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Summary of Human Services Meeting on 2/1 -- Health Care Reform and Its Effects on Service Providers

Approximately two dozen attendees met at St. Mary's Hospital to listen to a presentation given by an expert panel consisting of Herb Schultz, Regional Director at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Region IX; Dan Ahearn, Executive Director at Health Access Washoe County (HAWC); and, Niki King, Chief Operating Officer for Access to Healthcare Network (AHN).

There were three big take-a-ways for me.

- The merging of primary care, substance abuse, and mental health services will continue to become more and more integrated. Dan discussed how HAWC has developed strong partnerships with such providers to that there is a seamless transition of care. This will likely become an expectation, if not a requirement, of providers in the near future.
- The process of defining what services will be covered under health care reform is still open for input. Herb was adamant in stressing this and asked for people to personally e-mail him if they had suggestions. His e-mail is: Herb.Schultz@hhs.gov.
- As described by Herb, health care reform will transition to include the concept of "wellness" so that activities formerly seen as unrelated to the provision of medical care (i.e., many social services) might one day be considered "reimbursable."

Webinar for helping low income families through asset building on 2/29

The first is on February 29 (to register, go to <http://feb29.eventbrite.com/>) and is for those who are working with adults, youth and families and need many tools and resources to not only help clients acquire a job and housing but help them stabilize financially. This webinar will provide an overview of asset building and how this is a proven strategy for helping clients stabilize and get on the road to escaping poverty. This webinar will also inform you of the efforts of the Financial Stability Partnership operated by the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra. This coalition fosters many asset development programs including training to help

nonprofits integrate financial information in their client development process and build community support for this strategy.

PLAN recruiting to fill Northern NV Organizer position by 3/15

To Apply: Send cover letter, resume, and name/contact information of three references to Jan Gilbert, Northern Nevada Coordinator at jgilbert@planevada.org
No calls please.

Statewide Maternal Child Health Coalition looking for rural representatives

There will be four main meetings a year (next one is in Reno in June), and the workgroups will meet more frequently via conference call depending on their tasks. If interested, see the application attached to this Alert.

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