH CARE PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO ASSIST THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE IN ITS DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE IN THIS STATE PURSUANT TO NRS 449.520 AS AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 342 (CHAPTER 418, *STATUTES OF NEVADA 2005*)

Chairman Washington indicated his choice of LECG as the contractor to assist the Committee with the development of a comprehensive statewide health care plan. He entertained a discussion regarding the selection of a contractor.

- The Committee **TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MADE A MOTION TO SELECT EP&P AS THE HEALTH CARE PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO ASSIST THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE IN ITS DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE IN THE STATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR HORSFORD.

CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON SAID HE WOULD EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND NOT ACCEPT THE MOTION, GIVING THE MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL, AND THE MOTION FAILED.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SAID SHE CHOSE TO HAVE THE DELIBERATION IN PUBLIC, AND THEREFORE APPEALED THE CHAIRMAN'S DETERMINATION THAT HER PREVIOUS MOTION WAS NOT IN ORDER. SENATOR HORSFORD SECONDED THE MOTION.

Discussion on the motion included reasons for the appeal, and a request to the Chairman to reconsider.

- Leslie K. Hamner, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), explained that the requirement of an appeal is determined by the majority of members present.

THE DECISION OF THE CHAIRMAN NOT TO ACCEPT THE MOTION WAS OVERRULED. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THREE ASSENTING VOTES (SENATOR HORSFORD, ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE, AND ASSEMBLYWOMAN McCLAIN) AND TWO DISSENTING VOTES (SENATOR WASHINGTON AND ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY).

- The Committee **TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MADE A MOTION TO SELECT EP&P AS THE HEALTH CARE PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO ASSIST THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE IN ITS DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE IN THE STATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR HORSFORD. THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR ASSENTING VOTES (SENATOR HORSFORD, ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY, ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE, AND ASSEMBLYWOMAN McCLAIN) AND ONE DISSENTING VOTE (SENATOR WASHINGTON).

CONSIDERATION OF HEALTH CARE REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO NRS 439B.225 (CONTACT THE LEGAL DIVISION, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU [LCB], FOR A LIST OF REGULATIONS.)

- Leslie K. Hamner, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB, identified one regulation for consideration by the Committee as a revised proposed regulation of the Board of Dental Examiners ([Exhibit O](#)). Ms. Hamner explained that the regulation previously came before the Committee as a proposed regulation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin DeLong
Senior Research Secretary

Marsheilah D. Lyons
Senior Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Senator Maurice E. Washington, Chairman
Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda” provided by Marsheilah D. Lyons, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), Carson City, Nevada.

[Exhibit B](#) is a two-page copy of testimony, dated December 13, 2005, and titled “Status Report on Obesity and Wellness,” presented by Bradford Lee, M.D., J.D., M.B.A., State Health Officer, Health Division, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Carson City.

[Exhibit C](#) is a 29-slide Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “Pandemic Influenza,” given by Bradford Lee, M.D., J.D., M.B.A., State Health Officer, Health Division, DHHS, Carson City.

[Exhibit D](#) is a three-page document, dated December 13, 2005, and titled “Presentation to Nevada’s Legislative Committee on Health Care,” furnished by Alexander Haartz, M.P.H., Administrator, Health Division, DHHS, Carson City.

[Exhibit E](#) is an 11-page document, dated December 13, 2005, and titled “Status of Mental Health Services in the Clark County Area,” presented by Carlos Brandenburg, Ph.D., Administrator, Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS), DHHS, Carson City.

[Exhibit F](#) is a 21-page document titled “CMS Report to the Agency,” provided by Carlos Brandenburg, Ph.D., Administrator, MHDS, DHHS, Carson City.

[Exhibit G](#) is a six-page copy of testimony titled “Update on Mental Health Services,” presented by Thom Reilly, Ph.D., County Manager, Clark County, Nevada.

[Exhibit H](#) is a two-page brochure titled “Center for Health Disparities Research,” provided by Jennifer Personius Zipoy, Director of Research, Nevada Institute for Children’s Research and Policy, Center for Health Disparities Research (CHDR), School of Public Health, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), Las Vegas, Nevada.

[Exhibit I](#) is a 23-slide Microsoft PowerPoint presentation titled “UNLV Center for Health Disparities Research,” presented by Jennifer Personius Zipoy, Director of Research, Nevada Institute for Children’s Research and Policy, CHDR, School of Public Health, UNLV, Las Vegas.

[Exhibit J](#) is a four-page copy of testimony titled “2005 Edition of the Nevada Study of Uninsured Populations Report,” submitted by Patricia Durbin, Executive Director, Great Basin Primary Care Association (GBPCA), Carson City.

[Exhibit K](#) is a 33-slide report titled “Uninsured Persons in Nevada, 2003 and 2004, Estimates and Trends,” provided by Patricia Durbin, Executive Director, GBPCA, Carson City.

[Exhibit L](#) is a one-page copy of testimony from Nancy Whitman, Director of Community Development, GBPCA, Las Vegas, and Project Director for AccessHealth in Clark County, submitted by Patricia Durbin, Executive Director, GBPCA, Carson City.

[Exhibit M](#) is a one-page document titled “Access to Health Care Network, Fact Sheet,” furnished by Patricia Durbin, Executive Director, GBPCA, Carson City.

[Exhibit N](#) is a one-page document titled “AccessHealth, Project Abstract,” given by Patricia Durbin, Executive Director, GBPCA, Carson City.

[Exhibit O](#) is a one-page document titled “Legislative Counsel’s Summary,” and a 12-page attachment dated November 17, 2005, and titled “Revised Proposed Regulation of the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada, LCB File No. R139-05,” provided by Leslie K. Hamner, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB, Carson City.

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