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Conceptual Framework for SB 462 Office of Minority Health

WHAT:

Establishment of the Nevada Office of Minority Health with the following responsibilities:

- Providing recommendations to the Governor and the legislature regarding the health status of Nevada's minorities
- Working to increase access to health care for minorities
- Increasing minority participation in the health professions industry.
- Examining the impact of demographic factors, health behavior, financing of health care and other factors on minority health status
- Developing monitoring, tracking, and reporting mechanisms for programs and services with minority health goals and objectives
- Contacting local health departments, community-based organizations, and others to learn about their services to minorities and their ideas for improving minority health
- Promoting communication among state agencies that provide services to minority populations
- Building coalitions with minority community leaders to encourage recruitment and retention of minority health professionals; improve access to care for minority populations in underserved rural and urban areas and reduce communication barriers for non-English speaking residents
- Serving as a liaison to other states, the federal government, and national organizations
- Coordinating the development and dissemination of culturally appropriate and sensitive educational material, public awareness messages, and health promotion programs for minorities.
- Securing Federal and other sources of funding to carry out objectives of program.

WHERE:

The NOMH will be located within the Nevada State Health Division.

WHO:

The NOMH will have a 1.0 FTE staff and clerical support.

FUNDING:

State General Fund revenues identified by the Nevada State Legislature will fund The NOMH.