TO: **SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH** **DATE:** **June 27, 2013**

RE: *Approval of Netsmart Technologies, Inc. Insight Software for Public Health - Practice Management and Electronic Health Record (EHR)*

PETITION # 18-13

That the Southern Nevada District Board of Health *approve the purchase and implementation of an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system, Netsmart Technologies, Inc., Insight.*

PETITIONERS:

Eddie Larsen, *Information Technologies Manager*
Bonnie Sorenson, *Director of Nursing and Clinics*
Elaine Glaser, *Director of Administration*
John Middaugh, M.D., *Interim Chief Health Officer*

DISCUSSION:

SNHD provides clinic services to more than 330,000 clients per year. Complex scheduling of multiple sites, managing and oversight of various clinics with a wide range of services that deliver direct client care and the changing grant and regulatory requirements demands the use of an EHR. After a comprehensive, multidisciplinary review of various solutions, Nursing and Administration requests approval to purchase and implement *Insight,* by Netsmart Technologies, Inc. *Insight* is a fully integrated EHR solution that is utilized by Washoe County and the state of Nevada. *Insight* will replace the current technical environment consisting of several non-integrated/stand-alone systems with minimal tracking and reporting capability – none of which meet grant or regulatory requirements in a changing environment. Implementing *Insight* will create a single system to manage all clinical, inventories, reporting and billing services within the Nursing division.

FUNDING:

Total cost of ownership/implementation not to exceed $300,000 (personnel investment not included). Pending grant approval, The US Department of Health's Office of Population Affairs will provide $243,061 of Health Information Technology grant funds to SNHD for the period from August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014 to support Phase I of this project. Assuming grant funds are approved, the project will require an additional expenditure of not more than $60,000 from SNHD Capital Funds (FY 2014). For each subsequent year of the contract, maintenance and subscription fees of approximately $29,000 will be payable. Irrespective of grant funding, the need for an EHR is sufficiently critical that we are recommending moving forward with the purchase and implementation of *Insight,* utilizing awarded grant funds and/or capital funds previously earmarked for this project, as required.