

CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL HEALTH -

DUTIES

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ross I. Romero

Senate Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the duties of the Center For Multicultural Health to include capacity building for translation services across Department of Health programs and translation and communication services for limited English proficiency individuals.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- amends the duties of the Center for Multicultural Health.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$50,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07 to the Department of Health.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

26-7-2, as enacted by Chapter 286, Laws of Utah 2004

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-7-2** is amended to read:

26-7-2. Center for Multicultural Health -- Duties.

(1) As used in this section, "multicultural and minority health issues" means health,

30 including mental and oral health, issues of particular interest to cultural, ethnic, racial, or other
31 subpopulations, including:

32 (a) disparities in:

33 (i) disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity, mortality, treatment, and treatment
34 response; and

35 (ii) access to care; and

36 (b) cultural competency in the delivery of health care.

37 (2) There is created within the department the Center for Multicultural Health.

38 (3) The Center for Multicultural Health shall:

39 (a) promote and coordinate the research, data production and dissemination, education,
40 and health promotion activities of the department, local health departments, local mental health
41 authorities, public schools, community-based organizations, Indian tribes, and other
42 organizations within the state as they relate to multicultural and minority health issues;

43 (b) assist in the development and implementation of programs to address multicultural
44 and minority health issues;

45 (c) promote the dissemination and use of information on multicultural and minority
46 health issues by minority populations, health care providers, and others;

47 (d) seek federal funding and other resources to accomplish its mission;

48 (e) provide technical assistance to entities within the state seeking funding to study or
49 address multicultural and minority health issues;

50 (f) develop and increase the capacity of the center to:

51 (i) ensure the delivery of qualified timely culturally appropriate translation services
52 across all department programs; and

53 (ii) provide, where appropriate, linguistically competent translation and communication
54 services for limited English proficiency individuals;

55 ~~(f)~~ (g) provide staff assistance to any advisory committee created by the department
56 to study multicultural and minority health issues; and

57 ~~(g)~~ (h) annually report to the Legislature on its activities and accomplishments.

58 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

59 As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated
60 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07, \$50,000 to the Department of Health to fund the
61 duties of the Multicultural Health Center as specified in Section 26-7-2, as well as the
62 translation and communication duties of the Center for Multicultural Health created in
63 Subsection 26-7-2(3)(f).