



**Nevadans for the  
Common Good**

Chairman Oscarson and committee members. My name is Barbara Paulsen and I am speaking on behalf of Nevadans for the Common Good. I am commenting today on 2 items in work session document.

The 1<sup>st</sup> is #9, Medicaid Managed Care Expansion. Nevadans for the Common Good fully support the recommendations submitted by the Nevada chapter of the National Alliance of Mental Health (NAMI). Great care and consideration is necessary before extending managed care to these vulnerable populations with complex levels of need. All 8 points in the NAMI recommendation must be addressed to achieve a decision that places access to care and quality of care for these special populations as the top priority.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> is #10, Medicaid Managed Care Agreements/Request for Proposals. Through the discussions on Medicaid in general and on the potential expansion of managed care to the blind, elderly, and disabled populations, accountability, transparency, and an adequate provider network have been key issues for Nevadans for the Common Good. We support language in the requests for proposal and in the final contracts that ensure specific performance criteria that is transparent and reported regularly, that there are penalties if the MCO's don't meet the specified criteria, and that each MCO meets established network adequacy standards.