



## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Health

**Meeting Date:** February 21, 2019

**Staff Contact:** Nicki Aaker (naaker@carson.org); Mary Jane Ostrander (mostrander@carson.org)

**Agenda Title:** For Discussion Only: Presentation and discussion of "County Human Services 101," a brief overview of human services in Nevada. (Nicki Aaker, naaker@carson.org; Mary Jane Ostrander, mostrander@carson.org)

Staff Summary: This presentation was originally presented to the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) Board of Directors in January, 2018 to provide a brief history and overview of the county human/social services programs throughout the State. The presentation demonstrates how mandated services are implemented the same and/or differently within Nevada's counties. The NACO Board was appreciative of the presentation and asked that the presentations be taken to the appropriate board of each county.

**Agenda Action:** Other / Presentation

**Time Requested:** 15 minutes

### **Proposed Motion**

N/A

### **Board's Strategic Goal**

Quality of Life

### **Previous Action**

N/A

### **Background/Issues & Analysis**

Over the years, human services have transitioned from traditional welfare services to more evidenced-informed services, with a systemic focus. The Affordable Care Act and other legislative actions have further changed the county responsibilities. This is a brief presentation showing county human services similarities, collaborative efforts, and differences in implementing the provisions of NRS Chapter 428.

### **Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

NRS Chapter 211, NRS Chapter 428, NRS 422.272, NRS 432B.326, NRS 435.010, NRS Chapter 439B

### **Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** No

**If yes, account name/number:**

**Is it currently budgeted?**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:**

**Alternatives**

N/A

**Attachments:**

[NACO HS Presentation.pdf](#)

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Aye/Nay

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(Vote Recorded By)

# COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES 101

Nevada Association of County Human  
Service Administrators  
NACHSA

Originally Presented to the  
NACO Board of Directors  
January 19, 2018

## County Human Service / Social Service Departments

- 17 Different Models
- Foundations rooted in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS)
- Services designed to meet the needs of respective communities
- Additional NRS requirements
- Other grant funded / preventative services

## NEVADA REVISED STATUTES

### Chapter 428

- Indigent Persons

### Chapter 439B

- Healthcare

### Other Chapters

- Inmate Medical (NRS 211)
- Board of Health (NRS 439)
- **Public Guardianship (NRS 253 and 159)**
- **County Hospitals (Clark County)**
- Other

## ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS

### 2011 LEGISLATURE

- Medicaid Match and Waiver (422.272)
- **Consumer Health Protection ( 439.4905)**
- **Tuberculosis and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (439.4905)**
- Developmental Services for Children (435.010)
- Child Protective Services (432B.326)
- **Other Assessments/Eliminated Funding (Clark/Washoe)**
  
- **Several Juvenile Justice Costs Transferred to Counties (62B.150 and 62B.165)**

## Mandated Tax Levies & Other Revenue

- ▣ Mandated - Pass Through to State
  - 1.5 C - Indigent Accident Fund (428.185)
  - 1 C - Supplemental Fund (428.285)
  - Combined - Hospital Assessment Fund
    - Note: 2013 SB452 Combined both levies to the Hospital Assessment Account in the Fund for Hospital Care to Indigent Persons
  
- ▣ Other Mandated Levies
  - 6 - 10 C - Indigent Services (428.285)
  - County Hospitals (450.240 - Clark County)
  
- ▣ Other Funding
  - General Fund Revenue
  - Additional Tax Levies
  - Grant Funding

## NEVADA REVISED STATUTE CHAPTER 428

### INDIGENT PERSONS

Miscellaneous (Financial) Provisions  
Levy of Tax Ad Valorem  
Hospital Care for Indigent Persons  
Other Medical Care  
Institutional Care

## NRS 428 – Indigent Persons

DUTY OF COUNTY  
To provide aid and relief to indigents

(medical and financial assistance)

*... every county shall provide care, support, and relief to the poor, indigent, incompetent and those incapacitated by age, disease, accident or motor vehicle crash ...*

## NRS 428.010

Duty of County

... the board of county commissioners of the several counties shall ...

- ❑ establish and approve standards
- ❑ prescribe a uniform standard of eligibility
- ❑ appropriate money for this purpose, and
- ❑ appoint agents who will develop regulations and administer these programs

## Health Care

### DUTY OF COUNTY Care of Indigent Patients

*439B.300 ... every county shall use the definition of "indigent" to determine a person's eligibility for medical assistance pursuant to Chapter 428 of NRS ...*

#### ***Affordable Care Act***

- *2010 - Signed into Law*
- *2014 - Individual Mandate Became Law*
  - *Significantly changed County responsibility for medical assistance*
  - *Counties began disassembling medical program infrastructure*

## SAFETY NET SERVICES

- ☐ Payer of last resort
  - Federal, state, and community partnerships
- ☐ Service Model transition
  - Examples
- ☐ Respond to "super utilizers"
- ☐ Local Experience

## Conveners of Conversation

- ❑ Public Health
- ❑ Mental Health
- ❑ Substance Abuse
- ❑ Transportation
- ❑ Homelessness
- ❑ Institutional Discharge Plans
  - Detention facilities, hospitals, treatment centers, etc.
- ❑ Multi-Disciplinary Teams
  - Children, individuals with disabilities, seniors
- ❑ Other Socio-Economic Issues
  - High School dropout rates, teen pregnancy, etc.

## Programs and Services

- ❑ Community Needs
- ❑ Mandated Services
- ❑ Preventative Programs
- ❑ Balance county responsibilities to Nevada Revised Statutes with county responsibilities to tax payers



## Conclusion

- ▣ Future agenda items
- ▣ NACHSA meeting schedule
- ▣ County contact list
- ▣ Questions