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Division of Public and Behavioral Health

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*Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.*



# Division of Public and Behavioral Health

## Mission and Vision

**Mission** – To protect, promote, and improve the physical and behavioral health and safety of all people in Nevada, equitably and regardless of circumstances, so they can live their safest, longest, healthiest, and happiest life.

**Vision** – A Nevada where preventable health and safety issues no longer impact the opportunity for all people to live life in the best possible health.

**Purpose** – To make everyone's life healthier, happier, longer, and safer.



# Division of Public and Behavioral Health

## Core Values

**Health Equality:** We ensure all Nevadans have an equal opportunity to live in good health through cultural competency and safety, respect, and accessibility.

**Partnership:** We are a single team built on internal and external communication and collaboration.

**Innovation:** We are a continuously learning and improving organization that grows through experience, feedback, and evidence-informed practices.

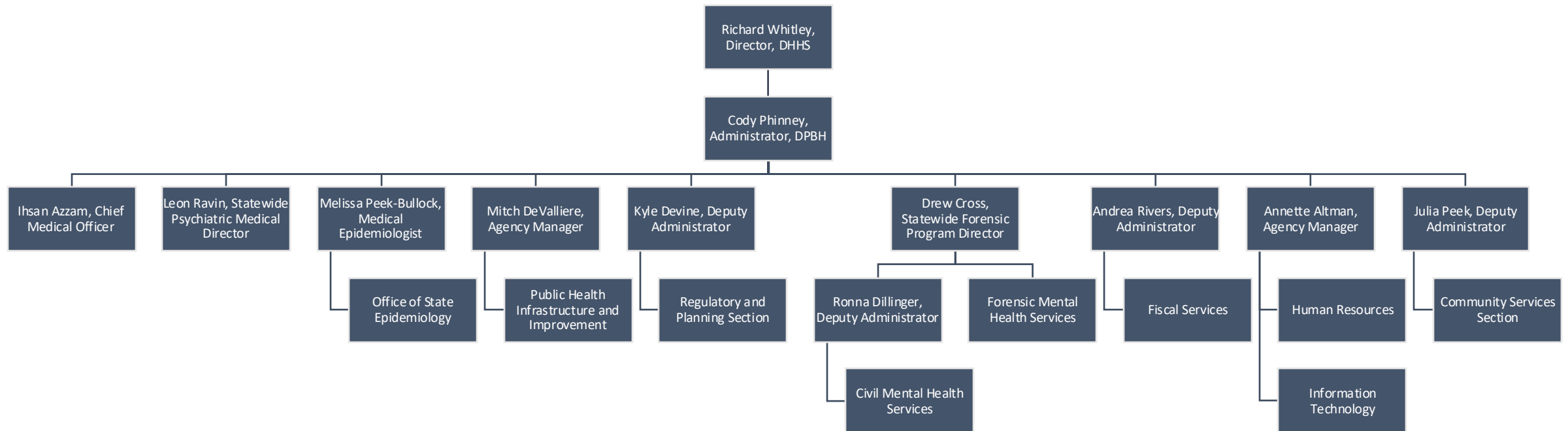
**Integrity:** We do the right things for the right reasons to ensure public trust in our services.

**Accountability:** We are transparent with and responsible to our team members, stakeholders, and the public we are honored to serve.

**Leadership:** We provide accountability, inspiration, and a vision for sustainability for the entirety of the public and behavioral health systems in Nevada.



# Division of Public and Behavioral Health Organizational Chart





# Summary of Agency Operations

## **Administrative Support Services**

- Information Technology
- Human Resources
- Public health infrastructure and planning
- Quality and performance management
- Public Health Fiscal Services
- Mental Health Fiscal Services
- Contract/Grant Management
- Public Information Office

## **Clinical Services**

- Forensic Mental Health Services
  - Stein Hospital
  - Lake's Crossing Center
- Civil Mental Health Services
  - Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
  - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
  - Rural Clinics

## **Regulatory and Planning Services**

- Behavioral health prevention and treatment
- Environmental health services
- Health facility quality and licensure
- Public health preparedness
- Vital records
- Medical marijuana cards
- Radiation control services
- Emergency medical services

## **Community/Public Health Services**

- Surveillance and prevention of reportable conditions
- Immunizations
- Public health nursing
- Chronic disease prevention and wellness
- Maternal, child, and adolescent health services
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)



# Agency Priorities

## **Forensic Mental Health Services**

- Continue to explore strategies to improve the efficiency of forensic mental health services, with a particular focus on decreasing the length of time individuals await admission to an inpatient forensic facility.

## **Crisis Stabilization Implementation**

- Continue implementation of the crisis stabilization system.

## **Public Health**

- Continued improvement of agency structure and operations to allow for the most efficient and effective organization.
- Continue to build and support a robust public health infrastructure in Nevada.



# Agency Accomplishments

## Workforce Successes

- Vacancy rate improvements
- Targeted outreach for workforce through [nvhealthforce.org](http://nvhealthforce.org)

## Agency Improvements

- **Forensic Mental Health**
  - The forensic admission list has seen a 39% reduction in the past 12 months following the addition of forensic beds and implementation of numerous initiatives, including:
    - Establishing a jail liaison for the purpose of diverting forensic clients to a more appropriate level of care.
    - Continued support for the recruitment of specialized clinical staff.
    - Expansion of community-based placements for long-term clients while remaining under the supervision of DPBH.
- **Public Health**
  - Active participation in the first Academic Health Department with the University of Nevada, Reno and DHHS.
  - DPBH submitted the application for accreditation with the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#)
  - DPBH became one of only a few states that have received Advanced Recognition as an [Age-Friendly Public Health System](#) (AFPHS) from the Trust for America's Health and the John A. Hartford Foundation.



# Division of Public and Behavioral Health Budget Priorities

## **DPBH Nevada's Crisis Response System**

Governor's Priority Plan 3.3.2, 3.5.2, and 5.3.2

- Carelon Behavioral Health to provide Nevada a second 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline call center.
  - Main objective: increase in state answer rates to 90% and provide Nevadans with appropriate connections to services.
- Co-Location
  - Nevadan Crisis Counselors in the same room as 911 dispatchers at Las Vegas Metro dispatch; potential for Washoe County co-location, too.
  - Creates seamless transition between 988 and 911 calls, as needed
- Additional components of the Crisis Response System
  - Mobile Crisis: Direct dispatch of mobile crisis team from 988 center to the person in crisis
  - Crisis Stabilization: Person in crisis can be transported to a crisis stabilization center (CSC).
    - STATUS:
      - Northern Nevada: Renown CSC to open in 2025
      - Southern Nevada: Clark County University Medical Center planned to open in 2025





# DPBH Budget Priorities, continued

## Public Health

Governor's Priority Plan 2.1.3, 5.3.2, and 5.3.3

- Transfer of Environmental Health Services overseeing inspection and regulation of food establishments, shellfish distributors and bottled water to the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Governor's Priority Plan 2.1.3, 5.3.2, and 5.3.3
  - Decrease duplicative processes between agencies and allow the Department of Agriculture the ability for program implementation and regulatory authority.
- Proposed move of Health Care Quality and Compliance to the newly forming Nevada Health Authority.
  - Enhance and streamline services.



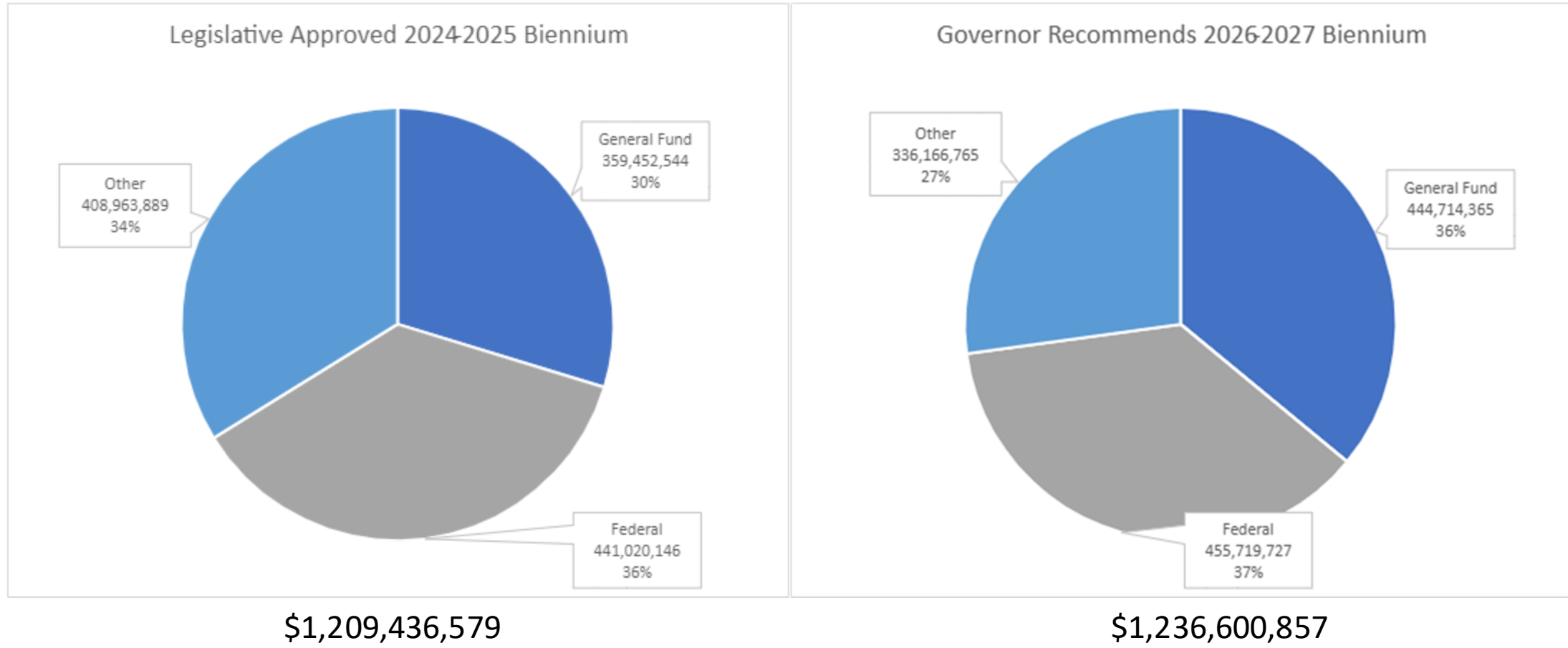
# Budget Priorities, continued

## Public Health Infrastructure

- Workforce Development - Governor's Priority Plan 3.2.3, 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.2.1, and 5.2.3
  - Hiring and retaining an efficient staff to improve public health efforts
  - Improving the capacity of current staff by offering courses designed to “upskill” the team
  - Continually updating our [nvhealthforce.org](https://nvhealthforce.org) website to provide the most current information on public health careers
- Data Modernization Initiatives (DMI) - Governor's Priority Plan 5.3.1 and 5.3.2
  - Increasing staff support to improve DMI efforts and interoperability
  - Modernizing Information Systems
  - Supporting the Nevada State Public Health Lab



# Budgeted Funding Sources 2024 – 2025 and 2026 – 2027 Biennium





# 2026- 2027 Biennium Budget Account Summary

Governor Recommends Budget (G01)		Fiscal Year 2026				Fiscal Year 2027			
406	DPBH	General Fund	Federal Funds	Other	Total	General Fund	Federal Funds	Other	Total
3101	Radiation Control Program	-	-	8,301,241	8,301,241	-	-	7,566,472	7,566,472
3152	Low-Level Radioactive Waste Fund	-	-	1,508,231	1,508,231	-	-	1,436,412	1,436,412
3153	Cancer Control Registry	-	-	1,272,647	1,272,647	-	-	1,298,403	1,298,403
3155	Family Planning	2,677,064	-	-	2,677,064	2,694,956	-	-	2,694,956
3161	SNAMHS	129,132,760	1,064,918	8,723,317	138,920,995	130,994,790	1,064,918	8,723,317	140,783,025
3162	NNAMHS	27,990,513	560,224	1,970,908	30,521,645	28,475,305	562,356	2,058,868	31,096,529
3165	Crisis Response	14,382	2,069,192	34,723,590	36,807,164	12,458	2,104,203	39,378,140	41,494,801
3168	DPBH Health Administration	-	-	5,313,013	5,313,013	-	-	5,622,904	5,622,904
3170	Behavioral Health Prev & Treatment	6,398,019	57,098,227	414,259	63,910,505	6,943,753	53,862,934	377,057	61,183,744
3190	Health Statistics & Planning	-	-	5,209,620	5,209,620	-	-	4,723,697	4,723,697
3194	Environmental Health Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3200	Prev/Treat of Problem Gambling	2,088,534	-	-	2,088,534	2,125,933	-	-	2,125,933
3213	Immunization Program	1,542,102	4,493,506	2,862,697	8,898,305	1,629,509	4,486,973	3,092,248	9,208,730
3214	WIC Food Supplement	-	59,255,088	14,624,083	73,879,171	-	59,334,120	14,624,083	73,958,203
3215	Communicable Disease	-	21,567,687	22,232,092	43,799,779	-	21,549,397	15,946,239	37,495,636
3216	Health Care Facility Reg	338,153	1,970,982	20,357,507	22,666,642	338,618	2,011,206	20,197,509	22,547,333
3217	Health Facilities - Admin, Penalty	-	-	333,939	333,939	-	-	392,349	392,349
3218	Public Health Preparedness PRG	-	13,764,445	701,139	14,465,584	365,768	13,764,458	731,262	14,861,488
3219	Biostatistics & Epidemiology	578,907	43,546,813	2,883,736	47,009,456	642,977	43,501,545	2,945,510	47,090,032
3220	Chronic Disease	568,829	10,278,524	4,051,928	14,899,281	568,829	10,261,475	4,121,061	14,951,365
3222	Maternal Child Health Services	931,671	7,816,686	1,208,719	9,957,076	975,848	7,809,360	1,268,829	10,054,037
3223	Office of State Health Administration	1,276,075	-	17,522,145	18,798,220	2,297,020	-	19,537,660	21,834,680
3224	Community Health Services	1,939,069	238,068	4,163,254	6,340,391	1,917,653	267,820	2,528,649	4,714,122
3234	Public Health Improvements	7,500,000	5,162,360	-	12,662,360	7,500,000	5,123,482	-	12,623,482
3235	Emergency Medical Services	1,274,997	190,484	1,512,508	2,977,989	1,280,848	190,798	1,531,583	3,003,229
3255	Alcohol Tax Program	-	-	2,156,868	2,156,868	-	-	2,701,840	2,701,840
3645	Lake's Crossing	18,722,175	-	10,955	18,733,130	19,124,724	-	10,955	19,135,679
3648	Rural Clinics	16,807,658	373,739	3,156,375	20,337,772	17,044,468	373,739	3,156,375	20,574,582
4547	Marijuana Health Registry	-	-	3,488,598	3,488,598	-	-	3,491,974	3,491,974
DPBH Total:		219,780,908	229,450,943	168,703,369	617,935,220	224,933,457	226,268,784	167,463,396	618,665,637
Biennial Total						444,714,365	455,719,727	336,166,765	1,236,600,857



# Position Summary

SFY26-27 G01 Budget	Base	Maintenance	Net Enhancement	Total FTE
3101 - Radiation Control	27.00	0.00	0.00	27.00
3153 - Cancer Registry	7.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
3155 - Family Planning	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
3161 - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services	783.55	2.00	36.47	822.02
3162 - Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services	220.30	7.49	(18.02)	209.77
3165 - Crisis Response	11.00	0.00	3.00	14.00
3168 - Behavioral Health Administration	17.00	0.00	(1.00)	16.00
3170 - Behavioral Health Wellness, Prevention & Treatment	40.00	0.00	14.00	54.00
3190 - Health Statistics and Planning	18.00	0.00	0.00	18.00
3194 - Environmental Health Services	15.00	0.00	(15.00)	0.00
3200 - Problem Gambling	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
3213 - Immunization Program	16.00	0.00	1.00	17.00
3214 - WIC Food Supplement	18.00	0.00	0.00	18.00
3215 - Communicable Diseases	12.00	0.00	2.00	14.00
3216 - Health Care Facilities Reg	106.53	0.00	0.00	106.53
3218 - Public Health Preparedness	19.00	0.00	0.00	19.00
3219 - Office of Public Health Investigations and Epidemiology	16.00	0.00	2.00	18.00
3220 - Chronic Disease	30.00	0.00	1.00	31.00
3222 - Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Services	22.51	0.00	3.00	25.51
3223 - Office of Health Administration	114.00	0.00	(2.00)	112.00
3224 - Community Health Services	25.00	0.00	(5.00)	20.00
3234 - Public Health Improvements	4.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
3235 - Emergency Medical Services	7.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
3645 - Lakes Crossing Center	112.08	0.00	(3.51)	108.57
3648 - Rural Clinics	120.03	0.00	(1.00)	119.03
4547 - Marijuana Health Registry	4.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>1,767.00</b>	<b>9.49</b>	<b>16.94</b>	<b>1,793.43</b>



# Facility Populations

Facility Name	SFY 2023	SFY 2024
SNAMHS Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital	957	703
NNAMHS Dini-Townsend Psychiatric Hospital	237	152
Stein Forensic Facility	362	386
Lakes Crossing Center	271	259
<b>Total Inpatient Admissions</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>1,500</b>

\* Note: Totals may include more than one admission per client

Facility Name	SFY 2023	SFY 2024
SNAMHS Outpatient Clinics	3,359	3,171
NNAMHS Outpatient Clinic	710	989
Rural Outpatient Clinics	3,332	3,102
<b>Total Outpatient Clients Served</b>	<b>7,401</b>	<b>7,262</b>

\*Note: Total may include outpatient clients who are in two separate programs



# Caseload

## Forensic and Behavioral Health

- M201 – Caseload (BA 3161) - Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health
  - This request based on Caseload Analysis Summary adds:
    - Two (2) Psychiatric Caseworker positions for Justice Involved Diversion Intensive Service Coordination Misdemeanor Program
- M201 – Caseload (BA 3162)- Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health
  - This request based on the Caseload Analysis Summary adds:
    - One part-time (.5) Senior Psychiatrist in the Assisted Outpatient Treatment program,
    - One (1) Psychiatric Caseworker to support the Mental Health Court program,
    - One (1) Psychiatric Caseworker to support Forensic Diversion Service Coordination Program,
    - Two (2) Psychiatric Caseworker positions to support the Intensive Service Coordination Program,
    - Three (2) Mental Health Counselor positions to support the Outpatient Counseling Program.

## Public Health

- M201 – Caseload (BA 3213) - Immunizations
  - Provides for the legislatively approved caseload adjustment to the General Fund for the match required for vaccine purchases due to the change to federal participation rates.



# Summary of Major Enhancements

## **Forensic Mental Health Services**

### BA 3161

- E250 – Forensic 3A hospital operations and staffing for the newly renovated 21 forensic bed hospital on the SNAMHS campus.
- E252 – Forensic statewide skilled nursing facility continuation of the initiative started in SFY24 to provide for the placement of forensic and civil patients in skilled nursing facilities.

### BA 3645

- E275 – Provide for an opportunity for restoration for those with serious charges and to perform a statutorily-required risk assessment by way of a court order.
- E276 – Update the competency evaluation protocol to national standards and allows the court to order involuntary medication for treatment.





# Summary of Major Enhancements, continued

## **Behavioral Health**

BA 3170

- E225 – Adds one (1) Business Process Analyst, one (1) Health Program Manager, two (2) Health Program Specialists, one (1) Management Analyst, and one (1) Quality Assurance Specialist to provide support for the comprehensive response to the Opioid Epidemic.
- E226 – Adds three (3) Mental Health Counselor positions to support the Office of Behavioral Health Certifications Bureau.

## **Public Health**

BA 3216

- E906 – Transfer of one (1) Deputy Division Administrator position, one (1) Accounting Assistant position and one (1) Administrative Services Officer position from BA 3223 to Health Care Quality and Compliance, BA 3216 to support the administrative workload for the program under the proposed newly forming Nevada Health Authority.

BA 3194

- E905 – Transfer of Environmental Health Services overseeing inspection and regulations of food establishments, shellfish distributors and bottled water to the Nevada Department of Agriculture.



# Bill Draft Requests (BDRs)

BDR #	Bill Number	NRS	Description	Impact
25A4063706	AB30	178.453	Allows the Division to access records from local detention facilities, similar to the access currently being provided by Nevada Department of Corrections to the Division.	This will improve access to records for consideration in decisions regarding treatment, housing in our facilities, and other risk considerations, as well as offer information to guide restoration treatment. It will allow for consistent access across county and city detention centers.
25A4063698	SB24	450B	Will add Emergency Medical Responder to statute by defining and recognizing as a provider type. Definition will match National Highway Safety Boards and will reduce current barriers to entry into Emergency Medical Services as well as promote interest into the profession.	In current statues the level of Emergency Medical Responder is not defined or listed as a recognized provider type. Adding this level into the NRS allows for an entry level position below the current entry level position of Emergency Medical Technician and allow for someone to start at basic level of treatment when an Emergency medical Technician is not immediately available. This will assist with reducing the current barriers to entry into Emergency Medical Services and will aim to grow profession interest.
25A4063591		449.089	Change when a health facility's license expires from December 31st every year to 12 months after its issuance.	This will improve the current process creates delays toward the end of the year when renewing and deters new facilities as they will have to repay licensure fees December 31st no matter when they were licensed in the year.



# Bill Draft Requests (BDRs), continued

BDR #	Bill Number	NRS	Description	Impact
25A4063607		178	Reduce the time defendants committed to the division spend waiting in Nevada's Competency Restoration process.	Analysis of Nevada's system has resulted in recommendations to require two (2) evaluations rather than three (3). This will increase the capacity of the state to move individuals through the competency system in a timely manner while still protecting their rights to treatment.
25A4063618		178.461	Provide clarification in statute regarding the need to attempt competency before requesting commitment for a term of 10 years.	This will allow the Division to provide assessment based on an order from a Court, as is required with competency evaluations.
25A4064091		446, 439	Transfer a portion of Environmental Health Services which oversees inspection and regulation of food establishments, shellfish distributors and bottled water to the Nevada Department of Agriculture	This will decrease duplicative processes between agencies and allow the Department of Agriculture the ability for program implementation and regulatory authority.



# Questions?



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# Acronyms

DHHS: Department of Health and Human Services

DPBH: Division of Public and Behavioral Health

NNAMHS: Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (Sparks)

SNAMHS: Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (Las Vegas)

JID ISC: Justice Involved Diversion Intensive Service Coordination

EHS: Environmental Health Services

CSC: Crisis Stabilization Center

DMI: Data Modernization Initiatives