

Nevada Health Authority Introduction

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"This new authority will help Nevada capitalize on its **strong purchasing power** when it comes to health insurance and get a better deal for taxpayers, all while offering **better insurance options** for eligible Nevadans."

- Governor Joe Lombardo



What Makes Up NVHA?















Our Vision & Mission

Vision

A healthy, thriving Nevada where health care is affordable and reliable for all.

Mission

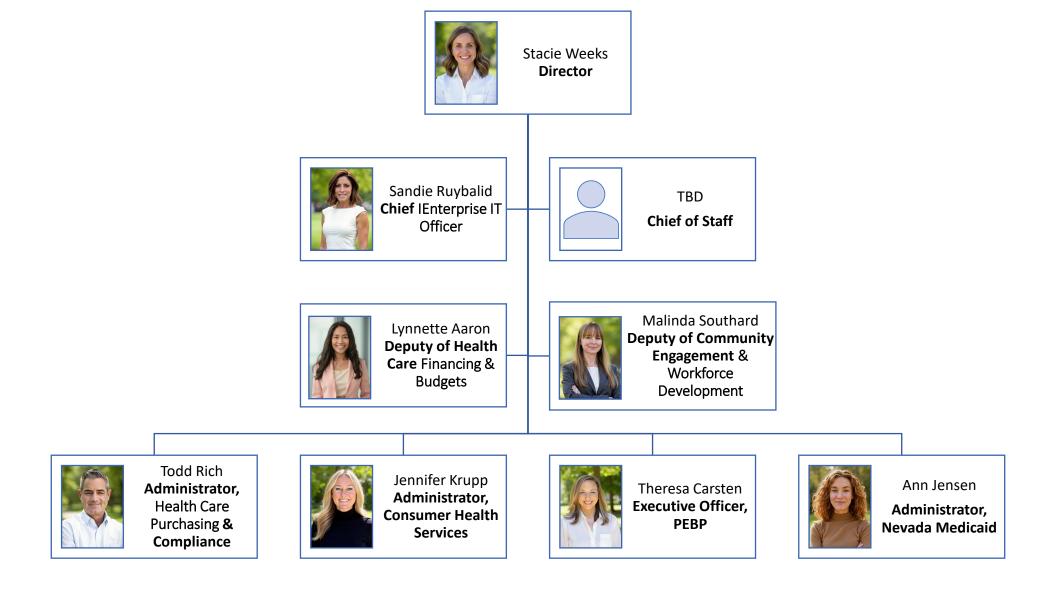
To ensure Nevadans have access to affordable, reliable care by leveraging the state's buying power, streamlining programs and services, and driving better quality and more innovation in the health care system.

Values

Public service, fiscal discipline, and accountable leadership



The Executive Leadership Team





Strategic Goals & Guideposts

Our Goals to Achieve Our Mission

- 1. Improve state's performance on key health indicators
- 2. Increase the financial sustainability of coverage programs
- 3. Expand the capacity of the state's health care workforce to meet the needs
- 4. Driving better value, coordination, and innovation in health care in Nevada





NVHA Footprint & Potential for Impact



through PEBP



How do we get from here to there?





Reimagining Health Care for Providers



NVHA One-Stop Shop for Providers

- One enrollment process
- One credentialing process
- Same quality and value-based payment programs
- Same reporting standards
- Same forms and timelines for prior authorizations

Across all markets under NVHA



Reimagining Health Care for Nevadans



One-Stop Shop for Coverage

For people who shop for their own health insurance (private market & Medicaid)

- Real time eligibility & enrollment through Exchange door
- If Medicaid eligible, moved through the Medicaid Express
- If eligible for private coverage, moved through shopping experience on Exchange
- All can compare & select plans
- See their provider networks
- View their plan's quality scores



Reimagining State Health Care Purchasing

New Health Care Purchasing Strategy

- Aligns certain contracts/requirements across markets with similar carriers/vendors for similar services
- Allows state to better leverage its position to negotiate better deals (lower costs) in health care services
- Provides opportunity to scale resources across programs = greater efficiencies
- Simplifies programs for consumers and providers





Reimagining the State's Health Care Workforce

Increase Provider **Participation Expand Provider Pipeline Improve Provider** Reimbursement & **Billing Experience**

Improving access to care requires a multipronged strategy

- GME/IME strategies expansion via federal Medicaid funds
- New state funds from session for GME grants and Medicaid strategies (\$15 million state funds estimated for biennium)
- Removal of administrative burdens to billing (Centralized Credentialing & Streamlining Prior Authorizations)
- Rural Health Transformation Grant
- Practice in Nevada Program with loan repayment for providers willing to live and work in a region for at least four years



New 5-Year "Nest Egg" for Rural Areas

- Rural Health Transformation Grant
- Five Year Grant
- NVHA will be applying for the State
- Application due by Nov. 5, 2025
- Public request for comment and ideas (online NVHA survey)
- Virtual Public Workshop, Oct. 2 @
 2:00 pm
- Goals focus on rural hospital and health care systems





Permissible Use Categories

Prevention & Chronic Disease

 Health Focused: Prevention, chronic disease, and behavioral health

Workforce

Attract and retain providers in rural areas

Appropriate Care Availability

• Sustainable access and operational efficiency/sustainability

Innovative Care

• New care models for improved outcomes and effective care

Technology Innovation

 Foster use of innovative technologies to enhance delivery, security, and digital health tools



Thank you!

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