

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AND
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Seventy-ninth Session
March 29, 2017**

The joint meeting of the Subcommittees on Human Services of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Moises Denis at 8:07 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, 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 Moises “Mo” Denis, Chair
Senator Joyce Woodhouse
Senator Ben Kieckhefer

ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Michael C. Sprinkle, Chair
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Nelson Araujo
Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante Adams
Assemblyman Jason Frierson
Assemblyman James Oscarson
Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblyman Paul Anderson (Excused)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Sarah Coffman, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Joi Davis, Senior Program Analyst

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Lona Domenici, Committee Manager
Felicia Archer, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Richard Whitley, Director, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

CHAIR DENIS:

I will open this Subcommittee meeting and see no one wishing to make public comment. Please proceed with budget account (B/A) 101-3150.

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Budget Account 101-3150

JOI DAVIS (Senior Program Analyst):

We expect to close eight budgets within the Department of Health and Human Services Director's Office (DHHS). The Subcommittees have not previously heard five of those budgets; those are referred to as staff closings. Three were heard on February 10, 2017.

Starting on page 3 of your closing packet ([Exhibit C](#)), B/A 101-3150 includes no major issues. Discussion at the budget hearing was related to the salary increases for the unclassified administrative services deputy. That decision will be determined later.

E-815 Unclassified Position Changes — Page DHHS-DIRECTOR-15

Page 5 of [Exhibit C](#) notes a technical adjustment to reclassify an administrative assistant 2 to an administrative assistant 3. The reclassification occurred through the Department of Administration Division of Human Resource Management after the budget was submitted. It results in a \$7,068 General Fund appropriation increase over the 2017-2019 biennium.

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Staff recommends closing B/A 101-3150 as recommended by the Governor, with the technical adjustment noted, excluding Other Closing Items 1 and 2, which would be determined at a later date, and with authority for fiscal staff to make other technical adjustments as necessary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3150 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT NOTED, EXCLUDING OTHER CLOSING ITEMS 1 AND 2, WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE, AND WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DENIS:

We will move to B/A 101-3154 which begins on page 7 of [Exhibit C](#).

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Budget Account 101-3154

Ms. DAVIS:

This is the Developmental Disabilities budget supported with a 75 percent federal fund grant. The remaining 25 percent is from the General Fund to meet the match requirement. Funding is provided for the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, which provides grants to the community and conducts analyses regarding disability services provided. There are no major issues in the budget. There are two other closing items which appear reasonable. Fiscal staff recommends B/A 101-3154 be closed as recommended by the Governor, with authority for Staff to make technical adjustments.

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ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3154 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DENIS:

We will go to B/A 101-3195, the Grants Management Unit discussed on pages 9 through 17 of [Exhibit C](#).

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Budget Account 101-3195

Ms. DAVIS:

Three major issues are included. Attachments begin on page 15 of [Exhibit C](#). Attachment A shows the overall spending plan for the use of the tobacco settlement funds. This chart includes all the budgets within the Department of Health and Human Services and shows how those funds are allocated.

It compares fiscal year (FY) 2015-2016 actual amounts with the FY 2016-2017 projected amounts approved by the Legislature. The projected remaining cash balance is \$3.4 million. Attachment B discusses the statutory authority governing the use of the tobacco settlement funds and the Legislative intent on how these funds should be used. The table at the bottom of page 16 provides the ranking of the needs assessment, conducted every two years, and last done in FY 2015-2016. Attachment C on page 17 includes the programmatic funding information for the use of the tobacco settlement funds. The first column shows what has been approved for the current biennium. The second column shows what is recommended for the current biennium. The third column is the dollar

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amount of change between these two biennia. If there is any funding recommended to make up the difference, it is shown in the last two columns.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

This is helpful. Were reserves projected to be more than \$3 million in FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019?

Ms. DAVIS:

Yes. Remaining cash in the Healthy Nevada Fund can fluctuate based on the amount each DHHS division actually spends. If the annual amount the State receives every April is different from projections, the reserve balance will fluctuate.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

Is this a typical reserve amount?

Ms. DAVIS:

It is lower than we have been seeing. I recall it was \$5 million to \$7 million in the past.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

A payment is due in April.

Ms. DAVIS:

The projected April payment is shown below the remaining cash balance on the table in Attachment A on page 15 of [Exhibit C](#). The April 2017 payment will be used for FY 2017-2018 expenditures.

CHAIR DENIS:

On page 17 of [Exhibit C](#), the adult mental health category shows we used \$5.4 million from the Healthy Nevada Fund. For this budget, it goes down to \$500,000. There is a difference of almost \$5 million. Are we funding that with other funds?

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Ms. DAVIS:

Yes. Approximately \$4.8 million is within B/A 101-3161 and B/A 101-3645 with a General Fund appropriation to continue to support adult mental health programs.

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Page DHHS-DPBH-156 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-3161

HHS-DPBH-Facility For the Mental Offender — Budget Page DHHS-DPBH-176
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Budget Account 101-3645

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

Please clarify this for me. On page 16, I see DHHS has listed mental health and health care as the number one priority for funds and needs, but on page 17, when I look at spending, I do not see funds are being restored to previous funding levels. Can you explain that?

Ms. DAVIS:

The DHHS recognized the tobacco settlement funds were coming in lower than expected. They looked at where they could replace those funds with Medicaid reimbursables, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and other funds. Then they did an overall 5 percent reduction as directed by the Governor. The DHHS Director is required to review the needs assessment in conjunction with establishing a funding plan for consideration by the Legislature.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

We still have needs we must fill. I do not know how we will fill them.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE:

If no funds are shown in the last two columns of this chart, is the funding elsewhere in the *Executive Budget*?

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Ms. DAVIS:

If not shown here on Attachment C regarding B/A 101-3195, it is not included in the *Executive Budget* anywhere else. This is what has been identified in the *Executive Budget* for the upcoming biennium.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE:

Would we see the difference in the Funding Source and Amount Replaced columns of Attachment C, page 17?

Ms. DAVIS:

Yes. For example, \$4.8 million is in General Fund appropriations for adult mental health in those other 2 budget accounts.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE:

Is this in recognition of the decrease in tobacco monies, as we have seen for the last two sessions? Are we looking at ways to maintain benefits without that money?

Ms. DAVIS:

The State received an extra tobacco settlement payment of about \$13 million in FY 2012-2013. We have burned through those reserves since then, including spending for adult mental health.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE:

We are becoming successful at getting people off tobacco.

CHAIR DENIS:

There is actually a cut of about \$200,000 for adult mental health.

Ms. DAVIS:

We will now look at the new Health Center Incubator project in B/A 101-3195 as shown on page 10 of [Exhibit C](#). The recommendation is for \$500,000 per year from the tobacco settlement funds. The project will deal with shortages identified in primary care, dental care and mental health. It would expand services or create new Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). This would be done through a competitive request for applications to be processed by July 1.

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The Agency is working with the Nevada Primary Care Association and the Primary Care Office to outline outcomes and needs.

Page 11 shows existing FQHCs in the State. One FQHC "look-alike" center is attempting to meet the 19 requirements set forth by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. Funding could be used to help the FQHC look-alike facility meet the requirements.

At the budget hearing on February 10, 2017, the Agency testified the new project would designate one urban and one rural project. They looked at neighborhoods with disproportionate numbers of people eligible for Medicaid together with the number of health care clinics that accept Medicaid to help get the project underway. The project is based on the Texas model.

It was asked during the budget hearing how many FQHCs does the State need. The Agency said the 8 existing FQHCs are serving 83,331 patients. To get to the National average, the State would need to be serving 226,550 patients.

Do the Subcommittees want to approve \$500,000 each year of the 2017-2019 biennium for a new Health Center Incubator project?

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Why are we running a competitive process for one FQHC look-alike that may not even qualify for the money?

Ms. DAVIS:

I would defer to the Agency to answer.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

There is a conversion process. On the list, you have just one FQHC look-alike. It also mentions increased capacity. Nevada Health Centers, Inc. has about 18 different satellite clinics, so one of the other 7 listed could actually develop satellite clinics. It is not just to convert the look-alike. It is to open up the options for other health clinics to do it. In full disclosure, I worked in the past with the Nevada Primary Care Association, and we worked with the FQHCs. The great thing about FQHCs is they have a higher rate of reimbursement, but they do not turn anyone away. When those are in a neighborhood, everyone

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gets served. It is capacity building, along with converting a look-alike into what it might become.

I am hoping they will establish new FQHCs because we need them. Capacity growing is important for mental health. If they can grow that component, it will be very beneficial to the State.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I know FQHCs do great work. I want to make sure we can accomplish what we need, and the goal is clearly defined.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUSTAMANTE ADAMS:

The information provided by the Agency was a big help to me in answering my questions.

ASSEMBLYMAN OSCARSON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE ONE-TIME TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS OF \$500,000 EACH YEAR OF THE 2017-2019 BIENNIUM FOR A NEW HEALTH CENTER INCUBATOR PROJECT.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I want the Agency to keep us informed on progress as to where we are going and what services we are focused on. I know they will focus on health professional shortage areas, but that almost covers the whole State. We could put one just about any place and make a difference.

ASSEMBLYMAN OSCARSON:

There are opportunities for telemedicine and other things this clinic can create. It is critical we allow this to move forward.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. DAVIS:

The next major issue in this budget is the new revenue for Food Security, decision unit E-241. The Governor recommends transfers from TANF reserve funds of \$375,000 each year from the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services for the support of Hunger One-Stop Shops. Information is on pages 11 and 12 of [Exhibit C](#).

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In the Grants Management Unit's annual report, DHHS indicated only one grantee failed to meet its outcome measure. All others exceeded their measures. The Hunger One-Stop Shops are required to partner with two or more community agencies.

During the budget hearing, the Subcommittees expressed some concern regarding the use of TANF funds. The Agency responded there would be no impact on the TANF cash allotments to families. Information is on page 12 of [Exhibit C](#).

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve \$375,000 in TANF reserve funds each year of the 2017-2019 biennium to support Hunger One-Stop Shops Statewide?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUSTAMANTE ADAMS:

Now that we know where the Hunger One-Stop Shops are located, are they near the Workforce Development One-Stops? If not, having to go to more than one place is a transportation challenge. It seems there could be more collaboration so we do not duplicate efforts. Transportation is always a barrier. I think we could do better by working together.

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ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE:

It is obvious this is a good program. I had concerns about using TANF funds. I appreciate the DHHS getting back to us with more information. It is important to consider, as we look at the trend in spending for this TANF grant, the grant continues to go down. By FY 2018-2019, the remaining grant will be down to about \$16 million. We will have to look at that as a committee. Other than that, I support this.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE \$375,000 IN TANF RESERVE FUNDS EACH YEAR OF THE 2017-2019 BIENNIUM TO SUPPORT HUNGER ONE-STOP SHOPS STATEWIDE.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. DAVIS:

The final major closing issue is the tobacco settlement funds for the Grants Management Unit. The Governor recommends \$16.7 million from the tobacco settlement funds for allocations to subgrantees over the 2017-2019 biennium as outlined in the chart on page 13 of [Exhibit C](#).

This budget account totals \$8.4 million each year, and funds are subgranted out under the wellness and disability services category. Areas of decline are listed. Immunization is one area the Subcommittees had concerns about. Family Resource Center (FRC) and increased administrative costs are detailed on pages 13 and 14 of [Exhibit C](#). A 5 percent cut in funding for the FRCs will reduce the number of clients served.

The Subcommittees expressed some concern regarding an increase in the administrative costs, particularly to the disability services area. The Agency examined all administrative costs for the current biennium for the whole plan.

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The chart on page 14 of [Exhibit C](#) lists the costs. Pursuant to statute, the DHHS can use up to 5 percent of the total amount in the fund for administrative costs. Based on the projected amount in the fund for FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019 they would be allowed to use \$1.3 million each year. The spending plan includes \$884,488 each year in total administrative costs. Some areas increased and some decreased. They appear to be within their requirement.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the remaining tobacco settlement funds allocations for the Grants Management Unit, B/A 101-3195, as recommended in the 2017-2019 spending plan included in the *Executive Budget*?

ASSEMBLYMAN OSCARSON:

I see a 60.5 percent decrease in immunizations. I recall we can now bill for those immunizations. Organizations in my district have been very active in making sure immunizations are received in the rural areas I represent. I want to make sure the mechanism is in place for them to bill for that service so they do not suffer a shortage. I would like some assurances on that.

RICHARD WHITLEY (Director, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services):
The Vaccines For Children program is the federal safety-net program. Purchase of vaccines is covered by that program. Billing is for the administering of vaccines, specifically to do a cocooning project in birthing hospitals so family members could get vaccinated to protect the child. We worked on reimbursement for that service. Remaining dollars are used for education packets in birthing hospitals so every parent leaves with information. We still rank low, as you see. Billing is not eliminated. The health districts and community health nurses serve as a safety net for the administration of vaccines.

ASSEMBLYMAN OSCARSON:

That is exactly what I wanted to hear.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I have concern about FRCs. They were nearly eliminated one year. They are back, but I see this cut. This is where families go to get the real help they need. I understand the 5 percent to a certain extent. I see a statement that they are

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required to go out and raise funds. We can require that, but it does not mean they will get the money. This is an important program. It is being nibbled at repeatedly. I want to make sure it will be in the neighborhoods for the families that need this resource.

ASSEMBLYMAN OSCARSON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE REMAINING TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ALLOCATIONS FOR THE GRANTS MANAGEMENT UNIT AS RECOMMENDED IN THE 2017-2019 SPENDING PLAN INCLUDED IN THE *EXECUTIVE BUDGET*.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

I will vote no on this budget approval. I know the DHHS has worked hard, and funding is limited, but I cannot accept a 5 percent decrease in many of the services and more cuts in some of them. With the testimony on mental health and other concerns, I feel the DHHS needs to find the money and make them whole. Administrative costs decreased 28 percent, and that is positive. They are trying, but it just does not go far enough.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I want to make sure the record accurately reflects that just because it is not being paid for with tobacco settlement funds dollars or through this unit, it does not necessarily mean it will not be supported in another budget or at another time. The 5 percent cut is based on the instructions the DHHS staff were given to build their budgets. They have tried.

I have voted for a lot more cuts in this building than I ever planned on. I am not happy when there is a cut, but you have to be realistic about trying to save some programs so many can survive. I understand the concerns for the cuts, but given the cuts over the last eight years, this does not give me nearly the level of concern as some of the other discussions we have had.

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SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

These are declining resources. If these resources continue to go down, we will have to find new General Fund revenue to backfill them, or we will continue to chip them away over each biennium.

CHAIR DENIS:

If we do not do it here, it will come from somewhere else.

ASSEMBLY: MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS VOTED NO.)

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DENIS:

We have other closing items for this budget.

Ms. DAVIS:

Three other closing items remain in this budget. Other Closing Items 1 and 2 appear reasonable. Do the Subcommittees wish to approve the other closing items as recommended by the Governor and provide Fiscal staff with the authority to make technical adjustments as needed?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE THE OTHER CLOSING ITEMS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND PROVIDE FISCAL STAFF WITH THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. DAVIS:

The Problem Gambling Budget, B/A 101-3200, begins on page 19 of [Exhibit C](#). It was not previously heard by the Subcommittees. It is referred to as a staff closing. The budget is supported by slot tax revenue. It provides for subgrants for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling. Senate Bill (S.B.) 120 would make changes to the funding stream for this budget. There are no major issues within the budget.

SENATE BILL 120: Revises provisions relating to problem gambling.
(BDR 40-810)

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Budget Account 101-3200

Staff recommends the budget be closed as recommended by the Governor with authority for fiscal staff to make technical adjustments for revenue, balance forwards and reserve levels that may be necessary due to changes in projected slot tax revenue determined by the Economic Forum on or about May 1, 2017, and based on the outcome of S.B. 120.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

These funds are granted out to providers. If S.B.120 were to pass, it would double the amount of money coming into this account. Would additional staff be needed to deal with that?

Ms. DAVIS:

Additional staff would not be needed. The money is subgranted out. A cost allocation is paid to administer the grants.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL
COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3200 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE

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GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR REVENUE, BALANCE FORWARDS AND RESERVE LEVELS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY DUE TO CHANGES IN PROJECTED SLOT TAX REVENUE DETERMINED BY THE ECONOMIC FORUM ON OR ABOUT MAY 1, 2017, AND BASED ON THE OUTCOME OF S.B. 120.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. DAVIS:

The Children's Trust Account, B/A 101-3201, begins on page 21 of [Exhibit C](#). This budget was not previously heard by the Subcommittees. It is supported 100 percent with fees for certified copies of Nevada birth and death certificates. Funding is subgranted out to nonprofits that provide child abuse, neglect and prevention services. There are no major closing issues. Fiscal staff recommends the budget be closed as recommended by the Governor, with authority for fiscal staff to make technical adjustments as necessary.

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ASSEMBLYMAN ARAUJO MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3201 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUSTAMANTE ADAMS:

In the previous account, there was a 5 percent decrease to the FRC. Could this be a way for them to get additional funds, as this is a grant? I see staff is nodding yes.

CHAIR DENIS:

For the record, there is head-waving confirming yes.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. DAVIS:

The Consumer Health Assistance budget, B/A 101-3204, begins on page 23 of [Exhibit C](#). One major issue in this budget is the new position for the new Nevada Minority Health Coalition detailed on page 24. In FY 2015-2016, federal funds in this budget expired, causing the elimination of the position. This recommendation restores it. Statute requires the Office of Minority Health.

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Budget Account 101-3204

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The DHHS testified the federal grant that previously supported the Office was limited to providing outreach, and the restrictive nature of the grant did not allow for building capacity. With the tobacco settlement funds, they are hoping the Coalition would be less restrictive, and they can build capacity. Using the Division of Public and Behavioral Health's model in place for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency grant, the Coalition would collaborate with a Statewide advisory group to target intervention strategies and promote community dialogue to help with health disparities in the State for minority groups.

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The recommended position would serve as a coordinator for both the Coalition and the Minority Health Advisory Committee.

The DHHS testified they would continue to pursue federal grant funding to possibly use to support position costs. Their goal is to be self-sustaining in two years by allowing gifts, grants and donations to the Coalition through their bylaws. The Board of Directors, installed in February 2017, would be responsible for developing a fiscal plan for operations and sustainability of the Coalition. Each year of the budget includes \$60,000 for the Coalition. No money is included for the Advisory Board.

Do the Subcommittees wish to approve \$133,000 from the tobacco settlement funds each year to support the new health resource analyst position and associated operating costs of approximately \$60,000 each year for the Nevada Minority Health and Equality Coalition and the Advisory Committee for the Office of Minority Health?

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE \$133,000 FROM THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS EACH YEAR TO SUPPORT THE NEW HEALTH RESOURCE ANALYST POSITION AND ASSOCIATED OPERATING COSTS OF APPROXIMATELY \$60,000 EACH YEAR FOR THE NEVADA MINORITY HEALTH AND EQUALITY COALITION AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

This is important as we look at health care indicators throughout the State. I hope this gives them the resources to do what I know everyone wanted to do since we established this a long time ago. It went through some tough times. My hope is that having the staff will be the impetus to make sure this gets accomplished. I look forward to getting some good data from them so we can make good decisions.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. DAVIS:

Fiscal staff recommends four other closing items be approved as recommended by the Governor and seeks authority to make other technical adjustments as needed.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE FOUR OTHER CLOSING ITEMS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AUTHORIZE FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. DAVIS:

The Public Defender budget, B/A 101-1499, beginning on page 27 of [Exhibit C](#) was not heard by the Subcommittees. The Public Defender serves Carson and Storey Counties. The remaining 15 Nevada counties provide for their own public defender services. Eureka County and White Pine County opted out in 2015. There are no major issues in the budget. Two other closing items appear reasonable. Fiscal staff recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor and seeks authority to make other technical adjustments as needed.

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SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-1499 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE

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GOVERNOR, WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER
TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. DAVIS:

The U.S. Department of Education Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
Part C budget is found in B/A 101-3276. The description of this budget begins
on page 29 of [Exhibit C](#).

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This budget was not previously heard by the Subcommittees. Fiscal staff
recommends closing the budget. The 100 percent federal funding in the budget
is provided for the Nevada Early Intervention Services oversight. There are no
major closing issues. Two other closing items appear reasonable. Fiscal staff
recommends this budget be closed as recommended by the Governor and seeks
authority to make other technical adjustments as needed.

ASSEMBLYMAN OSCARSON MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL
COMMITTEES TO APPROVE B/A 101-3276 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
GOVERNOR, WITH AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL STAFF TO MAKE OTHER
TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

ASSEMBLY: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR DENIS:

Seeing no public comment, we are adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Felicia Archer,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Moises Denis, Chair

DATE: _____

Assemblyman Michael C. Sprinkle, Chair

DATE: _____

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