

COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES 101

Nevada Association of County Human
Service Administrators
NACHSA

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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) 8 cent cap
- 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 (450.250 - 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

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