

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee on Health Care
(*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 439B.200)

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, August 4, 2004
9:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Grant Sawyer State Office Building
Room 4401
555 East Washington Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada

Note: Some members of the Committee may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the following location:

Legislative Building
Room 3137
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada

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Note: Minutes of this meeting will be produced in summary format. Please provide the secretary with electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations if you wish to have complete versions included as exhibits with the minutes.

A G E N D A

- I. Opening Remarks by Chairwoman Ellen M. Koivisto
- II.* Approval of Minutes of the May 12, 2004, Meeting Held in Las Vegas
- III.* Discussion Concerning Persons Waiting for Emergency Admissions to Mental Health Facilities or Hospitals in Clark County, Including Consideration of Recommendations Addressing the Issue

Dr. Dale Carrison, Emergency Department Director, University Medical Center of Southern Nevada
- IV.* Presentation on Improving Registered Nurse Recruitment and Retention Through Staffing Ratios: The Kaiser Model

Rhonda Goode, Kaiser Permanente
- V.* Presentation Discussing a Report by Regulatory Economics, Inc., Titled "A Win-Win Solution, Focusing on Nurse Retention to Improve Hospital Profits and Quality Patient Care in Nevada"

Dr. Alan Schlottmann, Coauthor, and Research Director of Regulatory Economics, Inc., and Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, College of Business, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- VI.* Discussion of Issues Related to Implementation of California's Nurse-To-Patient Staffing Ratios (*California Code of Regulations*, Title 22, Section 70217)

Dorel Harms, Vice President of Professional Services, California Healthcare Association

- VII.* Report Concerning the Activities and Recommendations of the Governor's Strategic Plan for Rural Health Care Accountability Committee

Robin Keith, President, Nevada Rural Hospital Partners, and Committee Co-Chair

- VIII.* Report From the Legislative Committee on Health Care Subcommittee to Study Staffing of the System for Delivery of Health Care in Nevada Pursuant to Assembly Bill 313 (Chapter 410, *Statutes of Nevada 2003*)

Marla McDade Williams, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)

- IX.* Discussion Concerning the List of Preferred Prescription Drugs for the Medicaid Program Pursuant to Assembly Bill 384 (Chapter 247, *Statutes of Nevada 2003*)

Charles Duarte, Administrator, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), Department of Human Resources (DHR)

- X.* Consideration of a Quarterly Report Pursuant to NRS 422.274 and NRS 422.2745 from the Director of the DHR Concerning the Progress of the Director Toward Extending Coverage for Prescription Drugs and Other Related Services to Persons 65 Years of Age or Older and to Persons with Disabilities Who have been Determined to be Eligible for Disability Benefits from the Federal Social Security System Who are not Eligible for Pharmacy Benefits Pursuant to Medicaid and Whose Incomes are not more than 200 Percent of the Federally Designated Level Signifying Poverty

Michael J. Willden, Director, DHR

- XI.* Consideration of a Written Report Pursuant to Assembly Bill 323 (Chapter 162, *Statutes of Nevada 2003*) from the DHR Concerning a Plan to Increase the Number of Beds in Nevada That Are Used to Provide Long-Term Care to Persons with Dementia

Charles Duarte, Administrator, DHCFP, DHR

- XII.* Consideration of Health Care Regulations Pursuant to NRS 439B.225 (Contact the Legal Division, LCB, for a list of regulations)

Leslie K. Hamner, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB

- XIII. Public Testimony Concerning Recommendations under Consideration by the Committee, Including Recommendations Identified in the Attached "[Work Session Document](#)," Recommendations That Are Made During the Meeting, or Any Other Health Care Recommendations Made to the Committee

- XIV.* Committee Discussion and Adoption of Certain Recommendations, Including Recommendations Identified in the Attached "Work Session Document," Recommendations That Are Made During the Meeting, or Any Other Health Care Recommendations Made to the Committee

- XV. Public Testimony

- XVI. Adjournment

*Denotes items on which the Committee may take action.

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Note: The Chair may call for a recess at her discretion.

Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order.

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