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NEVADA HOSTING NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Carson City—Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director Mike Willden announced today that his agency is hosting the 2007 60th Annual National Association of State Human Services Finance Officers (HSFO) Conference, July 30 through August 2, at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks. About 250 finance and budget officers from various state health and human service departments across the nation are attending the conference.

Willden, who will open the conference with welcoming remarks on Monday morning at 8:30, said he is proud of the efforts his Department has put forth in hosting this event. "Mike Torvinen and Shawna DeRousse have done an excellent job as lead facilitators in making sure Nevada hosts a premier conference. As Director, I am grateful for the efforts of many DHHS employees who have devoted countless hours and demonstrated great teamwork in making this conference come to life. I also want to extend my appreciation to the Washoe County Department of Social Services for its contribution to the success of the conference."

The theme for the conference is "Sparking New Ideas and Mining Solutions." Prominent national speakers will address the attendees, who will hear about the latest trends and information concerning Medicaid funding, public health funding matters, financial issues relating to substance abuse and mental health, ramifications of the federal Deficit Reduction Act, and about innovative web-based programs designed to enhance accountability and performance.

For more information about HSFO and the conference, go to <http://www.hsfo.com/>.

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