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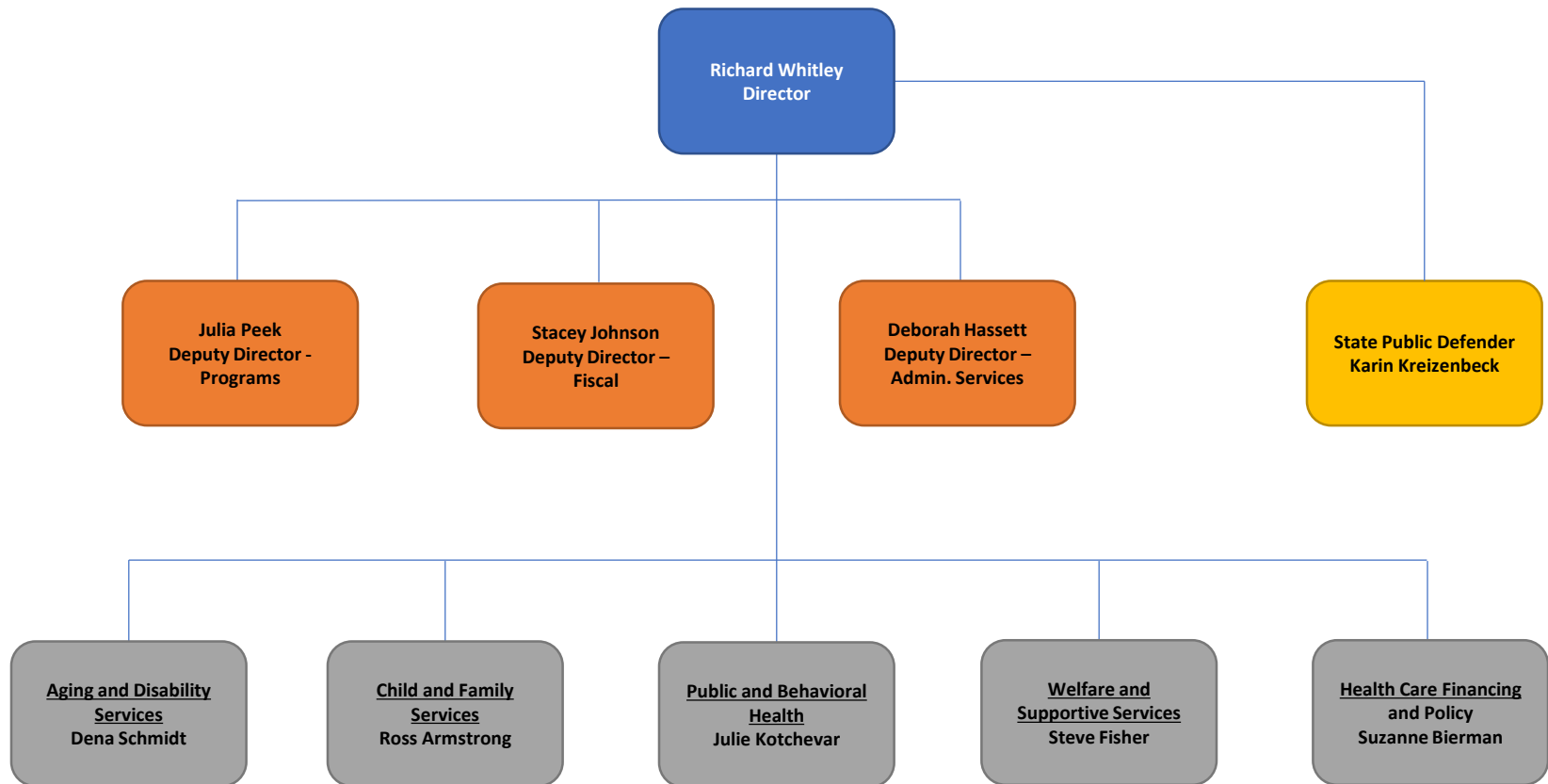
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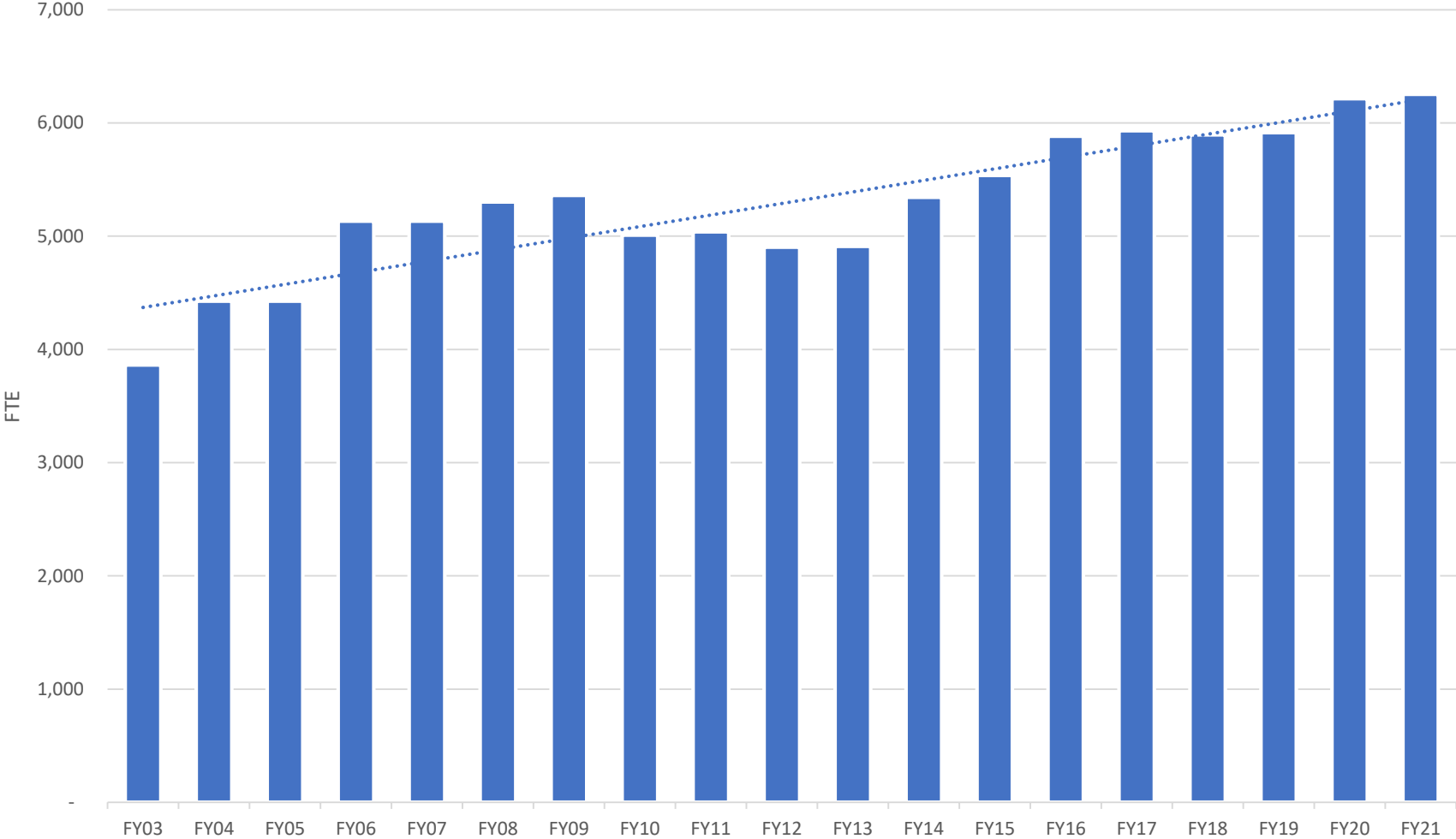
Mission

- The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) promotes the health and well-being of Nevadans through the delivery of essential services to ensure families are strengthened, public health is protected, and individuals achieve their highest level of self-sufficiency.
- The Department consists the following divisions: Aging and Disability Services, Child and Family Services, Health Care Financing and Policy, Public and Behavioral Health, Welfare and Supportive Services, and the Public Defender's Office.
- Statutory Authority: [NRS 232.290-465](#).

DHHS Organizational Chart



Total DHHS FTE, Fiscal Years 2003 - 2021



DHHS Accomplishments, SFY 18/19

- Successfully completed two FQHC incubator programs targeted at those re-entering the community from Washoe County Detention Center (with Northern Nevada HOPES) and Clark County Detention Center (First Med).
- Created a centralized Office of Analytics and Master Client Index to improve data and reporting for all DHHS programs, as well as incorporate external data sets (ex: Criminal History Repository, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program).

Accomplishments, SFY 18/19

- Nevada was noted as only one of three states nationally that have implemented comprehensive, proven actions to eliminate opioid overdoses and help protect their residents by the [National Safety Council](#).
- Major advances in identifying and addressing the needs of our residents in the areas of minority health and equity.
- Worked across sectors to support the 1 October event and ongoing aftermath through the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center.

Bill Draft Requests

Division	Number	Type	Subject
DO	19A4002199	Budget	Changes the funding source from a portion of the slot tax from the Nevada Gaming Commission to a portion of the fees imposed by NRS 463.370.
ADSD	19A4022084	Budget	Expand Elder Protective Services to Adult Protective Services
ADSD	19A4022112	Budget	Eliminate \$200,000 set-aside for Assisted Living Services
ADSD	SB 18	Policy	Eliminate detailed requirements from NRS for Conditions of Certification
DCFS	19A4092104	Budget	Under the Fostering Connections Act, Pub. L. 110-351 requires a title IV-E agency to spend any savings generated from implementing the revised adoption assistance eligibility criteria on child welfare services that may be provided under titles IV-B and IV-E (section 473(a)(8) of the Act.)
DWSS	19A4072091	Budget	Annual Increase from \$25 to \$35 for custodial parents who have never received assistance
DWSS	SB 33	Policy	Insurance Claims data matching allows the Child Support Enforcement Program to identify, and if appropriate, seize assets of delinquent child support obligors.
DWSS	SB 17	Policy	Existing Nevada law provides for suspension of recreational licenses for failure to comply with child support orders. Removes the court order requirement. Additionally, existing law prohibits the suspension of recreational licenses that expire less than six months from the date of issuance; removes the six month provision.
DHCFP	19A4032200	Budget	Allow the Division to receive other funds from the Board of Trustees of the Fund for Hospital Care to Indigent Persons.
DHCFP	19A4032103	Budget	Eliminates the sunset date for Preferred Drug List

Summary of Director's Office Operations

- Oversee and provide technical assistance to the Divisions within the Department.
- Currently administers the following programs:
 - Grants Management Unit
 - Office of Consumer Health Assistance/Office of Minority Health and Equity
 - Developmental Disabilities Council
 - Office of Public Defender
 - Upper Payment Limit (UPL) Holding Account
 - Indigent Hospital Care
 - Children's Trust Account (CTA)*
 - Problem Gambling (PG)*

**Propose to move CTA to DCFS and PG to DPBH to more appropriately align programs within the divisions.*

Department Biennial Priorities

- Access to Healthcare and Mental Health Services
- Maximize Revenue
- Work Force
- Criminal Justice Involvement

Director's Office Goals and Initiatives

- Develop a more comprehensive needs assessment and strategic plan for DHHS.
- Develop standardization and evaluation across DHHS agencies and programs for better transparency and accountability.
- Support the further growth of the Office of Minority Health and Equity and Office of Consumer Health Assistance to offer more comprehensive services to our residents.
- Support FQHC incubator projects to support child and adolescent health.

Director's Office Opportunities & Challenges

- Opportunities:
 - The Governor's biennial budget represents the largest DHHS budget in history.
 - Continue to work across divisions and with community partners to create a more complete and sustainable mental health and health care services infrastructure.
 - Develop a more robust grant office within the Director's Office to maximize revenue from federal and private grants.
- Challenges
 - Conflict in the federal government has large impact on state and local funding and implementation.
 - Workforce shortages in the health care and mental health fields.

Acronyms

- **ADSD:** Aging and Disability Services Division
- **BA:** Budget Account
- **BDR:** Bill Draft Request
- **COPE:** Community Service Options Program for the Elderly
- **CTA:** Children's Trust Account
- **DCFS:** Division of Child and Family Services
- **DHCFP:** Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (Medicaid)
- **DHHS:** Department of Health and Human Services
- **DO:** Director's Office
- **DPBH:** Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- **DWSS:** Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
- **FQHC:** Federally Qualified Health Center
- **FTE:** Full-time Equivalent
- **FY:** Fiscal Year
- **G01:** Governor Recommends Budget
- **IDEA Part C:** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Early Intervention Services office
- **MOST Program:** Mobile Outreach Safety Team
- **NEW NV 2-1-1:** A phone number to connect with human and social services in your area
- **NRS:** Nevada Revised Statute
- **PG:** Problem Gambling
- **Rx:** Prescription
- **UPL:** Upper Payment Limit