



**NEVADA'S PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

**PROPOSED 2010 -2012 BUDGET CUTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

**1. Reductions in Staffing - Total staff cuts: 202.36**

- **Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS):**  
**Staff reductions of 136;** inpatient staff reductions account for 107 of the total reduction; contract funding to re-hire 14 positions resulting in a net reduction of 93.
- **Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS):**  
**Staff reductions of 38.15;** inpatient staff reductions account for 13 FTE reductions; transferring 4.51 positions from inpatient to outpatient staff, bringing the total inpatient reduction to 17.51 positions; Medication Clinic and Psychiatric Ambulatory Services (PAS) growth reductions constitute approximately **18 positions**.
- **Rural Clinics (RC):**  
**Staff reductions of 27.79;** RC is restructuring services by reducing clinics and changing its service delivery model. These changes provide for 22.51 of the 27.79 eliminated positions; RC is adding several lower-level positions while deleting higher paid positions, which represents the net positions affected; RC is eliminating 5 positions in its administrative office.
- **Lakes Crossing (LLC):**  
**Staff reduction of 4 forensic positions and 1 psychologist;** LCC is reducing beds from 76 to 70.

**2. Reduction of Inpatient Staffing Ratios**

- Inpatient Staffing ratios

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Staff Nurse-	1 to 7 day/evening 1 to 10 nights 1 to 4 (POU)	1 to 10 day/evening 1 to 13 nights 1 to 5 (POU)
Mental Health Techs-	1 to 7 day/evening 1 to 7 nights 1 to 5 (POU)	1 to 8 day/evening 1 to 10 nights 1 to 5.5 (POU)
Licensed Psychologist-	1 to 33	1 to 47

### 3. **Mental Health Clinic Closures**

- **North Las Vegas Clinic Closure:**

In FY2008, SNAMHS lost the lease for its North Las Vegas facility. This forced a temporary closure of the facility while a suitable location was secured. Budget cuts in FY2008 and FY2009 forced SNAMHS to delay the reopening of this facility. Targets set for FY2010 and FY2011 make the reopening of this facility and hiring a vacant staff positions impractical. Therefore, the North Las Vegas clinic will not be reopened.

- **Rural Clinics Budget Reductions**

Rural mental health proposes to close 11 clinics. Rural mental health proposes to consolidate services in the larger population centers of rural Nevada. Rural mental health will restructure to focus more on medication services with service coordination and paraprofessional services. Counseling services will be de-emphasized.

Rural mental health will be eliminating mental health counselors and psychologists, and replacing them with as mental health technicians and case workers.

### 4 **Other**

- NNAMHS, SNAMHS and the rural clinics have reduced funds available to support clients residing in the community. This eliminates a significant portion of growth in FY 2009 for all three regions.
- NNAMHS has eliminated growth in FY 2008 and FY 2009 in its medication clinic and psychiatric ambulatory services. While NNAMHS has still been able to open its Reno clinic, it has reduced staffing at the main Sparks facility and moved inpatient staff to outpatient staff. SNAMHS has eliminated growth in its program for assertive community treatment. Both agencies have reduced the funding available for the community triage centers.