

Senate

HEALTH, WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS

Minutes of Meeting #20

April 2, 1973

Committee members present: Chairman Walker  
Senator Young  
Senator Drakulich  
Senator Herr  
Senator Neal  
Senator Swobe

See Exhibit "A" for interested citizens in attendance.

A.B. 260: Authorizes operation of facility for treatment of emotionally disturbed children.

Dr. Chuck Dixon, Division of Mental Hygiene, stated that they do need a new facility, enabling a treatment program and facility for emotionally disturbed children in Las Vegas. Mr. Dixon further stated that most of the children are placed out of state at present, with a total cost of \$132,000 per year. This bill would provide day care for 25 children and out-patient care for 500 per year. With reference to the present health facility in Las Vegas, Mr. Dixon stated that it is over-used and the staff is over-worked. The primary purpose of this facility is to serve persons in West Las Vegas. Mr. Dixon commented that the State will build the facility at an approximate cost of 1.2 million. The services at the present existing facility and the proposed facility would be separate as far as specialization. The proposed facility would be very specialized for small, emotionally disturbed children; the family may come in with the child for training purposes.

Senator Drakulich moved "Do Pass", seconded by Senator Herr, unanimously carried.

S.B. 488: Creates the department of health, welfare and rehabilitation - health division appeals board and provides jurisdiction thereof.

Dr. Ernie Tomlinson, State Health Division, stated that there is no consistency in appeals procedure - this bill would standardize all appeals.

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Larry G. Bettis, Deputy Atty. General, stated that the Environmental Protection Hearing Board is set up for appeals. This could be combined with the Board to serve the Health Division. Any enforcement act can be appealed to this Board. The Appeals Board is made up of the following: 1. State Board of Health; 2. Environmental Protection; 3. Attorney General; 4. Consumer. Mr. Bettis, upon request, stated that they have had only one appeal from enforcement action matters, related to health. The bulk has been from enforcement action on environmental appeal.

Assemblymen present were Jean Ford, Mary Gojack and Zelvin Lowman who, at this point, stated that they have conflicting bills in their committee, and also a conflicting bill in the Senate Ecology Committee. It would be easier to deal with if it were conflicting in two, rather than three committees. Upon such information, Senator Young moved that this bill be re-referred to the Ecology Committee, seconded by Senator Herr.

S.B. 424: Requires welfare division of department of health, welfare and rehabilitation to provide emergency assistance to dependent children in certain cases.

Dave Tomlinson stated that this would provide emergency assistance and would be administered by the State Welfare Division. The cost in state funds per year would be \$116,000 (fiscal year). Mr. Tomlinson suggested that a fiscal note be appended - this would be 50-50, matched funds from State and Federal funds.

Mr. Hank Cavallaro, Washoe County Legal Services, stated that at present, Washoe County is picking up the tab on this program. The bill would provide that they get federal assistance. Mr. Cavallaro further stated that they estimate \$116,000 for the biennium. Mr. Cavallaro urged do pass on S.B. 424.

Ruby Duncan spoke in favor of the bill.

Senator Young moved that this bill be re-referred to Finance Committee, seconded by Senator Herr, unanimously carried.

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S.B. 425: Allows certain additional individuals to qualify for state aid to medically indigent.

Dave Tomlinson stated that this allows persons to subtract medical bills from their income. If their income is 1/2 higher than the highest payment, they would be eligible for assistance from the State. Mr. Tomlinson stated that it would have high impact - 2 1/2 million of state funds per year.

Hank Cavallaro stated that Washoe County persons are eligible for benefits if their income is less than \$250 a month, and \$50 for each additional dependent. Mr. Cavallaro further stated that every county in the State will have savings if this bill is adopted, and it would relieve Washoe County of burdens, would cut the taxpayers money in half.

Ruby Duncan stated that the figure is 2 1/2 million per biennium, rather than per year as Mr. Tomlinson stated.

Chairman Walker stated that S.B. 425 would be acted upon on Wednesday, April 4, 1973 after hearing testimony from the counties.

S.B. 366: Provides some cash assistance to all needy children.

Dave Tomlinson stated that he is not sure of the intent of this bill, and questions the terminology: "in cash". Senator Neal offered that this could be changed to "assistance in cash".

Ruby Duncan stated that a family would lose medical assistance if they earn over \$176.00 per month. (See Exhibit "B")

Arlene West, Clark County Legal Services, spoke in favor of the bill; and at the request of Senator Neal, concluded that she would arrange for Mr. Jack Anderson to be present at the meeting to be held on April 4, 1973. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to "Hold" S.B. 366.

S.B. 426: Establishes program for aid to disabled persons.

Dave Tomlinson stated that the problem is the need level you would set in July - would cut off several hundred people in January of 1974.

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S.B. 426 (cont'd.)

Following discussion, Senator Drakulich moved "Do Hold", seconded by Senator Herr, unanimously carried.

S.B. 443: Provides food stamp program.

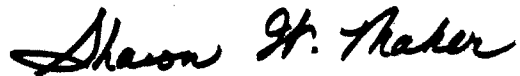
Since this bill is enabling legislation for the food stamp program and it may not be necessary, Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass", subject to Senator Walker conferring with the Legislative Counsel Bureau, seconded by Senator Neal, unanimously carried.

A.B. 405: Creates youth services agency within department of health, welfare and rehabilitation.

Orville Wahrenbrock, Dept. of H.W. & R, submitted two charts which are attached hereto and marked Exhibit "C". Mr. Wahrenbrock commented that at present, there is 1.6 million dollars in State money. The fiscal note would create one position - Division of Community Services. It would set up a single state agency, responsible for youth activities. It has support of the Juvenile Court Program.

Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass" and re-refer to Finance Committee, seconded by Senator Drakulich, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon W. Maher, Secretary

Lee E. Walker, Chairman



December 6, 1971

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM LT. GOVERNOR REID BY THE CLARK COUNTY  
MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Question 1, Monthly Budget Summary, ADC - attached (1).

Question 2, A, B, C, D - attached; however, answers relate to cases,  
not persons. (2)

Question 3-A. Clark County - Month of June, 1971:  
Cases reduced 1,050 percent 27.9 of 3,767 cases  
Cases increased 1,520 percent 40.4

3-B. Cases terminate 644 or 17.1% of 3,767 cases  
319 or 8.5% terminated due to change in policy  
194 new cases approved in same month

3-C. Unchanged cases 766 or 20.3% of the cases on the June  
rolls.

3-D. June grant cases - 3,767  
July grant cases - 3,356

Question 4-A. Washoe County - Month of June 1971  
Cases reduced 297 or 28.9% of 1,029 cases  
Cases increased 420 or 40.8%

4-B. Cases terminated 285 or 27.6% of 1,029 cases.  
50 cases or 4.9% terminated due to change in policy  
33 new cases approved in same month.

4-C. Unchanged cases 53 or 5.2% of the cases on the June  
rolls.

4-D. June grant cases - 1,029  
July grant cases - 770

NOTE CAREFULLY: Both Clark and Washoe County subtotals will  
not add to exactly the first of month case count for two  
reasons. Cases reduced, increased, or unchanged are based  
on a month from May 20th to June 17th (the payroll cut-off  
points). The cases terminated are counted on a calendar  
month (June 1 - June 30) for Federal Reporting purposes.

There were also some transfers of cases between District  
Offices during the period.

Questions 5 & 6 - Attached (1-B & 3)

Question 7 - Attached (4).

Question 8. Not available.



Question 9. 311 cases or 7.2% of the total were budgeted for maximum needs in October 1971. 273 of these (87.8%) were in Clark County.

Question 10. There was no statistical summary prepared by the State and supplied to HEW for "NCSS H-4-71 June, 1971, AFDC Selected Data on Families Aided and Program Operation". The thirty four tables in the report were compiled from about as many different sources and the ADC characteristics by region were compiled from a national survey of a very small percentage of total cases. Nevada's sample size was too insignificant to supply any meaningful information by itself.

Question 11. Not available.

**SUBJECT:** ADC case closures, April 1971 - October 1971.

<u>Reason</u>	<u>State Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Clark County</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Washoe County</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	2,543	100.0	1,439	100.0	664	100.0
Policy Change	517	20.3	366	25.4	71	10.7
Voluntary	519	20.4	255	17.7	173	26.1
Loss of Residence	254	10.0	168	11.7	34	5.1
Increased Income	340	13.4	149	10.4	144	21.7
Other financial	213	8.4	101	7.0	57	8.6
Fail to comply	339	13.3	175	12.2	121	18.2
No elig. child	116	4.6	71	4.9	25	3.8
Other	245	9.6	154	10.7	39	5.9



**SUBJECT:** Statement in Las Vegas Sun, November 29, 1971, that 70% of ADC cases were terminated or reduced because of eligibility policy change.

Case closure reports submitted in June, 1971, the effective month of the policy change, totalled 1,074 cases or 19.6% of the 5,476 grant cases on the June 1st payroll. However, only 398 or 7.3% of the cases were terminated by reason of policy change according to official reports of the caseworkers.

Of the 4,603 ADC cases remaining, 1,582 or 34.4% had some reduction in grant and 2,139 or 46.5% showed an increase. 19.1% reflected no change. I cannot determine just how many of the reductions were due to policy change, but if in the same proportion as closures it would amount to 585 cases or 10.7% of the June 1st caseload.

June 1971 changes due to policy:

	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Terminations	398	7.3
Reductions	<u>585</u>	<u>10.7</u>
Total	983	18.0

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Average Grant Per ADC Case:

October 1971	\$109.50
September	106.83
August	106.40
July	104.04
June	109.65

# MEMO

DATE: May 27, 1970

TO: John Duarte  
Chief, Management Services

FROM: Ira E. Gunn *IEG*  
Chief, R&S

SUBJECT: ADC Sample - Reno

Total Cases - 77  
With earned income - 38.96%  
Average earnings - \$235.69

With income other than ADC grant - 70.13%

38.96% Earned income	30	average	\$235.69
10.40% OASDI	8	"	148.88
5.20% Supplied	4	"	67.41
27.27% Child Support	21	"	78.89
14.28% Other income	11	"	129.49

19 of above have two or more sources of income other than ADC grant.

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cc: Jack Abbott

# MEMO

DATE: May 27, 1970

TO: John Duarte  
Chief, Management Services

FROM: Ira E. Gunn  
Chief, R&S

SUBJECT: ADC Sample - Other

Total Cases - 52  
With earned income - 28.85%  
Average earnings - \$198.00

With income other than ADC grant - 42.31%

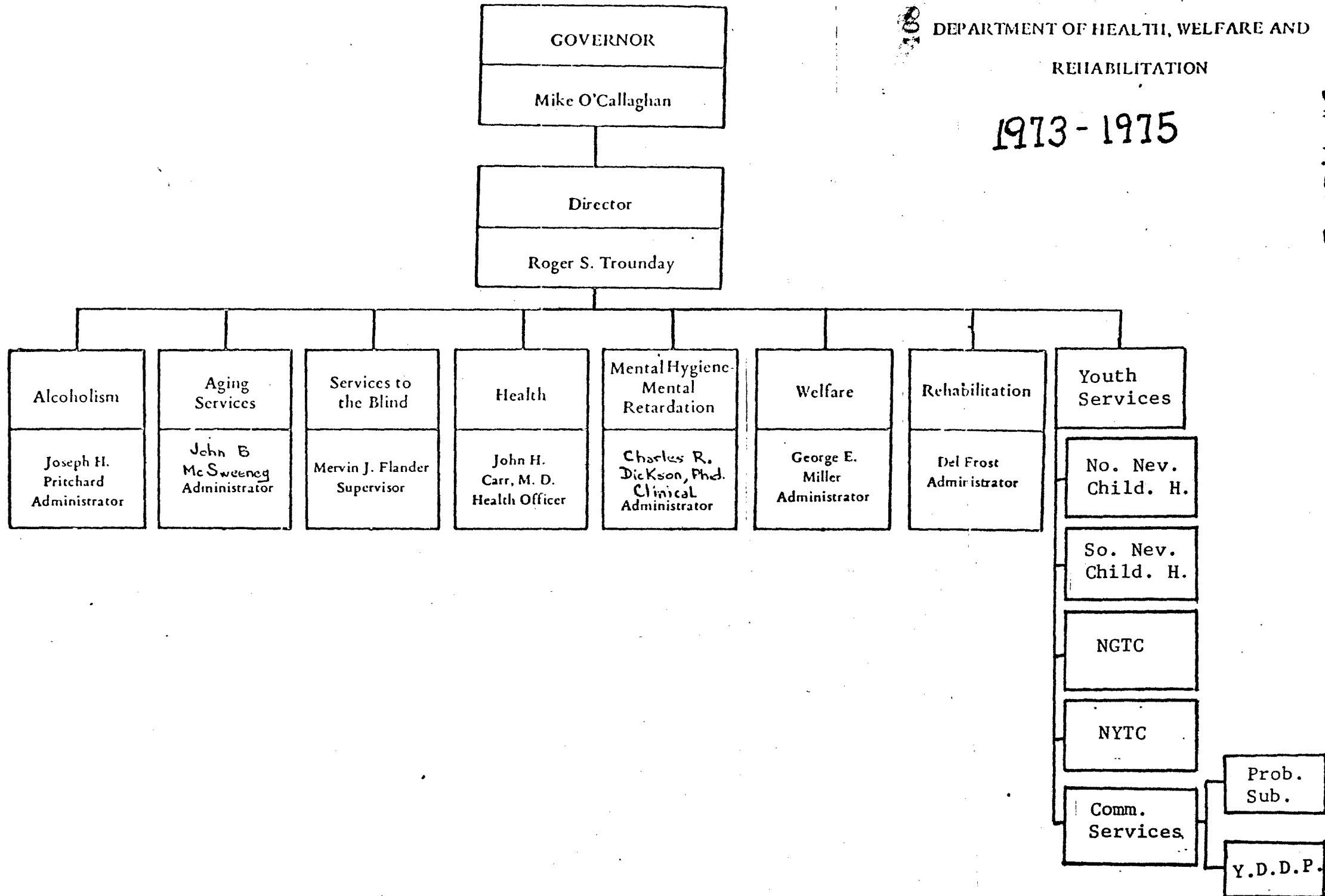
28.85% Earned income	15	average	\$198.00
1.92% OASDI	1	"	86.00
3.85% Supplied	2	"	23.65
7.69% Child Support	4	"	88.44
5.77% Other income	3	"	23.92

2 of above have two or more sources of income other than ADC grant.

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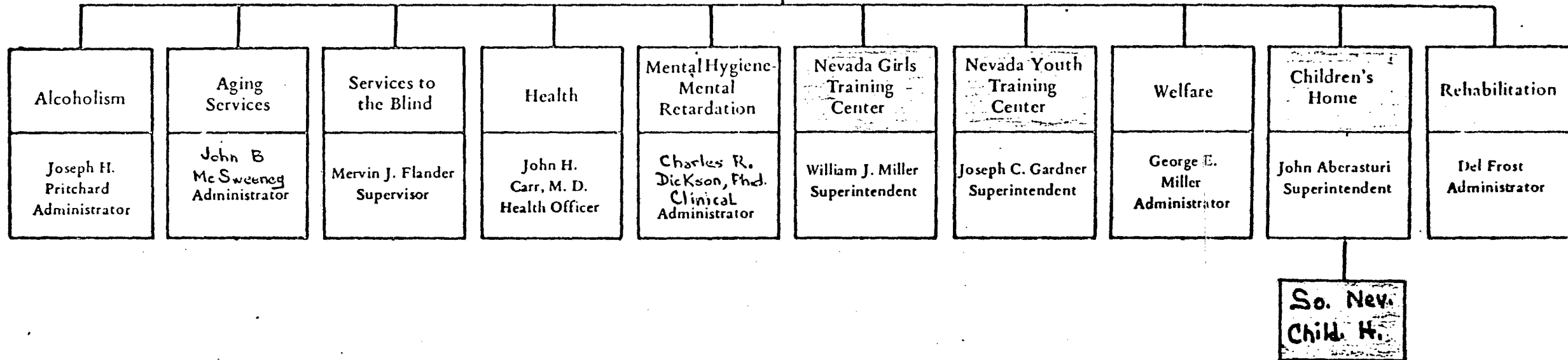
Existing Chart of Organization

GOVERNOR
Mike O'Callaghan

Director
Roger S. Trounday

Prob. Sub.
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Y.D.D.P.A.
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Shaded areas indicate Divisions & functions effected by AB 405

4-2-73 #30

A. B. 260

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 260—MESSRS. BENNETT, CRAWFORD, CRADDOCK, ULLOM, HAYES, DEMERS, MAY, BARENGO, BANNER, VERGIELS, MRS. BROOKMAN, MESSRS. HICKEY, GLOVER, SMALLEY, BREMNER, MRS. GOJACK AND MR. WITTENBERG

FEBRUARY 12, 1973

Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

SUMMARY—Authorizes operation of facility for treatment of emotionally disturbed children. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 39-938)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to treatment of emotionally disturbed children; authorizing the mental hygiene and mental retardation division of the department of health, welfare and rehabilitation to operate a facility therefor; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 433 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 21, inclusive, of this act.  
3 SEC. 2. *As used in sections 2 to 21, inclusive, of this act, unless the*  
4 *context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to*  
5 *11, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in such sec-*  
6 *tions.*  
7 SEC. 3. *“Administrator” means the administrator of the mental*  
8 *hygiene and mental retardation division.*  
9 SEC. 4. *“Client” includes an emotionally disturbed child, his parent*  
10 *or guardian or other members of his family, or any combination thereof.*  
11 SEC. 5. *“Clinic director” means the chief administrative officer of the*  
12 *treatment facility for emotionally disturbed children operated by the divi-*  
13 *sion.*  
14 SEC. 6. *“Department” means the department of health, welfare and*  
15 *rehabilitation.*  
16 SEC. 7. *“Division” means the mental hygiene and mental retardation*  
17 *division of the department.*  
18 SEC. 8. *“Division facility” means any unit or subunit operated by the*  
19 *division.*

Original bill is 5 pages long.  
Contact the Research Library for  
a copy of the complete bill.



4-2-73 # 20

S. B. 443

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SENATE BILL NO. 443—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH,  
WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS

MARCH 12, 1973

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and State Institutions

SUMMARY—Provides food stamp program. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 38-1584)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to the federal food stamp program; permitting the department of health, welfare and rehabilitation to establish a program enabling certain persons to purchase food stamps; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 428 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

3 SEC. 2. *As used in sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of this act:*

4 1. *“Department” means the department of health, welfare and reha-*  
5 *bilitation.*

6 2. *“Household” means all related or nonrelated persons living*  
7 *together as one economic unit to share common household facilities and*  
8 *customarily purchase and prepare food in common and containing one or*  
9 *more public welfare recipients or any other household or family exclud-*  
10 *ing groups of persons in nursing homes, infirmaries, hospitals or boarding*  
11 *homes whose average monthly income over 12 months does not exceed*  
12 *the cost of the family’s maintenance as determined by the standard of*  
13 *assistance for a recipient of public welfare.*

14 SEC. 3. *The department may establish a food stamp program to*  
15 *enable recipients of aid under chapters 425, 426, 427 and 428 of NRS*  
16 *and other low income families to purchase food stamps under the Federal*  
17 *Food Stamp Act of 1964.*

18 SEC. 4. 1. *The department shall promulgate rules and regulations*  
19 *and a plan conforming to federal laws, rules and regulations required to*  
20 *be observed in maintaining the eligibility of the state to receive from the*  
21 *Federal Government and to issue or distribute to recipients food stamps*  
22 *or coupons under a food stamp plan.*

23 2. *Such rules and regulations shall relate to and include, but are not*  
24 *limited to:*