

AR MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION

Enabling Laws

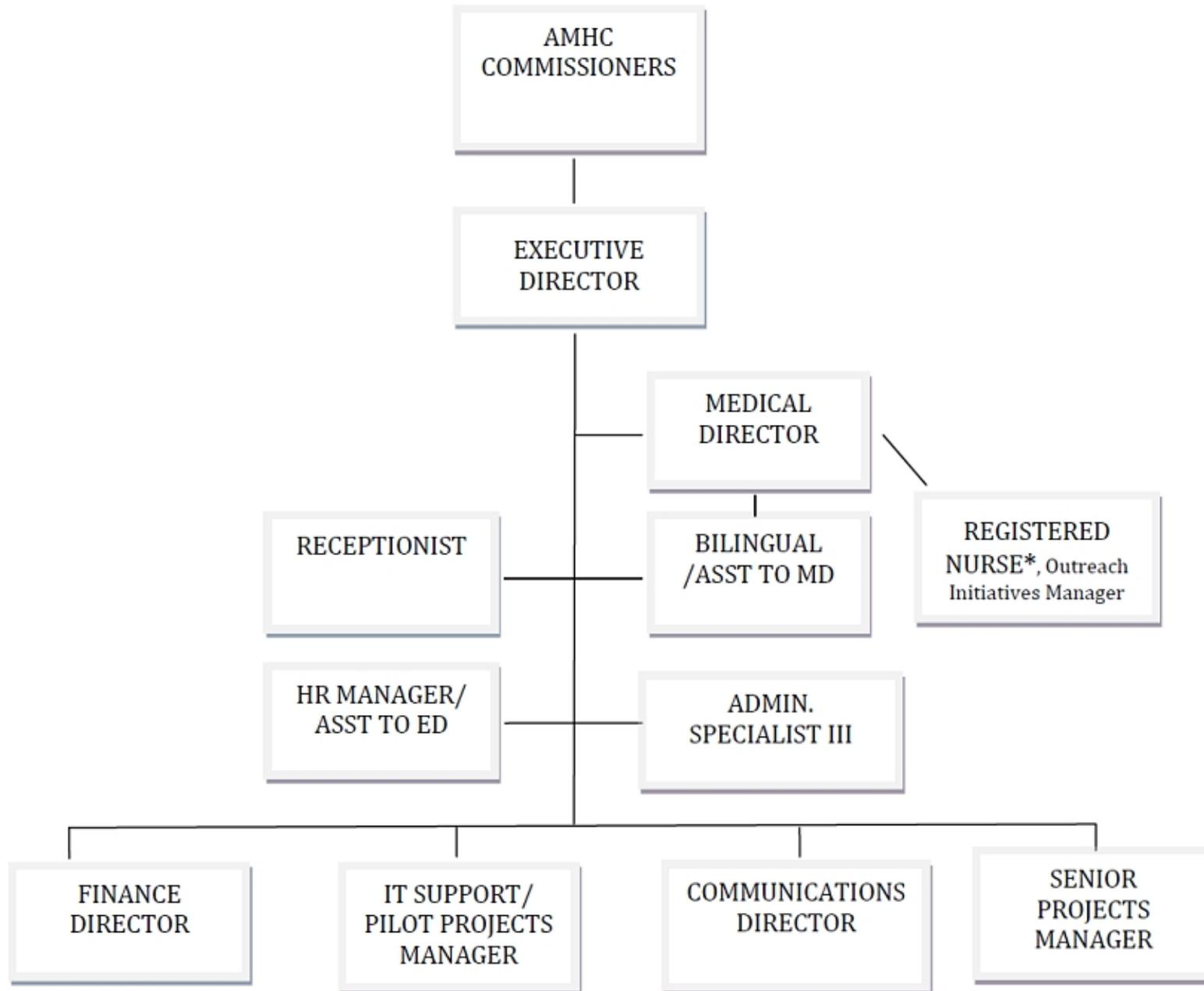
Acts 279 and 227 of 2010
A.C.A. §20-2-101 et seq.
A.C.A. §19-12-101 et seq.

History and Organization

The Arkansas Minority Health Commission was created by Act 912 of 1991 to: 1) study the issues relating to the delivery of access to health services for minorities in the State; 2) identify any gaps in the health system delivery that particularly affect minorities; 3) make recommendations to the relevant agencies for minorities and implement programs that impact the health status of minorities; and 4) study and make recommendations as to whether adequate services are available to ensure future minority health needs will be met.

Initiated Act I of 2000 provides that the Arkansas Minority Health Commission shall establish and administer the Arkansas Minority Initiatives for screening, monitoring, and treating hypertension, strokes, and other disorders disproportionately critical to minority groups in Arkansas. The program is designed to: 1) increase awareness of hypertension, strokes, and other disorders disproportionately critical to minorities by utilizing different approaches that include but are not limited to the following: advertisements, distribution of educational materials and providing medications for high risk minority populations; 2) provide screenings or access to screenings for hypertension, strokes, and other disorders disproportionately critical to minorities but will also provide this service to any citizen within the State regardless of racial/ethnic group; 3) develop intervention strategies to decrease hypertension, strokes, and other disorders noted above, as well as associated complications, including: educational programs, modification of risk factors by smoking cessations programs, weight loss, promoting healthy lifestyles, and treatment of hypertension with cost-effective, well-tolerated medications, as well as case management for patients in these programs; and 4) develop and maintain a database.

Act 358 of 2009 charges the AMHC with developing, implementing, maintaining, and disseminating a comprehensive survey of racial and ethnic minority disparities in health and health care. The Act specifies that the study is to be repeated every five years and that the commission will subsequently publish evidence-based data, define state goals and objectives, and develop pilot projects for decreasing disparities. In addition, Act 574 of 2009 modified the governance structure for the Commission and expanded and clarified its duties.



Agency Commentary

The mission of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission is to assure that all minority Arkansan access to health care is equal to the care received by other citizens of the State. The Agency also seeks ways to address and treat diseases and conditions that are prevalent among minority populations. Funding for appropriation for the Arkansas Minority Health Commission is state general revenue, tobacco settlement funds, and cash funds from donations, grants, and reimbursements.

In addition to Base Level, the agency requests; 1) an increase in unfunded cash appropriation of \$58,000 in each year of the biennium to maintain budget as authorized in the Act. 2) Increase in Tobacco Settlement funded appropriation of \$525,000 in each year of the biennium to support expanded outreach/screening/monitoring of programs in disparate minority communities; professional services to provide expertise for new piloted projects; and upgrades to data/computer systems.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
AR MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION

Findings

A separate report for this Agency was not issued. However, financial activity for the Agency was included in the audit of the State's CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2009.

Recommendations

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	0	1	1	14 %
Black Employees	0	4	4	57 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	2	2	29 %
Total Minorities			6	86 %
Total Employees			7	100 %

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
AMHC Yearly Magazine - Bridge	A.C.A. §19-12-114 (Initiated Act 1 of 2000)	N	N	5,000	Requests by the Public and Commissioners
Arkansas Racial & Ethnic Health Disparity Study Report	A.C.A. §20-2-101 (Act 912 of 1991)	N	Y	100	Requests by the Public, Institutions, and Agencies
Executive Director's Quarterly Update	A.C.A. §19-12-114 (Initiated Act 1 of 2000)	N	N	100	Requests by the Public, Commissioners and Legislators

Department Appropriation Summary

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Appropriation	2009-2010		2010-2011		2010-2011		2011-2012					2012-2013						
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
2MF Treasury Cash	46,149	0	42,000	0	100,000	0	42,000	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	42,000	0	100,000	0	100,000	0
463 Minority Health Initiative	1,613,505	6	1,985,300	6	2,133,669	6	1,635,300	6	2,160,300	6	1,635,300	6	1,635,300	6	2,160,300	6	1,635,300	6
815 Minority Health Operations	169,748	3	186,383	3	186,383	3	186,469	3	186,469	3	186,469	3	186,469	3	186,469	3	186,469	3
Total	1,829,402	9	2,213,683	9	2,420,052	9	1,863,769	9	2,446,769	9	1,921,769	9	1,863,769	9	2,446,769	9	1,921,769	9

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%	
Fund Balance	4000005	49,099	2.0	621,507	25.2			464	0.0	464	0.0	464	0.0	464	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
General Revenue	4000010	169,748	6.9	186,383	7.6			186,469	10.0	186,469	10.0	186,469	10.0	186,469	10.0	186,469	10.0	186,469	10.0
Cash Fund	4000045	17,514	0.7	22,000	0.9			42,000	2.3	42,000	2.3	42,000	2.3	42,000	2.3	42,000	2.3	42,000	2.3
M & R Sales	4000340	140	0.0	0	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tobacco Settlement	4000495	2,214,408	90.4	1,635,300	66.3			1,635,300	87.7	1,635,300	87.7	1,635,300	87.7	1,635,300	87.7	1,635,300	87.7	1,635,300	87.7
Total Funds		2,450,909	100.0	2,465,190	100.0			1,864,233	100.0	1,864,233	100.0	1,864,233	100.0	1,864,233	100.0	1,863,769	100.0	1,863,769	100.0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(621,507)		(251,507)				(464)		582,536		57,536		(464)		583,000		58,000	
Grand Total		1,829,402		2,213,683				1,863,769		2,446,769		1,921,769		1,863,769		2,446,769		1,921,769	

Variances in the fund balances are due to unfunded appropriation in (2MF) Treasury Cash and (463) Tobacco Settlement. Tobacco Settlement fund balances are recouped at the end of the biennium and redistributed in the same proportion as the original distribution.

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2008 - 2009						FY2009 - 2010						FY2010 - 2011					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
9	9	0	9	0	0.00 %	9	9	0	9	0	0.00 %	9	8	1	9	0	11.11 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 2MF - Treasury Cash

Funding Sources: NMH - Cash in Treasury

This cash fund appropriation allows the Agency to expense any grants, donations, or reimbursements that it may receive on reimbursements for expenses of providing seminars or educational activities.

The Base Level for this appropriation is \$42,000 each year of the biennium.

The Agency Request is for Base level and \$58,000 in unfunded appropriation to restore appropriation levels to previously authorized amounts.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 2MF - Treasury Cash
Funding Sources: NMH - Cash in Treasury

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	Historical Data			2011-2012			2012-2013		
	2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Personal Svcs & Oprs Exp 5900046	46,149	42,000	100,000	42,000	100,000	100,000	42,000	100,000	100,000
Total	46,149	42,000	100,000	42,000	100,000	100,000	42,000	100,000	100,000
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	49,099	20,464		464	464	464	464	0	0
Cash Fund 4000045	17,514	22,000		42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000
Total Funding	66,613	42,464		42,464	42,464	42,464	42,464	42,000	42,000
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(20,464)	(464)		(464)	57,536	57,536	(464)	58,000	58,000
Grand Total	46,149	42,000		42,000	100,000	100,000	42,000	100,000	100,000

Variances in the fund balances are due to unfunded appropriation.

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation: 2MF - Treasury Cash
Funding Sources: NMH - Cash in Treasury

Agency Request

Change Level		2011-2012	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2012-2013	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	42,000	0	42,000	100.0	42,000	0	42,000	100.0
C05	Unfunded Appropriation	58,000	0	100,000	238.1	58,000	0	100,000	238.1

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2011-2012	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2012-2013	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	42,000	0	42,000	100.0	42,000	0	42,000	100.0
C05	Unfunded Appropriation	58,000	0	100,000	238.1	58,000	0	100,000	238.1

Justification

C05	The agency is requesting \$58,000 in unfunded appropriation to restore appropriation to previously authorized amount.
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Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 463 - Minority Health Initiative

Funding Sources: TSE - Targeted State Needs Program Account

The Tobacco Settlement Funded Minority Health Initiative is one of four targeted state needs programs established by Initiated Act 1 of 2000. This Initiative was established and is administered by the Agency to provide screening, monitoring, and treatment of hypertension, stroke, and other disorders disproportionately critical to the State's minorities.

Special Language allows the Agency to transfer from its Operating Expenses and/or Screening, Monitoring, Treating and Outreach appropriation and funds to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.

Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Career Service Payments.

The Agency Request is for a Base Level of \$1,635,300 each year of the biennium with a Change Level of \$525,000 in unfunded appropriation of which \$500,000 is requested on the Screen/Monitor/Treat & Outreach Commitment Item for services and \$25,000 on the Capital Outlay Commitment Item to allow for a database system upgrade if funding becomes available.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Base Level and the transfer of \$200,000 of Base Level appropriation each year from Professional Fees to the Screen/Monitor/Treat & Outreach commitment item to better align appropriation needs.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 463 - Minority Health Initiative
Funding Sources: TSE - Targeted State Needs Program Account

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Authorized	2011-2012			2012-2013		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	172,551	201,295	177,710	200,095	200,095	200,095	200,095	200,095	200,095
#Positions		6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Personal Services Matching	5010003	53,570	68,561	63,869	68,442	68,442	68,442	68,442	68,442	68,442
Operating Expenses	5020002	474,917	339,650	416,643	339,650	339,650	339,650	339,650	339,650	339,650
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	9,968	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Professional Fees	5060010	446,270	648,559	648,559	648,559	648,559	448,559	648,559	648,559	448,559
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	7,769	0	10,000	0	25,000	0	0	25,000	0
Promotional Items	5900028	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Screen/Monitor/Treat & Outreach	5900046	448,460	707,235	796,888	358,554	858,554	558,554	358,554	858,554	558,554
Total		1,613,505	1,985,300	2,133,669	1,635,300	2,160,300	1,635,300	1,635,300	2,160,300	1,635,300

Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	0	601,043		0	0	0	0	0	0
M & R Sales	4000340	140	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Tobacco Settlement	4000495	2,214,408	1,635,300		1,635,300	1,635,300	1,635,300	1,635,300	1,635,300	1,635,300
Total Funding		2,214,548	2,236,343		1,635,300	1,635,300	1,635,300	1,635,300	1,635,300	1,635,300
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(601,043)	(251,043)		0	525,000	0	0	525,000	0
Grand Total		1,613,505	1,985,300		1,635,300	2,160,300	1,635,300	1,635,300	2,160,300	1,635,300

The FY11 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2009-2011 biennium. Tobacco Settlement fund balances are recouped at the end of the biennium and redistributed in the same proportion as the original distribution.

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation: 463 - Minority Health Initiative
Funding Sources: TSE - Targeted State Needs Program Account

Agency Request

Change Level		2011-2012	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2012-2013	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	1,635,300	6	1,635,300	100.0	1,635,300	6	1,635,300	100.0
C05	Unfunded Appropriation	525,000	0	2,160,300	132.1	525,000	0	2,160,300	132.1

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2011-2012	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2012-2013	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	1,635,300	6	1,635,300	100.0	1,635,300	6	1,635,300	100.0
C05	Unfunded Appropriation	0	0	1,635,300	100.0	0	0	1,635,300	100.0
C19	Executive Changes	0	0	1,635,300	100.0	0	0	1,635,300	100.0

Justification

C05	The agency is requesting unfunded appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 Screen/Monitor/ Treatment & Outreach requested to expand outreach in minority communities and \$25,000 Capital Outlay towards database system upgrade.
C19	The Executive Recommendation provides for a transfer of \$200,000 of Base Level appropriation each year from Professional Fees to the Screen/Monitor/Treat & Outreach commitment item for better alignment of appropriation needs.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 815 - Minority Health Operations

Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

The general revenue funded Minority Health Operations appropriation is used to assure equal access of the State's minorities to health care, provide disease education, treatment, screening, and prevention, study health delivery issues, increase awareness, and make agency and legislative recommendations concerning these issues.

Special Language allows the Agency to transfer from its Operating Expenses appropriation and funds to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.

Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Career Service Payments.

The Agency Request is for Base Level funding and appropriation of \$186,469 each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 815 - Minority Health Operations
Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Authorized	2011-2012			2012-2013		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	130,237	142,048	141,969	142,048	142,048	142,048	142,048	142,048	142,048
#Positions	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Personal Services Matching 5010003	39,011	42,606	41,875	42,692	42,692	42,692	42,692	42,692	42,692
Operating Expenses 5020002	100	1,229	1,789	1,229	1,229	1,229	1,229	1,229	1,229
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	150	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Professional Fees 5060010	250	0	250	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Promotional Items 5900028	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	169,748	186,383	186,383	186,469	186,469	186,469	186,469	186,469	186,469
Funding Sources									
General Revenue 4000010	169,748	186,383		186,469	186,469	186,469	186,469	186,469	186,469
Total Funding	169,748	186,383		186,469	186,469	186,469	186,469	186,469	186,469
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	169,748	186,383		186,469	186,469	186,469	186,469	186,469	186,469

The FY11 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2009-2011 biennium.