

# **Legislative Committee on Health Care**

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## **WORK SESSION DOCUMENT**



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The following "Work Session Document" has been prepared by the staff of the Legislative Committee on Health Care (LCHC) (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 439B.200). Pursuant to NRS 218D.160, the Committee is limited to ten legislative measures and must make its bill draft requests (BDRs) by September 1, 2014, unless the Legislative Commission authorizes submission of a request after that date.

This document contains a summary of BDRs and other actions that have been presented during public hearings, through communication with individual Committee members, or through correspondence or communications submitted to the LCHC. It is designed to assist the Committee members in making decisions during the work session. The Committee may accept, reject, modify, or take no action on any of the proposals. The concepts contained within this document are arranged under broad topics to allow members to review related issues. Actions available to the Committee members include: legislation to amend the NRS; transitory sections that do not amend the statutes; resolutions; statements in the Committee's final report; and letters of recommendation or support.

Committee members should be advised that Legislative Counsel Bureau staff may, at the direction of the Chair, coordinate with interested parties to obtain additional information for drafting purposes or for information to be included in the final report. The recommendations may have been modified by being combined with similar proposals or by the addition of necessary legal or fiscal information. It should also be noted that some of the recommendations may contain an unknown fiscal impact. If a recommendation is adopted for a BDR, then the Committee staff will work with interested parties to obtain fiscal estimates for inclusion in the final report.

Additional recommendations may be considered based on discussions held and presentations made at the August 26, 2014, hearing. Please see the agenda for details concerning the scheduled presentations. The approved recommendations for legislation resulting from these deliberations will be prepared as BDRs and submitted to the 2015 Legislature.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **PROPOSAL RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

1. **Amend NRS** to authorize paramedics to initiate an emergency admission to a mental health facility or hospital and to detain and transport a nonviolent individual, alleged to be a person with a mental illness, without police presence.  
*(Concept discussed at the June 2, 2014, meeting)*

### **PROPOSALS RELATING TO CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH**

2. **Draft a Letter** to the Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services, expressing support for the continuation and expansion of mobile crisis programs throughout the State of Nevada to improve the quality of children's mental health care by providing immediate care and treatment in a variety of settings, including but not limited to, homes, schools, homeless shelters, and emergency rooms. Mobile crisis response programs reduce unnecessary psychiatric hospitalizations and placement disruptions of children and youth, and reduce the need for youth to go to emergency rooms or detention centers to have their mental and behavioral health needs addressed.  
*(Recommendation proposed by Dan Musgrove, Vice Chair, Clark County Children's Mental Health Consortium)*