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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Pete Ricketts, Governor

December 4, 2018

Patrick O'Donnell  
Clerk of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

In the 2001 Legislative Session, LB 692 was passed into law. An annual \$50 million endowment for health care programs was created from the principal and investment income of the tobacco settlement fund and the Medicaid intergovernmental transfer (IGT) fund. Currently this endowment has increased to \$61.9 million annually for DHHS. The purpose of this endowment was to create an ongoing funding mechanism for health care in Nebraska.

LB 692 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide an annual report to the Legislature and the Governor detailing the use of funds appropriated under the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act and the outcomes achieved from such use.

The following report fulfills that statutory mandate. We appreciate the opportunity to share with the Governor and the Legislature the important work done as a result of LB 692.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bo Botelho".

Bo Botelho  
Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Department of Health and Human Services

2018 LB 692 Report: Table on Appropriations, Uses and Outcomes

DHHS Divisions	Program	FY18 Appropriations	Use Sections are from LB 944 (2018)	Outcomes
Division of Public Health	Program 033 Administration	\$13,688	Sec 96 - \$13,688 regulatory support for emergency medical technicians-intermediate and emergency medical technicians-paramedic licensing.	Used for base costs for licensing individual providers of emergency medical services. Base costs include expenses such as salaries, postage, e-commerce, equipment, and communications. Under this program there are currently 1,605 licensed paramedics and 85 licensed Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT) & Emergency Medical Technician I (EMT-I), or basic EMT's. There are also 5,256 licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and 436 licensed Emergency Medical Responders (EMR).
	Smoking Cessation	\$6,000	Sec 96 - \$6,000 cost related to implementation of smoking cessation.	Used to enhance Tobacco Free Nebraska toll free Tobacco Quit line. In 2017 there were 2,957 callers.
	Parkinson's Disease Registry	\$26,000	Sec. 96 - Parkinson's Disease Registry	DHHS Office of Health Statistics uses these funds to collect, validate, and update the Parkinson's Disease Registry to monitor the incidence and mortality of Parkinson's Disease in Nebraska. Approximately 16,000 cases have been documented since the inception of the Registry. These funds are also used to process and complete data requests as well as promote the use of the registry data and enforce compliance with reporting to the Registry.
	Administration	\$100,000	Sec 96 - \$100,000 each year for staffing and operating expenses.	Provide technical assistance to 18 local public health departments to provide the 10 essential services. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems.</li> <li>2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.</li> <li>3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.</li> <li>4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.</li> <li>5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.</li> <li>6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.</li> <li>7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.</li> <li>8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce.</li> <li>9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.</li> <li>10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.</li> </ol>
	Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity	\$220,000 (*\$110,000 for each office)	Sec 96 - for operation a satellite office of minority health in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> congressional districts.	Two staff in each of the Congressional Districts 2 and 3 satellite offices are supported with these funds. These positions direct the activities necessary to support programs; coordinate services and activities with other community, state, local and federal agencies; health professionals, and service agencies in efforts to reduce health disparities and promote improved health among diverse populations within Congressional District 2 and 3.
Division of Children & Family Services	Nebraska Lifespan Respite Services Program	\$404,643	Sec 96 - Respite Care Program in service areas.	Continue to build upon the existing infrastructure and extend its reach in communities by further implementing statutory requirements, developing and expanding access to resources, and enhance partnerships to ensure local sustainability integrated in to the state's long-term services and supports system.
	<b>Total Program 033</b>	<b>\$770,331</b>		

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Division of Children & Family Services	Juvenile Service Operations	\$1,000,000	Sec 101 - Mental Health services to juvenile offenders under section 43-407. LB 944 (2018)	<p><b>YRTC - Kearney</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ \$911,843 used for salaries/benefits for Clinical Psychologist, 10 Licensed and Provisional Mental Health Practitioners and Supervisor, and 6 Youth Counselor Supervisors</li> <li>❖ Mental Health Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An average of 58 youth were provided with mental health therapy services each month</li> <li>• 21 youth were admitted to Hastings Juvenile Chemical Dependency Program for long term chemical dependency treatment upon recommendation from YRTC-K.</li> <li>• Completed 128 chemical dependency evaluations.</li> <li>• 235 psychiatric consults completed by the contracted medical doctor with 141 outpatient visits and one inpatient visit to Richard Young Hospital.</li> <li>• All LMHP's were trained in the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA), a top evidenced based juvenile substance abuse treatment program. They are either certified or in the process of becoming certified A-CRA clinicians, Two therapists have also attained certification as A-CRA supervisors, allowing them to train and certify new clinicians and provide ongoing supervision.</li> <li>• An average of 31 youth were provided with substance abuse therapy services each month.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Case Manager's made 4,394 contacts with parents and 4,077 contacts with Juvenile Service Officers, Family Permanency Specialists, and Probation Officers.</li> <li>❖ Case Managers had 5,552 individual meetings with youth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,111 Family Team Meetings</li> <li>• 3,303 supervised recreation activities</li> <li>• 40 work projects</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>YRTC-Geneva</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ \$89,147 used for salaries/benefits for 2 Licensed Mental Health Practitioners (LMHP)</li> <li>❖ Mental Health Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 110 Individual therapy contacts in a month</li> <li>• 17 group contacts per month with an average of 8 youth</li> <li>• 91 Individual crisis mental health services review contacts in a month.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>38 Mental Health Assessments</p>
	<b>Total Program 250</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>		
Division of Behavioral Health	Mental Health and Substance Abuse	\$2,599,660	Sec 97 - Behavioral Health providers.	Continued payment of rates to BH providers for treatment and recovery services. Maintained rate increase established in original LB 692. Rates vary by service types. The Department of Behavioral Health and the Regions contract with providers for service and support networks of which there are varying providers, service types and rates. Continued services to consumers in communities (non-state hospital based).
		\$6,500,000	Sec 97 - to be distributed to Six Regions based on a formula.	
		\$1,500,000	Sec. 97 - Emergency protective custody.	Crisis Center/hospitals reimbursed for days of service related to Emergency Protected Custody.
	<b>Total Program 038</b>	<b>\$10,599,660</b>		

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Division of Children & Family Services	<b>Program 347</b>			
	Nebraska Lifespan Respite Services Program – Respite Subsidy	\$810,000	Sec. 103 - Aid in carrying out the NE Lifespan Respite Service payments to caregivers to purchase services.	This program is focusing efforts to increase its utilization. The allocation from the legislation was not fully utilized as the number of participants in the program has decreased. Of the \$302,881.25 utilized, \$16,669.95 was for those requesting additional assistance through exceptional circumstances. The Lifespan Respite Subsidy program had 322 individuals with special needs utilize respite services (down from 327 in state fiscal year 2017). Between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, the Lifespan Respite Subsidy Program served 644 (down from 647 in state fiscal year 2017, 943 individuals in 2016 and 750 in 2015), including cases opened, closed or denied. 61% of those applying for assistance were under 19 years of age. Clients eligible for other programs providing respite services are referred to those appropriate programs.
	<b>Total Program 347</b>	<b>\$810,000</b>		
Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care	Medical Assistance	\$4,765,896	Sec 104 - Continuation of the behavioral health provider rate increase and behavior health provider rate increase for managed care, inpatient and residential treatment.	Continued provision of behavioral health for clients and participation of providers in the program. The provider rate increased 2.25%.
	Smoking Cessation	\$450,000	Sec 104 - State Plan Amendment covering tobacco use cessation in compliance to Title XIX of federal Social Security Act smoking cessation.	Clients receive medication and up to four counseling sessions to support up to two quit attempts per year. For FY 17, an average of 140 clients utilized 221 counseling sessions per month. An average of 90 prescriptions were filled monthly. Smoking cessation services rendered via common procedural terminology (CPT) codes 99406 and 99407 are reimbursed on a fee schedule. Code 99406- \$14.35- smoking and tobacco use cessation visit; intermediate greater than 3 min. Code 99407-\$24.60 Greater than 10 minutes.
	<b>Total Program 348</b>	<b>\$5,215,896</b>		
Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care	<b>Program 344</b>			
	Child Health Insurance	\$6,835,700	Sec 102 - CHIP	Provides health care under the Children's Health Insurance Program.
	<b>Total Program 344</b>	<b>\$6,835,700</b>		
Division of Public Health	<b>Program 514</b>			
	Health Aid	\$200,000	Sec 114 - Poison Control – UNMC	Subaward administered by UNMC.
	Health Aid	\$250,000	Sec. 114 – Cannabidiol Pilot Study	Subaward administered by UNMC.

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	Total Program 514	\$450,000		
	Program 424			
Division of Developmental Disabilities	Developmental Disability Act	\$5,000,000	Sec 110 - State Aid/Services to Developmentally Disabled on waiting list.	Continued provision of developmental disability services to participants. In SFY18, the Division was able to fund an additional 421 participant's needs from the Waiting List.
	Total Program 424	\$5,000,000		
	Program 502			
Division of Public Health	Local Public Health	\$5,605,000	Sec 111 - Aid to local public health departments.	Local public health provide the three core functions of public health which include assessment, policy development and assurance and the 10 essential services. 1. Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems. 2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community. 3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues. 4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems. 5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts. 6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety. 7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable. 8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce. 9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services. 10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.
		\$1,349,000	Sec 111 - to be equally distributed among federally qualified health centers in the second congressional district for the purpose of implementing a minority health initiative.	Funding is equally distributed to One World Community Health Center and Charles Drew Health Center in Omaha, Nebraska. A few One World outcomes included 98% of adult patients were screened and counseled for tobacco use, hypertension control was achieved for 1,131 minority patients, 969 diabetic minority patients had blood glucose levels less than 8%, 1,509 expectant mothers received prenatal care. A few Charles Drew Health Center outcomes to note are that 397 adult patients with diabetes achieved blood glucose levels of less than 9%, 731 cardiovascular patients have sustained controlled hypertension, 208 women accessed prenatal care with 41% initiating it during the first trimester, 88% of adult patients diagnosed with tobacco use were prescribed cessation medication.
		\$1,526,000	Sec 111 - for minority health services to be distributed to counties having a minority population equal to or exceeding 5% of the total population in the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> congressional districts.	19 organizations were provided funding through the Minority Health Initiative (MHI) program for FY 2017. Projects primarily focused on the priority areas of obesity, cardiovascular, and diabetes, but project could also focused on infant mortality, cancer, asthma, chronic lung disease and unintentional injury, based on justification. Among the various activities taking place, 716 individuals were assisted with setting up a self-management plan, 2002 individuals received case management services, 2947 individuals received health education, and 649 individuals participated in diabetes prevention and management programs. The use of evidence-based strategies used by programs resulted in achievements of blood pressure control, lowered diabetes hemoglobin A1C rates, and at least 5% weight loss for many individuals.

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		\$750,000	Sec 111 - to be distributed proportionally to federally qualified health centers based on the previous fiscal year's number of uninsured clients as reported on the Uniform Data System Report.	Funds are used to help provide health care services to the uninsured as Community Health Centers serve all people regardless of ability to pay. In the previous year 41,019 people without insurance were served by the seven Community Health Centers.
	<b>Total Program 502</b>	<b>\$9,230,000</b>		
	<b>Program 623</b>			
	623 Biomedical Research	\$15,000,000	Sec 118 - Biomedical Research	A contract and sub award for biomedical research were awarded to the Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska Lincoln in the amount of \$10,247,664; and to the Creighton University, Father Flanagan's Boys Home, Boys Town National research Hospital, and the Creighton University -- Boys Town Healthcare Foundation in the amount of \$3,752,336.
	<b>Total Program 623</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>		
	<b>Program 030</b>			
Division of Public Health	Tobacco Prevention	\$2,570,000	Sec 93 - Tobacco Prevention and Control	Funding is used for tobacco prevention, reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, addressing tobacco-related health disparities and helping people quit tobacco. Program areas include the Nebraska Tobacco Quit line, an educational media component. Also program surveillance and evaluation, youth prevention efforts, and sub grants to nine counties for tobacco prevention and control work.
	<b>Total Program 030</b>	<b>\$2,570,000</b>		
	<b>Program 354</b>			
Division of Children & Family	Child Welfare Aid	\$2,734,444	Sec 106 - Child welfare	Funds are used to pay for direct services provided to children and families involved in the child welfare system. Providers are contracted to provide direct services to children and families and are reimbursed utilizing these funds. Services include, but are not limited to, out-of-home care; parenting time; transportation; family support; rent; utilities
	<b>Total Program 354</b>	<b>\$2,734,444</b>		
	<b>Program 621</b>			
Division of Public Health	Stem Cell Research	\$450,000	Sec 116 - Stem Cell Research	Four research grants were awarded. One to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for \$110,000; and three to the University of Nebraska Medical Center, each at \$101,500.
	<b>Total Program 621</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>		
Other Agencies	Legislative Council	\$75,000	Sec 10 - Legislative Council (LB327)	Administered by Legislative Council.
	Attorney General	\$595,807	Sec 38 - Attorney General Enforcement of tobacco settlement agreement (LB327)	Administered by Attorney General.

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	Department of Revenue	\$316,482	Sec 69 - Department of Revenue. Audit and enforce provisions of the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. (LB327)	Administered by the Department of Revenue.
		\$250,000	Sec 76 - Department of Revenue Gambler Assistance (LB327)	
<b>Total DHHS</b>		<b>\$60,666,031</b>		
<b>Total Other Agencies</b>		<b>\$1,237,289</b>		
<b>Undistributed</b>		<b>(\$1,203,320)</b>	Note: negative value indicates obligation in excess of statutory transfer	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$61,903,320</b>	FY18 Statutory Transfer (71-7611) was \$60,700,000	