

**MINUTES OF THE  
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES/CIPS  
OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
AND THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Seventy-sixth Session  
April 14, 2011**

The Joint Subcommittee on Human Services/CIPS of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Sheila Leslie at 8:11 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2011, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 4406, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

**SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Sheila Leslie, Chair  
Senator Steven A. Horsford  
Senator Barbara K. Cegavske

**ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman April Mastroluca, Chair  
Assemblywoman Debbie Smith, Vice Chair  
Assemblyman David P. Bobzien  
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton  
Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea  
Assemblyman Crescent Hardy  
Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael J. Chapman, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Rex Goodman, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Teri Sulli, Program Analyst  
Jackie Cheney, Committee Secretary

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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Diane J. Comeaux, Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services,  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Patricia Merrifield, Deputy Administrator, Children's Mental Health, Division of  
Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services

CHAIR LESLIE:

Today, we are considering budget closing items for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Health Division and the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS). The first item is B/A 101-3148 on page 13 of the April 14, 2011, Joint Subcommittee on Human Services/CIPS Closing List #2 ([Exhibit C](#)).

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HHS-DCFS – Juvenile Correctional Facility — Budget Page DHHS DCFS-68  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3148

TERI SULLI (Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The Twenty-sixth Special Session approved closure of the Summit View Youth Correctional Center effective May 1, 2010. The 48 youth remaining at the facility were transferred to the Nevada Youth Training Center in Elko, paroled to the Youth Parole Services, transferred to local jurisdictions, or placed out of state.

The major closing issue is whether to continue the closure of Summit View and maintain the facility operational costs of \$1.5 million of General Fund monies each year. Of that amount, \$1.3 million relates to the debt services for the facility. The remaining amount covers the costs of a part-time facility supervisor, utilities and the operational and maintenance expenses.

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During the Twenty-sixth Special Session, the Senate Committee on Finance expressed concerns about the future use of Summit View. They issued a Letter of Intent directing the DCFS administrator to report to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) plans for future use and provide the opportunity for public comment on such plans. Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 321.007, the Division of State Lands can only sell or lease the property through a public process with approval from IFC. An appraisal report received in January 2011 is under peer review by the Department of Transportation. A decision to move forward to sell or lease the facility has not yet been made.

Does the Subcommittee wish to recommend approval of the continued closure of Summit View and the approximately \$1.5 million in General Fund appropriation in each year of the biennium to maintain the operational costs?

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

If someone buys the facility, would the proceeds revert back to the General Fund and be made available for some other purpose?

MICHAEL J. CHAPMAN (Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

Any outstanding debt would be paid and remaining funds would revert back to the General Fund.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF SUMMIT VIEW YOUTH CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN B/A 101-3148; AND TO AUTHORIZE A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION OF \$1.5 MILLION IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM TO MAINTAIN THE OPERATIONAL COSTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. SULLI:

There are three other closing items Staff considers reasonable beginning on Page 14 of ([Exhibit C](#)).

Item No. 1 pertains to decision unit E-900 of B/A 101-3148. The Governor recommends transferring \$273,750 in each year of the 2011-2013 biennium to B/A 101-3263. These funds were previously used for out-of-state placement contracts.

E-900 Trns Fr Juv Correctional Facility to Youth Parole — Page DHHS DCFS-71

HHS-DCFS – Youth Parole Services — Budget Page DHHS DCFS-88 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3263

Item No. 2 pertains to decision unit E-902 of B/A 101-3148. The Governor recommends transferring one personnel analyst, one clinical program planner, one vehicle and the associated operating costs to B/A 101-3145. These positions perform duties related to all juvenile justice programs.

E-902 Trans Frm Juvenile Correctional Facility to Admin — Page DHHS  
DCFS-72

HHS-DCFS – Children Youth & Family Administration — Budget Page DHHS  
DCFS-1 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3145

Item No. 3 includes decision units E-903 and E-904 of B/A 101-3148. The Governor recommends transferring one agency-owned vehicle and insurance costs to B/A 101-3179 and two agency-owned vehicles and insurance costs to B/A 101-3259.

E-903 Trans From Juv Correctional to Caliente Youth Center — Page DHHS  
DCFS-72

E-904 Trans Frm Juv Correctional to NV Youth Training — Page DHHS DCFS-72

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HHS-DCFS – Caliente Youth Center — Budget Page DHHS DCFS-75 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3179

HHS-DCFS – Nevada Youth Training Center — Budget Page DHHS DCFS-81  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3259

Staff requests authority to make technical adjustments based on final decisions made at the closing of the other applicable DCFS accounts and recommends the remainder of this account be closed as recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA:

Does the action in decision unit E-900 transfer the responsibility to the counties?

MS. SULLI:

The proposal is to transfer funds to the Transitional Community Re-Integration category within the Youth Parole Services account. If it is decided the counties will be responsible for the funding, this will become a county responsibility. That decision will be made in the Youth Parole Services budget hearings and is why Staff requests authority to make technical adjustments.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON DECISION UNITS E-900, E-902, E-903 AND E-904 IN B/A 101-3148; AND TO GRANT FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON FINAL DECISIONS MADE AT THE CLOSING OF THE APPLICABLE DCFS ACCOUNTS.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. SULLI:

Next, is B/A 101-3179. See page 15 of [Exhibit C](#) for an overview of this account.

There are no major closing issues in this account. There are five other minor closing items Staff recommends as reasonable. An expanded explanation of these items is located on pages 15 and 16 of ([Exhibit C](#)).

In Item No. 1, decision unit M-101, the Governor requests a 5.3 percent inflationary increase for each year of the biennium in the cost of medical services.

#### M-101 Agency Specific Inflation — Page DHHS DCFS-76

In Item No. 2, decision unit E-903, the Governor recommends transferring one agency-owned vehicle from the Summit View Youth Correctional Center to the Caliente Youth Center (CYC).

Item No. 3 is a General Fund increase due to the addition of 10 new group supervisor positions at CYC, approved by the Twenty-sixth Special Session to accommodate changes in youth placements from the closure of Summit View. Of the ten positions, there are four vacant positions the Agency is in the process of filling.

Item No. 4 is increased expenditures for in-state travel, operating, contract services, youth transportation and utilities. These increases are primarily due to the Agency annualizing costs due to the closure of Summit View. Since Summit View closed in May 2010, only two months of Summit View activity in the CYC account are reflected in the fiscal year (FY) 2009-2010 figures. The *Executive Budget* has annualized the two months of expenditures to accurately reflect a full year of costs for the 2011-2013 biennium.

Item No. 5 transfers \$228,732 in FY 2011-2012 and \$247,901 in FY 2012-2013 from the Department of Education Nutrition Education Program to CYC B/A 101-3179. The National School Breakfast, Lunch and Snack Programs fund a portion of the operating category expenditures for food costs at CYC.

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Staff requests authority to make technical adjustments to this account based on final decisions made at the closing of the other applicable DCFS accounts.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION ON DECISION UNITS M-101 AND E-903 OF B/A 101-3179; TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR INCREASING THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION AND IN-STATE TRAVEL, OPERATING CONTRACT SERVICES, YOUTH TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES IN THIS ACCOUNT AS STIPULATED; AND TO GRANT AUTHORIZATION TO FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON FINAL DECISIONS MADE AT THE CLOSING OF THE APPLICABLE DCFS ACCOUNTS.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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REX GOODMAN (Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):  
The next item is B/A 101-3149. The description for this account begins on Page 1 of [Exhibit C](#).

HHS-HD – Child Care Services — Budget Page DHHS HEALTH-7 (Volume II)  
Budget Account 101-3149

The major issue in this account is the Governor's recommendation to reassign the DHHS Bureau of Services for Child Care to the DHHS Health Division. This is being done to gain efficiencies through locating the program, which is regulatory in nature, with other regulatory types of agencies and programs

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within the DHHS Health Division. This is accomplished through decision units E-225, E-515 and E-915 of B/A 101-3149.

E-225 Reduce Duplication of Effort — Page DHHS HEALTH-9

E-515 Adjustments to Transfers — Page DHHS HEALTH-10

E-915 Trans frm UNITY/SACWIS to Child Care Services — Page DHHS HEALTH-11

Staff does not have any general concerns about this recommendation. There are some cost impacts in this account. The program will be paying an indirect rate assessment to the DHHS Health Division which it is not currently paying.

Does the Subcommittee wish to approve the recommended transfer of the DHHS Child Care Services Bureau to the DHHS Health Division, as recommended by the Governor, with the related indirect rate assessment to be paid to the Health Division Administration Office?

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN DECISION UNITS E-225, E-515, AND E-915 OF B/A 101-3149 TO REASSIGN THE DHHS CHILD CARE SERVICES BUREAU TO THE DHHS HEALTH DIVISION WITH THE RELATED INDIRECT RATE ASSESSMENTS TO BE PAID TO THE HEALTH DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. GOODMAN:

Item No. 2 concerns increased program requirements and funding in decision unit E-325.

E-325 Deliver Public Services Directly and Efficiently — Page DHHS HEALTH-9

Pursuant to NRS 432.131, the DHHS Child Care Services Bureau was required to accept the return of licensing responsibilities from Clark County effective September 1, 2010. In doing so, the Bureau incurred additional costs and is projected to incur additional costs in the 2011-2013 biennium totaling \$286,821 in FY 2011-2012 and \$322,468 in FY 2012-2013.

In recent history, this program has been funded entirely with fee revenue from the regulated community and transfers from the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). However, with the addition of the licensing duties in Clark County, this budget is recommended to be funded partially with General Fund appropriations in the amount of \$15,541 for FY 2011-2012 and \$51,088 for FY 2012-2013.

The Subcommittee has some options for consideration. In previous hearings, it discussed whether funds from the CCDBG could offset the increased General Fund appropriation. The Agency indicated it could possibly reduce direct services in other accounts funded with CCDBG monies. The other option could be to increase fees in this account considering fees have not been increased in over 20 years. Either way, there is a General Fund increase of approximately \$66,000 over the biennium. The decision for the Subcommittee is whether to accept the Governor's recommendation to add General Fund to this account or to pursue some other funding option.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA:

I am willing to approve this as recommended by the Governor but request that the Health Division assess the licensing fees and adjust them as necessary.

CHAIR LESLIE:

I agree. I suggest the Subcommittee send a Letter of Intent to formally make that request.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

Updating these fees can be complicated. I have no problem with the State doing this if we get the teachers and child care workers within the system involved in the decision-making process. They should pay their fair share, but if a different level of personnel will be required to work within these facilities, this will create another cost burden which will be passed down to the people being served by the facilities. All this needs to be weighed along with the cost of licensure fees.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-325 OF B/A 101-3149 TO REPLACE GENERAL FUND MONIES WITH CCDBG FUNDS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND TO ISSUE A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE HEALTH DIVISION REQUIRING THE ASSESSMENT AND UPDATE OF THE CHILD CARE LICENSURE FEES.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

As I recall, the fees have already been looked at several times and revisions have not been approved.

CHAIR LESLIE:

There are two separate issues. One is the fee for child care licensing and the other is related to the quality of child care. Assemblywoman Carlton was talking about quality of child care. The letter of intent will be directed only at updating the child care licensing fees.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF THE ITEMS IN B/A 101-3149 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; GRANTING FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON FINAL DECISIONS MADE AT THE CLOSING OF THE OTHER AGENCY ACCOUNTS.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. GOODMAN:

Next is B/A 101-3181 described on page 3 of [Exhibit C](#).

HHS-DCFS – Victims of Domestic Violence — Budget Page DHHS DCFS-15  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3181

Assembly Bill 432 of the 75th Legislative Session was passed revising the fees collected supporting B/A 101-3181. Since then, the fee revenue has increased substantially. Consequently, it is recommended funding from Title XX of the Social Security Act in the amount of approximately \$200,000 in each year of the 2011-2013 biennium no longer be transferred to this account.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE FULL COMMITTEES FOR REMOVAL OF TITLE XX FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$200,000 PER YEAR FROM B/A 101-3181 AND TO CLOSE THE REMAINING ITEMS IN THIS ACCOUNT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR LESLIE:

We will now discuss B/A 101-3143, decision unit E-586, beginning on page 5 of [Exhibit C](#).

HHS-DCFS – UNITY/SACWIS — Budget Page DHHS DCFS-18 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3143

E-586 Technology Invest, Reduce Duplicate Effort — Page DHHS DCFS-21

MR. GOODMAN:

The major closing item for consideration is a technology investment request of \$818,135 for FY 2011-2012 and \$3,052,576 for FY 20112-2013 to enhance the management tools of the Division's information technology system entitled Unified Nevada Information Technology for Youth (UNITY). The funding is recommended to be split between General Fund monies and federal funding from Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. An Advanced Planning Document must be submitted to the Administration for Children and Families Division of the United States Health and Human Services to receive approval for the federal portion of the funding.

The DCFS has had several independent reviews of the UNITY system. Each review identified difficulties resulting in an inordinate amount of staff time being spent in navigating and abstracting information. The reviews also noted the need to improve case management and supervisor reports. The recommended enhancement includes doing a business process reengineering to streamline and improve the efficiencies of the system. Additionally, a better user interface and new data warehouse would be added to improve the data access and reporting abilities.

Staff does not have concerns with the requested technology aspects of the project. The funding appears reasonable. This is a policy decision for the

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Subcommittee because of the significant cost of the upgrade at a time when other DCFS direct services are being reduced.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA:

This is a significant amount of money. However, considering there will be a net reduction of 7.23 hours per week spent on system usage for each caseworker, the gain of increased face-to-face-time with clients is a worthwhile investment.

CHAIR LESLIE:

I agree, but the project should be contingent upon receiving Title IV-E dollars.

ASSEMBLYMAN BOBZIEN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF THE TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT REQUEST AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN DECISION UNIT E-586 OF B/A 101-3143 CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING TITLE IV-E FEDERAL FUNDS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. GOODMAN:

Decision Unit M-160 eliminates two information technology (IT) professional positions held vacant based on the actions of the Twenty-sixth Special Session. This decision appears reasonable to Staff.

M-160 Position Reductions Approved During Biennium — Page DHHS DCFS-20

Decision units E-900 and E-500 transfer General Funded Title IV-E UNITY charges from B/A 101-3142 to B/A 101-3143.

E-500 Adjustments to Transfers — Page DHHS DCFS-21

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E-900 Trans Frm Clark Cty Integration to UNITY/SACWIS — Page DHHS  
DCFS-23

HHS-DCFS – Clark County Integration — Budget Page DHHS DCFS-32 (Volume  
III)  
Budget Account 101-3142

The Subcommittee will hear, at a future date, the closing of the Clark County Integration budget in which child welfare funding is proposed to be block granted to the County. As part of this recommendation, the Division requests to move all the charges associated with the IT system into this account. This request appears reasonable to Staff, provided authority is granted to make technical adjustments, including being able to reverse this decision if the Clark County block grant transfer is not approved.

The last item is the transfer of e-mail costs in decision unit E-915 of B/A 101-3149. This is being done to coincide with the reassignment of the child care services to the DHHS Health Division.

E-915 Trans frm UNITY/SACWIS to Child Care Services — Page DHHS  
HEALTH-11

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE FULL COMMITTEES THE CLOSURE OF THE REMAINDER OF THE ITEMS IN B/A 101-3143 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR DEPENDENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE DECISION UNITS IN THE CLARK AND WASHOE COUNTY INTEGRATION BUDGET ACCOUNTS; TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO THE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS; AND TO REVERSE THIS DECISION IF THE TRANSFER OF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO THE COUNTIES IS NOT APPROVED.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA:

Will this transfer cause a decrease in the Child Protection Block Grant monies?

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MR. GOODMAN:  
No, it would not.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA:

Regarding B/A 101-3143, decision unit E-586, I recommend a letter of intent be issued to the Division making it clear General Funds will be contingent upon federal approval and the receipt of Title IV-E funding.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES THE ISSUANCE OF A LETTER OF INTENT TO DCFS MAKING IT CLEAR THE GENERAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED IN DECISION UNIT E-586 OF B/A 101-3143 ARE CONTINGENT UPON FEDERAL APPROVAL AND THE RECEIPT OF TITLE IV-E FUNDING.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. GOODMAN:  
Next is B/A 645-3242 on page 8 of [Exhibit C](#).

HHS-DCFS – Child Welfare Trust — Budget Page DHHS DCFS-50 (Volume III)  
Budget Account 645-3242

There are no major closing issues in this account. The Governor recommends the authority for federal funding projected to be received in this account be

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removed because it has been determined it will not be received. Staff recommends this account be approved as recommended by the Governor.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE FULL COMMITTEES OF B/A 645-3242 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR LESLIE:

Budget Account 606-3250 is discussed on page 10 of [Exhibit C](#).

HHS-DCFS – Transition from Foster Care — Budget Page DHHS DCFS-52  
(Volume III)

Budget Account 606-3250

MR. GOODMAN:

There are no closing issues in this account. Staff recommends approval as recommended by the Governor.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE FULL COMMITTEES OF B/A 606-3250 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. GOODMAN:

There are no major issues in B/A 101-3251, page 11 of [Exhibit C](#). The only closing item is decision unit E-325 to reallocate the budget to reflect the Executive Committee's spending plan for the 20011-2013 biennium. Staff recommends this account be approved as recommended by the Governor.

HHS-DCFS – Review of Death of Children — Budget Page DHHS DCFS-54  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3251

E-325 Deliver Public Services Directly and Efficiently — Page DHHS DCFS-55

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO  
THE FULL COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF DECISION UNIT E-325 IN  
B/A 101-3251 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. GOODMAN:

Next is B/A 101-3278, decision units E-911, E-912, E-913 and E-914 discussed on page 17 of [Exhibit C](#).

HHS-DCFS – Wraparound in Nevada — Budget Page DHHS DCFS-95  
(Volume III)  
Budget Account 101-3278

E-911 Transfer from Wraparound in NV to SNCAS — Page DHHS DCFS-98

E-912 Transfer from Wraparound in NV to NVCAS — Page DHHS DCFS-99

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E-913 Transfer FMAP from Wraparound in NV to SNCAS — Page DHHS  
DCFS-99

E-914 Transfer FMAP from Wraparound in NV to NNCAS — Page DHHS  
DCFS-100

The major closing issue is the recommendation to eliminate this account and divide the revenues and expenses in the Wraparound in Nevada (WIN) program between the Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services (NNCAS) and the Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services (SNACS) budgets. The Division indicates the WIN program will not be affected by this transfer. No services will be reduced. Funding and expenditures will be similar to previous years. The advantage of this program merger is there will be General Fund savings because the WIN program expenses will be added to the cost allocation plans of the other two accounts resulting in a greater federal reimbursement for those program expenses. This change is a policy decision determining whether to retain the WIN program expenses in a separate account as they are now or merge them into the other two childrens' mental health accounts.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL  
COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF DECISION UNITS E-911, E-912,  
E-913 AND E-914 OF B/A 101-3278, ELIMINATING B/A 101-3278  
AND MERGING THE WIN PROGRAM INTO NNCAS AND SNCAS  
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. GOODMAN:

The other closing item, in decision unit M-170 of B/A 101-3278, concerns the expiration of Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate enhancements resulting from the expiration of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of

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2009 (ARRA). Additional General Fund monies totaling \$350,624 in FY 2011-2012 and \$255,187 in FY 2012-2013 are recommended to replace reductions in FMAP. The DHHS and the Budget Division have indicated the most recent released estimates of FMAP for FY 2012-2013 will reduce the amount of General Fund monies recommended but an amendment to adjust this account has not yet been received. Preliminary estimates for FMAP savings total \$65,233. These savings are distributed between the transfers of funding discussed in E-913 and E-914.

M-170 Enhanced FMAP Expiration — Page DHHS DCFS-96

Staff recommends approval of this decision unit but requests authority to make technical adjustments to the various decision units affected when a verified estimate of FMAP-related revenues is received for this account.

Staff recommends the rest of the items in B/A 101-3278 be closed as recommended by the Governor.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES CLOSURE OF ALL THE REMAINING ITEMS IN B/A 101-3278 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE VARIOUS DECISION UNITS AFFECTED WHEN A VERIFIED ESTIMATE OF FMAP-RELATED REVENUES IS RECEIVED FOR THIS ACCOUNT.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. GOODMAN:

We will move to B/A 101-3281, decision units E-512, E-912 and E-914. An overview and additional detail can be found on page 19 of [Exhibit C](#).

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E-512 Adjustments to Transfer for E-912 — Page DHHS DCFS-105

E-912 Transfer from Wraparound in NV to NVCAS — Page DHHS DCFS-109

E-914 Transfer FMAP from Wraparound in NV to NNCAS — Page DHHS  
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The first closing item relates to the merger of B/A 101-3278 with NNCAS and SNCAS. Budget Account 101-3281 will receive a portion of the revenues and expenditures of the WIN program. This recommendation includes transferring 22 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to this account.

This recommendation does not reduce funding for the WIN program. It increases Nevada Medicaid reimbursements by adding the WIN program to the different cost allocations for Medicaid reimbursements of existing NNCAS and SNCAS services. There is an estimated savings of \$117,370 in FY 2011-2012 and \$120,105 in FY 2012-2013 to the General Fund. An additional budget amendment is expected for department-wide changes to FMAP rates in FY 2012-2013 which will result in additional General Fund savings in the expenses transferred from the WIN program, as well as most other expenses in this account. However, these calculations have not been finalized.

Staff recommends approval of the transfer of WIN revenue and expenses into this account and requests Staff authority to make technical adjustments to reflect the final FMAP rates once they are determined.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES CLOSURE OF B/A 101-328, DECISION UNITS E-512, E-912 and E-914 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND REQUESTS AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO REFLECT THE HIGHER PROJECTED FMAP RATES WHEN THEY ARE DETERMINED.

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SENATOR CEGAVSKE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. GOODMAN:

The next closing item is decision unit E-908 of B/A 101-3281 located on page 19 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-908 Transfer from NNCAS to Administration — Page DHHS DCFS-108

The Governor recommends transferring two mental health counselors from B/A 101-3281 to B/A 101-3145 to support a proposed Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Accountability Board. The final decision about the Board will be discussed in the closing of B/A 101-3145 at a future date. The action to create the Board is proposed through Senate Bill (S.B.) 448.

[SENATE BILL 448](#): Makes various changes concerning the regulation of mental health services provided to children in this State. (BDR 39-1217)

Due to the most recent hearing on S.B. 448, the Division is making changes to the Governor's recommendations affecting several decision units in B/A 101-3281 and B/A 101-3145. The original plan was to transfer six positions to B/A 101-3145 to support the Board. The new plan is to transfer three positions to support the Board and retain the other three positions in their original accounts to continue providing direct services. The intent is not to impact direct services. The decision for creating a board will be made in the closing of B/A 101-3145 or through the passage of S.B. 448.

Today, the Subcommittee could close this account as recommended by the Governor allowing Staff the authority to make technical adjustments. Staff could then reverse or adjust these decision units based on the action taken regarding the creation of the Board.

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CHAIR LESLIE:

More information is needed from the Division. I do not want to reduce any direct services. Could this be recommended for closure with technical adjustments with a provision not to allow a reduction in direct services?

MR. GOODMAN:

We have a general concept of the alternative plan the Division has proposed which can be clarified further to enable some closing proposals to be made today.

DIANE J. COMEAUX (Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services):

Based on the discussions during the testimony of S.B. 448, the Committee indicated they did not want direct services reduced based on these transfers. If this is the decision, there are a number of decision units to be adjusted. Decision unit E-908 recommends transferring two positions from B/A 101-3281 to B/A 101-3245. One is a direct service position and one is a vacant position. The Division's recommendation is to reduce the transfer to one vacant position and eliminate decision unit E-805 requesting a position upgrade.

E-805 Classified Position Reclassifications — Page DHHS DCFS-107

CHAIR LESLIE:

Is it the Division's intention to withdraw S.B. 448?

MS. COMEAUX:

That is correct.

CHAIR LESLIE:

Does the Division still want to go forward with establishment of the new Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Accountability Board?

MS. COMEAUX:

Rather than establishing a board, the Division now proposes a quality assurance and quality improvement component. This can be done without the establishment of a board. The Division would still collect quality outcome data

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for children's mental health services. Only three positions would need to be transferred to support those activities.

CHAIR LESLIE:

Does this require specific legislative action in the form of a bill to accomplish this change?

MS. COMEAUX:

The Division will work with the providers to do this under our existing authority.

CHAIR LESLIE:

Does this include private sector involvement?

MS. COMEAUX:

It includes the private sector on a voluntary basis. The Youth Care Providers Association has indicated support for this concept. This group covers most of the youth in foster care juvenile services. Consequently, we will start with this group. They have already given the Division some data that we can work with them to expand. Once this gets started, we hope other providers will agree to provide the information voluntarily.

CHAIR LESLIE:

Will there be a mandate for the private sector to provide the information?

MS. COMEAUX:

There will not. Senate Bill 448 includes mandated compliance.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

Will it be necessary to transfer two mental health counselors to B/A 101-3145 to make the new concept work?

MS. COMEAUX:

Only one vacant position would be transferred to B/A 101-3145. The other position would remain in B/A 101-3281 and would continue to provide direct services.

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CHAIR LESLIE:

Any motion made must make it clear that direct services will not be impacted.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF TRANSFERRING ONE VACANT MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR POSITION TO B/A 101-3145 TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR HORSFORD WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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MR. GOODMAN:

Item No. 1, regarding B/A 101-3281, decision unit E-325, recommends closure of the outpatient counseling satellite office in Reno. The detailed description is on page 20 of [Exhibit C](#).

E-325 Deliver Public Services Directly and Efficiently — Page DHHS DCFS-104

This office is already closed due to vacant position eliminations approved by the Twenty-sixth Special Session. This recommendation appears reasonable to Staff.

Item No. 2, decision unit M-170, makes FMAP adjustments resulting from the expiration of the ARRA FMAP enhancements. Staff requests technical adjustment authority based on the new FMAP rate projection forthcoming for FY 2012-2013.

M-170 Enhanced FMAP Expiration — Page DHHS DCFS-103



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In Item No. 3, decision unit M-425 funds totaling \$35,000 in FY 2011-2012 and \$100,000 in FY 2012-2013 are authorized for maintenance projects at the NNCAS facility in Reno. This is intended to address site drainage issues and erosion control identified as critical by the State Public Works Board Facilities Condition Analysis. These recommendations appear reasonable to Staff.

M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page DHHS DCFS-103

Item No. 4 transfers a management analyst position from B/A 101-3145, decision unit E-905, to B/A 101-3281, decision unit E-505, to better align the position's federal funding sources with the position's duties. This transfer results in the position being funded through the NNCAS cost allocation which eliminates federal Title IV-E funding and increases General Fund support for the position by \$3,610 in FY 2011-2012 and \$3,162 in FY 2012-2013. This recommendation appears reasonable to Staff.

E-905 Transfer from Administration to NNCAS — Page DHHS DCFS-10

E-505 Adjustments to Transfer for E-905 — Page DHHS DCFS-104

Item No. 5 in B/A 101-3281, decision unit E-805, recommends the reclassification of two positions. One of these is a mental health counselor reclassified and transferred to B/A 101-3145 in decision unit E-908, to support the proposed Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Accountability Board. The DCFS Administrator Comeaux requests this reclassification and transfer be removed. The recommendation is revised to reclassify one clinical program manager II position in B/A 101-3281 to a clinical program manager I to better align the position with other similar positions within the Agency. This recommendation appears reasonable to Staff.

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E-908 Transfer From NNCAS to Administration — Page DHHS DCFS-11

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Item No. 6 in B/A 101-3646, decision unit E-910, transfers contract services related to the merger of the WIN program to this account. The contract services provided by Nevada Parents Encouraging Parents is transferred from SNCAS to this budget. This recommendation appears reasonable to Staff.

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E-910 Transfer from NV PEP from SNCAS to NNCAS — Page DHHS DCFS-121

These six closing items appear reasonable to Staff if technical authority is granted on Item No. 2 regarding the FMAP rate changes. Additionally, the Subcommittee may wish to change the recommendation on item No. 5 to eliminate the reclassification for the mental health counselor related to the Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Accountability Board.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

What is the impact of the transfer on the Nevada Parents Encouraging Parents contract services?

MR. GOODMAN:

There would be no impact on the Nevada Parents Encouraging Parents contract services. These monies will be budgeted in the two different accounts providing the services rather than in the one account it has been in the past.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF DECISION UNITS E-325, M-170, M-425, E-505 AND E-805, IN B/A 101-3281, DECISION UNIT E-905 IN B/A 101-3145 AND DECISION UNIT E-910 IN B/A 101-3646 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND TO GRANT THE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO ITEM NO. 2 ON THE FMAP RATE AND REVISIONS TO ITEM NO. 5.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. GOODMAN:

Next is B/A 101-3646 which is located on page 22 of [Exhibit C](#). The concept of the merger of the WIN program into this account has already been discussed. General Fund savings will occur. Decision units E-511, E-911, E-913 are impacted. Staff finds this recommendation reasonable and recommends closure to reflect the actions as discussed in the NNCAS account.

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E-511 Adjustments to Transfer for E-911 — Page DHHS-DCFS-116

E-911 Transfer from Wraparound in NV to SNCAS — Page DHHS DCFS-122

E-913 Transfers FMAP from Wraparound in NV to SNCAS — Page DHHS  
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ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF DECISION UNITS E-511, E-911 AND E-913 OF B/A 101-3646 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND TO GRANT FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO REFLECT THE HIGHER PROJECTED FMAP RATES WHEN THEY ARE DETERMINED.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Item No. 2 is the next major closing item for B/A 101-3646, decision unit E-663.

E-663 Program Reductions/Reductions to Services — Page DHHS DCFS-117

The Governor initially recommended closing the Division's Western Day Treatment Program, one of three such programs in Las Vegas. Staff assigned to this program would be redirected to support the proposed Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Accountability Board.

This is one of the direct service areas affected by the creation of the new board. With the alternative plan proposed by the Division, Staff understands this recommendation will be eliminated and the Western Day Treatment Program will continue to function. The two positions in this account recommended for transfer will now stay in this account and continue to support the Western Day Treatment Program.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO NOT APPROVE DECISION UNIT E-663 OF B/A 101-3646 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, RESULTING IN THE CONTINUATION OF THE WESTERN NEVADA DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

What are the fiscal ramifications of this recommendation?

MR. GOODMAN:

The rejection of this decision unit and nontransfer of positions to support the Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Accountability Board would, in theory, have a General Fund impact. General Fund appropriation is saved in the Governor's budget by reversing those actions. On paper, there is a General Fund

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cost of approximately \$140,000 per year. However, the Division has indicated to Staff that they would not request additional General Fund appropriation.

Through the provision of more direct services to children, more Medicaid reimbursement is realized and the additional Medicaid reimbursement funding would offset the need for additional General Funds. The Division believes it can reverse these actions without requesting additional General Fund appropriation.

CHAIR LESLIE:  
May we hear from the Division on this matter?

Ms. COMEAUX:  
When we proposed these decision units, adjustments were made in the amount of federal revenues that could be earned based on reductions in services provided. If we continue to provide the services, the Division will be able to collect the federal revenue. Reversing this decision will be cost neutral.

CHAIR LESLIE:  
Can you please explain what the Western Day Treatment Program does and whom it serves?

Ms. COMEAUX:  
The program provides day treatment services for children age zero through five years old. These are primarily children in the child welfare system with significant detachment and behavioral issues. They attend a classroom style program for three to five hours per day.

CHAIR LESLIE:  
Are any of these children autistic?

Ms. COMEAUX:  
None of the children are autistic. They mostly have severe emotional disturbances.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. GOODMAN:

Closing Item No. 3, as recommended by the Governor, transfers two mental health counselors and two public service interns from B/A 101-3646, decision unit E-909 to the Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Accountability Board, B/A 101-3145.

E-909 Transfer from SNCAS to Administration — Page DHHS DCFS-121

The Division has indicated in its alternative plan that it would not request the transfer of two public service intern positions. The public service interns would remain in this account and continue to support the Western Day Treatment Program. The alternative plan proposes transferring two mental health counselor positions to B/A 101-3145 to support the functions of the quality assurance and quality improvement initiative. Once again, in theory, this would have a General Fund impact but, as we just discussed, the additional federal funding realized because of the direct services would not create a General Fund add back.

Staff understands the recommendation to only transfer two mental health counselor positions to B/A 101-3145. The Subcommittee can make this decision unit contingent on the decisions made in B/A 101-3145 pertaining to the new board concept.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF DECISION UNIT E-909 OF B/A 101-3145, TRANSFERRING TWO MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR POSITIONS AS DISCUSSED PENDING THE FINAL DECISIONS MADE IN CLOSING B/A 101-3145; AND TO AUTHORIZE FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION STAFF BE GRANTED THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE RESULTING TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

I am still not clear. Will there be a General Fund savings?

CHAIR LESLIE:

It is confusing because the document we have explaining this change does not include the alternative plan. The motion made is completely different from what is described in S.B. 448. The new plan is to have three positions, two of which are in this account, transfer to B/A 101-3145 contingent upon the final decisions made in B/A 101-3145 which will close in a couple of weeks. This is all based on the tentative plan allowing the Division to pursue a quality assurance improvement initiative rather than establishing an actual board. Passage of S.B. 448 is not needed to do this. The other three positions recommended for transfer will remain where they are and will continue to provide direct client services. There is no General Fund impact because, by continuing the services, the Division can realize more federal funds.

MR. GOODMAN:

If this had been passed as recommended by the Governor, there would have been General Fund savings in these accounts. With the alternative plan not to approve all the transfers, in theory, there would be a General Fund add back. Instead it will be a federal funds add back because the Division will be able to realize more federal funding.

CHAIR LESLIE:

Direct services will be preserved by not transferring the positions. I did not like the recommendation resulting in reduced services by closing the Western Day Treatment facility.

MR. GOODMAN:

There are seven other minor closing items for B/A 101-3646 beginning on page 24 of [Exhibit C](#). The first one concerns decision unit M-170.

#### M-170 Enhanced FMAP Expiration — Page DHHS DCFS-114

Additional General Funds are recommended to replace Medicaid revenue due to reductions in FMAP rates related to the expiration of the ARRA provisions. As previously discussed, a budget amendment is expected to adjust the FMAP-related revenue in FY 2012-2013 based on projected changes in the FMAP rate. The newly released estimates of the FMAP rate for FY 2012-2013 will produce General Fund savings in an estimated amount of \$245,561 for this account. Staff recommends approval of this decision unit with authority to make technical adjustments to the affected decision units when a verified estimate of the FMAP-related revenues is received.

Item No. 2 is the deferred facilities maintenance, decision unit M-425. The Governor recommends funding facilities maintenance projects, including water heater replacements, natural gas system upgrades, HVAC replacements and fire sprinkler system upgrades. This recommendation appears reasonable to Staff.

#### M-425 Deferred Facilities Maintenance — Page DHHS DCFS-115

Item No. 3 is decision unit E-325, increasing a part-time position to full time.

#### E-325 Deliver Public Services Directly and Efficiently — Page DHHS DCFS-115

Closing Item No. 3 relates to the discussion we have been having about the proposed Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Accountability Board. A part-time public service intern position is recommended to be increased to a full-time position which will be transferred to support the proposed Board. In accordance with the other decisions the Subcommittee has made up to this point, Staff recommends this decision unit not be approved. This position would remain a part-time position to support the Western Day Treatment Program.

Closing Item No. 4 is decision unit E-326, recommending additional funds for contract psychiatric hospitalization services in the amount of \$64,892 for each



year of the 2011-2013 biennium. The Division reduced services in this area in the base year in FY 2009-2010 to meet a General Fund reduction goal. It is now recommended this be added back for each year of the biennium to continue to provide these psychiatric hospitalization services. Staff was asked about how many additional services this would provide. The Division responded it costs approximately \$700 per day. The recommended increase would provide an additional 92 bed days per year. This recommendation appears reasonable to Staff.

E-326 Deliver Public Services Directly and Efficiently — Page DHHS DCFS-116

Item No. 5, decision unit E-664, removes Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) transfer funding from this account. A departmental decision has been made to retain all TANF funding within the Welfare Division and not transfer it to other divisions of the Department. This decision appears reasonable to Staff.

E-664 Program Reductions/Reductions to Services — Page DHHS DCFS-117

Item No. 6, decision unit E-805, is a position reclassification of a licensed psychologist position from a level II to a level I to keep it more in line with other positions within the Division. This recommendation appears reasonable to Staff.

E-805 Classified Position Reclassifications — Page DHHS DCFS-120

Item No. 7, decision unit E-910, transfers a portion of the Nevada Parents Encouraging Parents contract services provided to support families whose children are clients of the WIN program to the NNCAS B/A 101-3281. Since the Subcommittee has already recommended approval of the merger of the WIN program with the SNCAS and NNCAS, Staff recommends this transfer action as reasonable.

E-910 Transfer from NV PEP from SNCAS to NNCAS — Page DHHS DCFS-121

In summary, the closure of the seven other closing items as recommended by the Governor appears reasonable to Staff with the exception of Item No. 3, decision unit E-325. In keeping with the other actions taken by the

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Subcommittee, Staff would assume the Subcommittee will reject E-325. Staff requests the authority to make technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

What is the significance under Item No. 6 changing the licensed psychologist II to a licensed psychologist I?

MR. GOODMAN:

The reclassification will not affect the services provided. It is a filled position that will be downgraded thereby producing General Fund savings.

PATRICIA MERRIFIELD (Deputy Administrator, Children's Mental Health, Division of Child and Family Services. Department of Health and Human Services):

This position is filled by a recent new hire being paid well within the psychologist I pay range. This position no longer supervises other psychologists. A psychologist is needed to provide psychology services to children. The job functions have changed and there are no longer any supervisory responsibilities.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

You currently have three vacancies. You say you need someone to provide direct services and not provide supervision, yet you hired this person as a psychologist II?

MS. MERRIFIELD:

We hired this person into this position as an underfill and the underfill position for a psychologist II is a psychologist I. Consequently, this person is currently occupying this position as a psychologist I.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I thought there was a psychologist II in this position.

MS. MERRIFIELD:

The last person who filled this position as a psychologist II retired in July 2010. When we subsequently refilled the position after that retirement, we underfilled it with a psychologist I. The position provides direct services and has no supervisory responsibilities.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:  
Who does the supervision?

MS. MERRIFIELD:  
The clinical program managers provide the supervision. This is consistent with the supervisory structure for the other psychologist positions in NNCAS and SNCAS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:  
Does this mean there will be a nonmedical person supervising medical personnel?

MS. MERRIFIELD:  
The clinical program managers supervise the program and policy administration. They do not supervise the psychological practice. These are licensed individuals responsible for their direct practice.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES APPROVAL OF DECISION UNITS M-170, M-425, E-326, E-664, E-805 AND E-910 OF B/A 101-3646 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO THE FISCAL ANALYSIS STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO DECISION UNITS M-170 AND E-910.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR LESLIE:

There being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Jackie Cheney,  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator Sheila Leslie, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Assemblywoman April Mastroluca, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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