

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Community and Family Health Services

Recommended Changes

72. O114. Productivity Enhancements

This cut of \$2.2 million per year would eliminate a total of 30 FTEs, such that all CSHCN clinic staff (25 FTEs), 3 billing staff, 1 USIIS position, and 1 BWEI position would be eliminated. CSHCN would no longer provide any direct clinical services anywhere in the state.

33 and 34. B47 and O58. Elimination of Tobacco Prevention Efforts

Opposed because we would lose \$8.6 million in federal funds per year (from CDC and SAMHSA), and DOH would have no tobacco prevention or cessation services. Our tobacco use rates for youth and adults would start to increase along with all the associated healthcare costs. Tobacco is the most common preventable cause of death and illness even in Utah where our tobacco use rates are the lowest in the US. We recommend following the Governor's recommended budget cuts of \$193,000 for FY 09 and \$504,000 for FY 10 for the Tobacco Prevention Program.

31. O61. Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention

Opposed because we would lose \$ 912,000 per year in federal funds, and DOH would have no efforts to prevent the most common cause of death in UT. This cut would also eliminate all the state funding for Gold Medal Schools which has been shown to slow the increase in obesity rates.

28. O65. Child Adolescent and School Health Program

Opposed because we would lose \$120,000 per year in federal funds, and UT would not have any way to coordinate Head Start services on a statewide basis.

24. O70. Utah Birth Defects Network

Opposed because we would lose \$1.5 million per year in federal funds, and DOH would no longer track and prevent birth defects which affect 3% of all newborns. Birth defects are the most common cause of infant mortality in UT.

Recommend adding the Governor's recommended budget cut of \$480,000 for FY 10 for the CSHCN Clinics which would eliminate 1 FTE and reduce services to 200 children, most of whom are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and could receive specialty care from private providers at Primary Children's Medical Center or the University of Utah.

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