

**NEVADA STATE DIVISION OF WELFARE & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP) and
NEVADA FUND FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND CONSERVATION SFY 2018 STATE PLANS.**

The public hearing to adopt the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) and Nevada Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation SFY 2018 State Plans was brought to order by Steve Fisher, Administrator of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2017. This meeting was video-conferenced between the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Professional Development Center, 701 N. Rancho Drive, Training Room 5, Las Vegas, Nevada and Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Central Office, 1470 College Parkway, Room 149, Carson City, Nevada.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Fisher, Administrator
Naomi Lewis, Deputy Administrator
Lynette Giles, Acting SSPS 3, Administration
Lori Wilson, Chief, Employment and Support Services
Betsy Ransdell, SSPS 3, Employment and Support Services
Kim Schlesener, Executive Assistant
Ayla Charles, Administrative Assistant

STAFF PRESENT IN THE SOUTH

None Present

GUESTS PRESENT:

North

Patrick Conway, Weatherization Program Supervisor, Nevada Housing Division

South

Ryan Sunga, Deputy Attorney General

Mr. Fisher opened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. and explained how the hearing will proceed. He explained this public hearing was noticed in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and posted on the Division's website. He asked everyone to please sign in and include e-mail addresses to be included on the Division's mailing list.

*I. LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provides federal block grant funds to states that administer a Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). States must submit an application for funds (annual state plan) to DHHS each year. See below for the proposed updates to the State Plan for FY 2018.

The benefit program year begins July 1, 2017. A FY 2018 state plan is necessary to delineate the program benefits, eligibility criteria, available emergency/crisis assistance, and other policy changes occurring in the Energy Assistance Program (EAP), administered by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.

FY 2018 federal funding is anticipated to come in lower than FY 2017 per the President's Proposed Budget.

The program year and other relevant dates will be updated throughout the document. Clarification of language throughout the document is proposed to be updated.

The Housing Division has no significant proposed program changes for FY 2018.
The Energy Assistance Program has no significant proposed program changes for FY 2018.

Ms. Ransdell announced that the program year and other relevant dates will be updated throughout the document. Clarification of language and grammatical changes throughout the document are proposed to be updated.

Mr. Conway announced that there were no significant Housing program changes for FY 2018.

Mr. Fisher asked if there were any questions or comments from the south.

Hearing none, Mr. Fisher asked if there any questions or comments from the north.

Hearing none, Mr. Fisher adopted the SFY 2018 LIHEAP State Plan on behalf of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, effective July 1, 2017.

*II. NEVADA FUND FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND CONSERVATION

Nevada Revised Statutes, Chapter 702, requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, and the Department of Business and Industry, Housing Division, to adopt regulations for the administration of energy assistance and weatherization services to low-income Nevadans. See below for the proposed updates to the State Plan for FY 2018.

The program year and other relevant dates will be updated throughout the document. Clarification of language throughout the document is proposed to be updated.

Housing is proposing has no significant proposed program changes for FY 2018.

The Energy Assistance Program has no significant proposed program changes for FY 2018.

Ms. Ransdell announced that the program year and other relevant dates will be updated throughout the document. Clarification of language and grammatical changes throughout the document are proposed to be updated.

Mr. Conway announced that Housing had no significant program changes for FY 2018.

Mr. Fisher asked if there were any questions or comments from the south.

Hearing none, Mr. Fisher asked if there any questions or comments from the north.

Hearing none, Mr. Fisher adopted the SFY 2018 Nevada Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation State Plan on behalf of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, effective July 1, 2017.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Fisher asked if there was any public comment from north.

Hearing none, Mr. Fisher asked if there was any public comment in the south.

Hearing none, Mr. Fisher thanked those in attendance for their participation in this public hearing. He closed the public hearing at 10:12 a.m.