

NEVADA LEGISLATURE
TASK FORCE FOR THE FUND FOR A HEALTHY NEVADA
(Nevada Revised Statutes 439.625)

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The fifth and sixth meetings of the Nevada Legislature's Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada was held on April 20 and 21, 2004, in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 2135 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/Session/72nd2003/Interim. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Chairwoman
Senator Raymond D. Rawson, Vice Chairman
Assemblyman Joseph Hardy, M.D.
Dr. John Ellerton
Dr. Elizabeth Fildes
Greg Griffin
Ron Mestre
Dr. Vishvinder Sharma (excused on April 21, 2004)
Carla Sloan

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Marsheilah D. Lyons, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division
Julie Brand, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division
Leslie K. Hamner, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Bonnie Borda Hoffecker, Senior Research Secretary, Research Division

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE APRIL 20, 2004, MEETING

OPENING REMARKS

Chairwoman McClain welcomed the members and audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2004, MEETING

The Task Force **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR RAWSON MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE TASK FORCE FOR THE FUND FOR A HEALTHY NEVADA'S MARCH 9, 2004, MEETING HELD IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR AN ALLOCATION TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CRISIS TRIAGE CENTER IN THE SOUTHERN NEVADA AREA

- Janelle Kraft, Budget Director, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, requested the Task Force provide funding intended for the crisis triage center in southern Nevada for individuals in crisis, who do not require emergency medical attention. She explained the center provides cost savings and assists in decreasing the number of visitors in crowded emergency rooms.
- Patricia J. Trail, Vice President, WestCare, provided the Task Force with a request for funding and a budget for the crisis triage center. Please see [Exhibit B](#) for further details.
- Assemblyman Hardy disclosed he is a physician; however, he noted he would not benefit from the funding of the crisis triage center.
- Dr. Ellerton, Mr. Mestre, and Ms. Sloan opposed the request for funding of the crisis triage center.

- Senator Rawson suggested the Task Force take action on the crisis triage center upon completion of the grant allocations.

REPORT ON THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION FOR THE 2004-2005/2005-2006 GRANT CYCLE

- Julie Brand, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, provided and discussed a memorandum pertaining to the funds available for distribution of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-2005 and FY 2005-2006 grant cycle. Please see [Exhibit C](#) for further details.

The Task Force **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR RAWSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 GRANT ALLOCATIONS TO INDICATE THAT THE GRANT AMOUNT MAY REQUIRE MODIFICATION IN THE EVENT THAT ESTIMATED REVENUES ARE NOT ACHIEVED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS FOR GRANTEEES WHO RECEIVED A GRANT OF MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR A HEALTHY NEVADA FOR THE 2002-2003/2003-2004 GRANT CYCLE FOR PROGRAMS RELATED TO TOBACCO USE

- Laura Hale, Social Services Chief III, Grants Management Unit, Department of Human Resources (DHR), provided and discussed the progress report summary for the tobacco grantees. Please see [Exhibit D](#) for further details. Ms. Hale indicated that a score of 70 or below should be considered poor compliance on the part of the grantee.
- Chairwoman McClain suggested that funded drug and alcohol programs consider adding tobacco cessation to their program.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE QUALIFIED GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AND DECISIONS ON WHICH GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL RECEIVE A GRANT OF MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR A HEALTHY NEVADA FOR THE 2004-2005/2005-2006 GRANT CYCLE FOR PROGRAMS RELATED TO TOBACCO USE

- Wendy S. Lay, Social Services Program Specialist III, Grants Management Unit, DHR, discussed progress report summaries for the tobacco programs. Please see [Exhibit E](#) for further details.
- Chairwoman McClain requested Task Force members consider recommendations for improving the grant selection process for the next interim.
- Ms. Hale, previously identified, continued to provide an overview of the tobacco grant applications.
- Assemblyman Hardy disclosed he is a family physician and a member of the Nevada Academy of Family Practice and indicated he would not benefit from funding of the Tar Wars grant.
- Dr. Fildes disclosed that she is affiliated with the Nevada Tobacco Users Helpline.
- Mr. Mestre disclosed he is a board member and a national board member of the American Lung Association; however, he is a volunteer and would not personally benefit from funding of the grants.
- Ms. Lay, previously identified, explained that the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (BADA), DHR had incorporated nicotine dependence into the scope of alcohol and drug abuse counselors. The Bureau does not have a mandate to provide tobacco cessations services and BADA indicated it was “best practice” to include nicotine dependence along with other substances. However, there is no additional nor specific funding that would finance those supplementary services.
- Group discussion ensued regarding the allocation of funds to grant applicants for programs related to tobacco use.

The Task Force **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR RAWSON MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE GRANT AMOUNT FOR PROGRAMS RELATED TO TOBACCO USE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. ELLERTON, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Please see [Exhibit F](#) for an illustration of the grant awards approved by the Task Force for FY 2005 and FY 2006 for programs related to tobacco use.

- Chairwoman McClain indicated that staff would work with funded grantees to ensure all technical portions of the grant are met.
- Ms. Brand, previously identified, explained there is an over allocation of funding in FY 2006.

- Ms. Hale suggested the Task Force tentatively allocate funds for the second year and allow those allocations to be adjusted as necessary when the reversionary funds return to the Task Force. In addition, she recommended that second year funding be based on the performance of the grant during the first year.

PRESENTATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS FOR GRANTEEES WHO RECEIVED A GRANT OF MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR A HEALTHY NEVADA FOR THE 2002-2003/2003-2004 GRANT CYCLE FOR PROGRAMS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- Ms. Hale, previously identified, discussed the progress report summary for services to persons with disabilities. Please see [Exhibit G](#) for further details.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE QUALIFIED GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AND DECISIONS ON WHICH GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL RECEIVE A GRANT OF MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR A HEALTHY NEVADA FOR THE 2004-2005/2005-2006 GRANT CYCLE FOR PROGRAMS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- Ms. Lay, previously identified, provided a brief overview of each new grant application for programs related to improving the health of persons with disabilities. Please see [Exhibit H](#) for further details.
- Group discussion ensued regarding the allocation of funds to grant applicants for programs related to improving the health of persons with disabilities.
- Chairwoman McClain indicated that second year funding would be contingent on performance in the first year for all new grantees.

The Task Force **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE GRANT AMOUNT FOR PROGRAMS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. SLOAN, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Please see [Exhibit I](#) for an illustration of the grant awards approved by the Task Force for FY 2005 and FY 2006 for programs related to improving the health of persons with disabilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE APRIL 21, 2004, MEETING

PRESENTATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS FOR GRANTEEES WHO RECEIVED A GRANT OF MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR A HEALTHY NEVADA FOR THE 2002-2003/2003-2004 GRANT CYCLE FOR PROGRAMS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN

- Ms. Hale, previously identified, provided an overview of the progress report summary for children's health grantees. Please see [Exhibit J](#) for further details.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE QUALIFIED GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AND DECISIONS ON WHICH GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL RECEIVE A GRANT OF MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR A HEALTHY NEVADA FOR THE 2004-2005/2005-2006 GRANT CYCLE FOR PROGRAMS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN

- Ms. Hale, previously identified, provided an overview of each grant application for improving the health of children. Please see [Exhibit K](#) for further details.
- Ms. Lay, previously identified, provided an overview of the health statistics within the state. She explained that the majority of funding is allocated for treatment programs since they are the most expensive to operate.
- Chairwoman McClain requested the results of the homeless count that recently was conducted in Las Vegas.
- Group discussion ensued regarding the allocation of funds to grant applicants for programs related to improving the health of children.

The Task Force **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE GRANT AMOUNT FOR PROGRAMS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. ELLERTON, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Please see [Exhibit L](#) for an illustration of the grant awards approved by the Task Force for FY 2005 and FY 2006 for programs related to improving the health of children.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DHR REGARDING GRANT ADMINISTRATION FOR THE 2004-2005/2005-2006 GRANT CYCLE

- Chairwoman McClain directed staff to work with funded grantees to ensure all technical portions of the grants are met. The Chairwoman also indicated that second year funding would be contingent on performance in the first year for all grantees seeking funding in the second year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Shirley Hampton, Nevada Health Centers, asked why the Task Force did not utilize the scoring matrix, developed by DHR, in the allocation process.
- Chairwoman McClain explained that the Task Force evaluated direct services in addition to utilizing the scoring matrix.
- Deanna Ackerman, Positively Kids, Home Health Care Program, recommended the Task Force allocate \$100,000 for new mini grants to assist programs in accessing matching funds. She also suggested the funded grants be provided a list of priorities on budget items.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman McClain reminded the Task Force that the next meeting will convene at 10 a.m., May 27, 2004, in Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas. The meeting will be videoconferenced to Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City. There being no further business to come before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m., April 21, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Borda Hoffecker
Senior Research Secretary

Marsheilah D. Lyons
Senior Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Chairwoman

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda” for this meeting.

[Exhibit B](#) consists of two documents provided by Janelle Kraft, Budget Director, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and Patricia J. Trail, Vice President, WestCare:

- 1) “Request for Funding, Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada, April 20, 2004;” and
- 2) “WestCare Nevada, Inc., CTC Budget 07/01/04 – 06/30/05.”

[Exhibit C](#) is a memorandum dated April 19, 2004, titled “Funds Available for Distribution for the FY 2004-05 and FY 2005-06 Grants

Cycle,” provided by Julie Brand, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is a document titled “Fund for a Healthy Nevada – Progress Report Summary – Tobacco,” provided by Laura Hale, Social Services Chief III, Grants Management Unit, Department of Human Resources.

[Exhibit E](#) is a document titled “Tobacco, Sub-category: Tobacco Cessation,” provided by Laura Hale, Social Services Chief III, Grants Management Unit, Department of Human Resources.

[Exhibit F](#) is a spreadsheet titled “Tobacco Applicants,” provided by Julie Brand, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit G](#) is a document titled “Fund for a Healthy Nevada – Progress Report Summary for Services to People with Disabilities,” provided by Laura Hale, Social Services Chief III, Grants Management Unit, Department of Human Resources.

[Exhibit H](#) is a document titled “Disabilities, Sub-category: Independent Living,” provided by Laura Hale, Social Services Chief III, Grants Management Unit, Department of Human Resources.

[Exhibit I](#) is a spreadsheet titled “Disability Applicants,” provided by Julie Brand, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit J](#) is a document titled “Fund for a Healthy Nevada – Progress Report Summary for Children’s Health,” provided by Laura Hale, Social Services Chief III, Grants Management Unit, Department of Human Resources.

[Exhibit K](#) is a document titled “Children’s Health, Sub-category: Access to Health Care,” provided by Laura Hale, Social Services Chief III, Grants Management Unit, Department of Human Resources.

[Exhibit L](#) is a spreadsheet titled “Children’s Health Applications,” provided by Julie Brand, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

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