

AR MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION

Enabling Laws

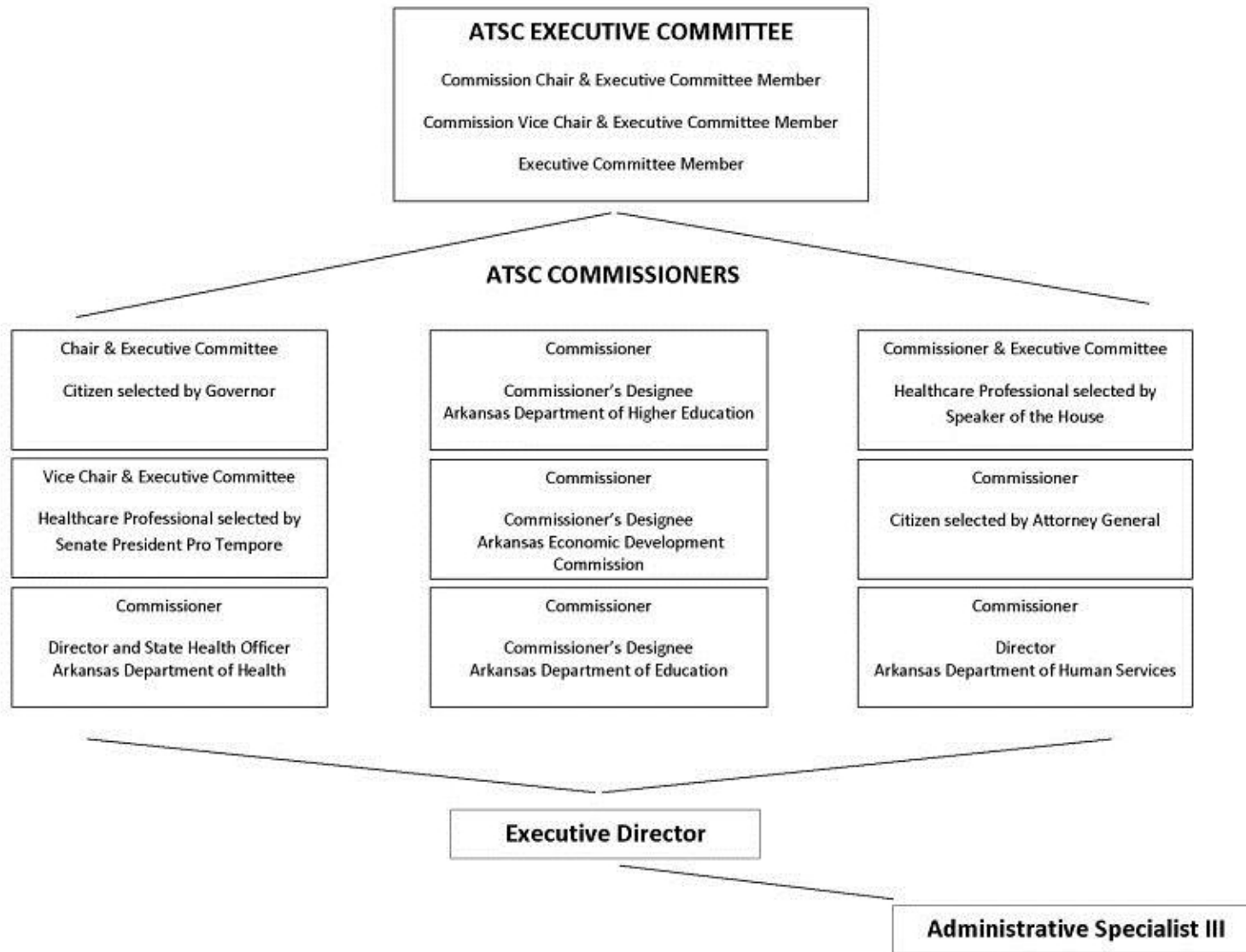
Acts 37 and 38 of 2016
A.C.A. §20-2-101 et seq.
A.C.A. §19-12-101 et seq.

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 Arkansans access to health and health care is equal to the care received by other citizens of the State. The Agency also seeks ways to address 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.

The agency's current base level allows it to implement programs in the community to assist in reaching its goals. For example, currently AMHC has partnered with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Public Health in a generalizability and feasibility study entitled: A Public Health Practice Strategy to Promote Adherence with Medical Recommendations for Control of Hypertension. This project is designed to determine the effectiveness and, more importantly, the cost-effectiveness of a Health Advisor approach to help people with hypertension gain better control of their blood pressure, reducing their risk for heart attacks, strokes and kidney disease. Data suggest that the rate of uncontrolled hypertension in Arkansas is nearly twice the national average and is especially high among African Americans in the state, undoubtedly a leading factor for the fact that Arkansas typically leads the nation in stroke incidence and mortality, particularly among African Americans and especially among African American males.

In Arkansas, there are four counties, Mississippi, Miller, Crittenden, and Union, which have significant mortality rates associated with diabetes at 76.9, 71.4, 70.6, and 64.6 per 100,000, respectively. These high levels of mortality rates have serious economic and emotional consequences not only to the individual families, but also to the State of Arkansas. We're developing a lifestyle changes program to address the significant rates of health disparities that affect the minority population (diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, heart attacks). This program will allow this Agency to continue its grass-roots approach of individual and family ownership in managing and preventing these diseases. Two of AMHC's Health Program Specialists have gone to this lifestyle change training, and are poised for programmatic implementation with the requested increase in appropriations and positions.

An increase in **Screening/Monitoring/Treating & Outreach** appropriation will allow AMHC to partner with various entities to aggressively seek evidence-based approaches to prevent the onset of diabetes by addressing physical activity and nutrition, mitigate the effects of diabetes by increasing education and medical compliance, and decrease the number of deaths as a direct consequence of diabetes. Subsequently an increase in appropriation in **Operating Expenses** will allow AMHC to enter into technical service agreements with 3rd party vendors related to reducing those numbers. Also an increase in appropriation in **Conference & Travel Expenses** will allow AMHC to provide proper training and career development to staff in order to meet the mission of the agency. It will also allow AMHC to host agency sponsored events related to its mission and goals.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

Findings

Recommendations

None

None

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2016

None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	1	0	1	14 %
Black Employees	1	5	6	86 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			6	86 %
Total Employees			7	100 %

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution	Unbound Black & White Copies Produced During the Last Two Years	Cost of Unbound Copies Produced During the Last Two Years
		Governor	General Assembly				
AMHC Annual Report	A.C.A. §19-12-114, A.C.A. §20-2-101	Y	Y	100	Requests by the Public, Commissioners and Legislators	0	0.00
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	0	0.00
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	0	0.00
Minority Health Consortium Directory	A.C.A. §19-12-114, A.C.A. §20-2-101	Y	Y	100	Requests by the Public, Commissioners and Legislators	0	0.00

Department Appropriation Summary

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Appropriation	2015-2016		2016-2017		2016-2017		2017-2018						2018-2019					
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
2MF Treasury Cash	19,700	0	65,000	0	65,000	0	65,000	0	65,000	0	65,000	0	65,000	0	65,000	0	65,000	0
463 Minority Health Initiative	1,314,502	6	1,646,596	6	1,642,975	6	1,647,770	6	2,010,770	6	1,647,770	6	1,647,770	6	2,010,770	6	1,647,770	6
815 Minority Health Operations	194,475	3	197,505	3	203,941	3	198,333	3	198,333	3	198,333	3	198,333	3	198,333	3	198,333	3
Total	1,528,677	9	1,909,101	9	1,911,916	9	1,911,103	9	2,274,103	9	1,911,103	9	1,911,103	9	2,274,103	9	1,911,103	9

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%	
Fund Balance	4000005	19,328	1.2	23,035	1.2			3,707	0.2	3,707	0.2			3,707	0.2			0	0.0
General Revenue	4000010	194,475	12.5	197,505	10.3			198,333	10.5	198,333	8.8			198,333	10.5			198,333	8.8
Cash Fund	4000045	23,407	1.5	45,672	2.4			45,672	2.4	45,672	2.0			45,672	2.4			45,672	2.0
Tobacco Settlement	4000495	1,314,502	84.7	1,646,596	86.1			1,647,770	86.9	2,010,770	89.0			1,647,770	86.9			1,647,770	87.1
Total Funds		1,551,712	100.0	1,912,808	100.0			1,895,482	100.0	2,258,482	100.0			1,895,482	100.0			1,891,775	100.0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(23,035)		(3,707)				15,621		15,621				19,328				19,328	
Grand Total		1,528,677		1,909,101				1,911,103		2,274,103				1,911,103				2,274,103	

Variance in the fund balance is due to unfunded appropriation in (FC 2MF-Treasury Cash). Budget exceeds Authorized due to salary adjustments in (FC 463).

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2014 - 2015						FY2015 - 2016						FY2016 - 2017					
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	8	1	9	0	11.11 %	9	9	0	9	0	0.00 %	9	9	0	9	0	0.00 %

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 Agency is requesting Base Level of \$65,000 each year of the 2017-2019 Biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of this 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			2017-2018			2018-2019		
		2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Personal Svcs & Oprs Exp	5900046	19,700	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Total		19,700	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	19,328	23,035		3,707	3,707	3,707	0	0	0
Cash Fund	4000045	23,407	45,672		45,672	45,672	45,672	45,672	45,672	45,672
Total Funding		42,735	68,707		49,379	49,379	49,379	45,672	45,672	45,672
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(23,035)	(3,707)		15,621	15,621	15,621	19,328	19,328	19,328
Grand Total		19,700	65,000		65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000

Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

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 Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching include the continuation of the previously authorized 2017 Salaries and Career Service Payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching includes the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$420 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases.

The Agency is requesting a Change Level Request totaling \$363,000 each year of the biennium. The changes are as follows:

- Increase in Operating Expenses totaling \$108,000 each year to allow the Agency to enter into technical service agreements with third party vendors,
- Increase in Conference and Travel totaling \$5,000 each year to allow the Agency to provide proper training and career development to staff in order to meet the agency mission,
- Increase in Screening/Monitoring/Treating & Outreach totaling \$250,000 each year to allow the Agency to partner with various entities to aggressively seek evidence-based approaches to prevent the onset of diabetes by addressing physical activity and nutrition, mitigate the effects of diabetes by increasing education and medical compliance, and decrease the number of deaths as a direct consequence of diabetes.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Base Level.

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			2017-2018			2018-2019		
	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	206,345	209,589	201,206	209,589	209,589	209,589	209,589	209,589	209,589
#Positions	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Personal Services Matching 5010003	76,040	76,665	81,427	77,839	77,839	77,839	77,839	77,839	77,839
Operating Expenses 5020002	289,871	531,788	333,229	531,788	639,788	531,788	531,788	639,788	531,788
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	12,411	20,000	20,000	20,000	25,000	20,000	20,000	25,000	20,000
Professional Fees 5060010	199,857	250,000	448,559	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Promotional Items 5090028	4,622	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	26,153	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Screen/Monitor/Treat & Outreach 5900046	499,203	558,554	558,554	558,554	808,554	558,554	558,554	808,554	558,554
Total	1,314,502	1,646,596	1,642,975	1,647,770	2,010,770	1,647,770	1,647,770	2,010,770	1,647,770
Funding Sources									
Tobacco Settlement 4000495	1,314,502	1,646,596		1,647,770	2,010,770	1,647,770	1,647,770	2,010,770	1,647,770
Total Funding	1,314,502	1,646,596		1,647,770	2,010,770	1,647,770	1,647,770	2,010,770	1,647,770
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	1,314,502	1,646,596		1,647,770	2,010,770	1,647,770	1,647,770	2,010,770	1,647,770

FY17 Budget amount in Regular Salaries exceeds the authorized amount due to salary adjustments during the 2015-2017 Biennium. Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Operating Expenses by authority of a Budget Classification Transfer.

Change Level by Appropriation

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

Agency Request

Change Level		2017-2018	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2018-2019	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	1,647,770	6	1,647,770	100.0	1,647,770	6	1,647,770	100.0
C01	Existing Program	363,000	0	2,010,770	122.0	363,000	0	2,010,770	122.0

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2017-2018	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2018-2019	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	1,647,770	6	1,647,770	100.0	1,647,770	6	1,647,770	100.0
C01	Existing Program	0	0	1,647,770	100.0	0	0	1,647,770	100.0

Justification

C01	The agency is requesting an increase in Operating Expenses, Conference and Travel, and Screening/Monitoring/Treating and Outreach.
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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 Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching include the continuation of the previously authorized 2017 Salaries and Career Service Payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching includes the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$420 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases.

The Agency is requesting Base Level of \$198,333 each year of the 2017-2019 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	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Authorized	2017-2018			2018-2019		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	146,395	147,897	149,149	147,897	147,897	147,897	147,897	147,897	147,897
#Positions	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Personal Services Matching 5010003	47,625	47,879	53,063	48,707	48,707	48,707	48,707	48,707	48,707
Operating Expenses 5020002	141	1,229	1,229	1,229	1,229	1,229	1,229	1,229	1,229
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	314	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Professional Fees 5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Promotional Items 5090028	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	194,475	197,505	203,941	198,333	198,333	198,333	198,333	198,333	198,333
Funding Sources									
General Revenue 4000010	194,475	197,505		198,333	198,333	198,333	198,333	198,333	198,333
Total Funding	194,475	197,505		198,333	198,333	198,333	198,333	198,333	198,333
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	194,475	197,505		198,333	198,333	198,333	198,333	198,333	198,333