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Please accept and record this public comment for the 6/13/24 Interim Finance Committee today at 9 AM.

For the record- Katherine Loudon, The Director of Counseling and Social Work for the Washoe County School District. I have been the administration over Counseling services since 2010. (a full 14 years) I am speaking out in support of agenda item 105 (listed below) to transfer funding and program management of Children's Mobile Crisis Response Team from the State to Washoe County. My educational agency relies upon MCRT daily.

The talented, hardworking and dedicated MCRT for Washoe County has been an essential partner in the critical response and care of our over 61,000. students and their respective families. The lack of situational awareness and distance between Clark and Washoe and the frequent changes in supervision and management from the state has more than once left Washoe with less than the critical and equitable access to hours, dedicated personnel and integrated services than our southern counterparts.

I have full confidence our Washoe County Human Services Agency as a **Trusted, Committed, Established** Washoe partner will be poised and competent to efficiently address the crisis team needs and those of our families and students with Behavioral Health emergencies. The management of our Washoe Human services Agency has historical MCRT experience, and they are most often responding to barriers to accessing emergency care and services for our most vulnerable residents.

I look forward to beginning our school year 2024-2025 with this improvement in place.

105. Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child and Family Services - Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services - FY 2025 Deletion of \$5,031 in Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentages and transfer of \$2,405,648 from the Personnel category to the Mobile Crisis Unit category to fund the transfer of the Mobile Crisis Response program to the Washoe County Human Service Agency. Requires Interim Finance Committee approval since the amount transferred to the Mobile Crisis Unit category exceeds \$350,000. Work Program #C68063. REVISED 5-29-24.

Thank You,

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