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# 2020 Engagement in Rural Health

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# **Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

## **Revenue and Budget Update**

*Stefan Shephard, JLBC*

# '20 YTD: 8.6% Growth/\$174 M Above Forecast

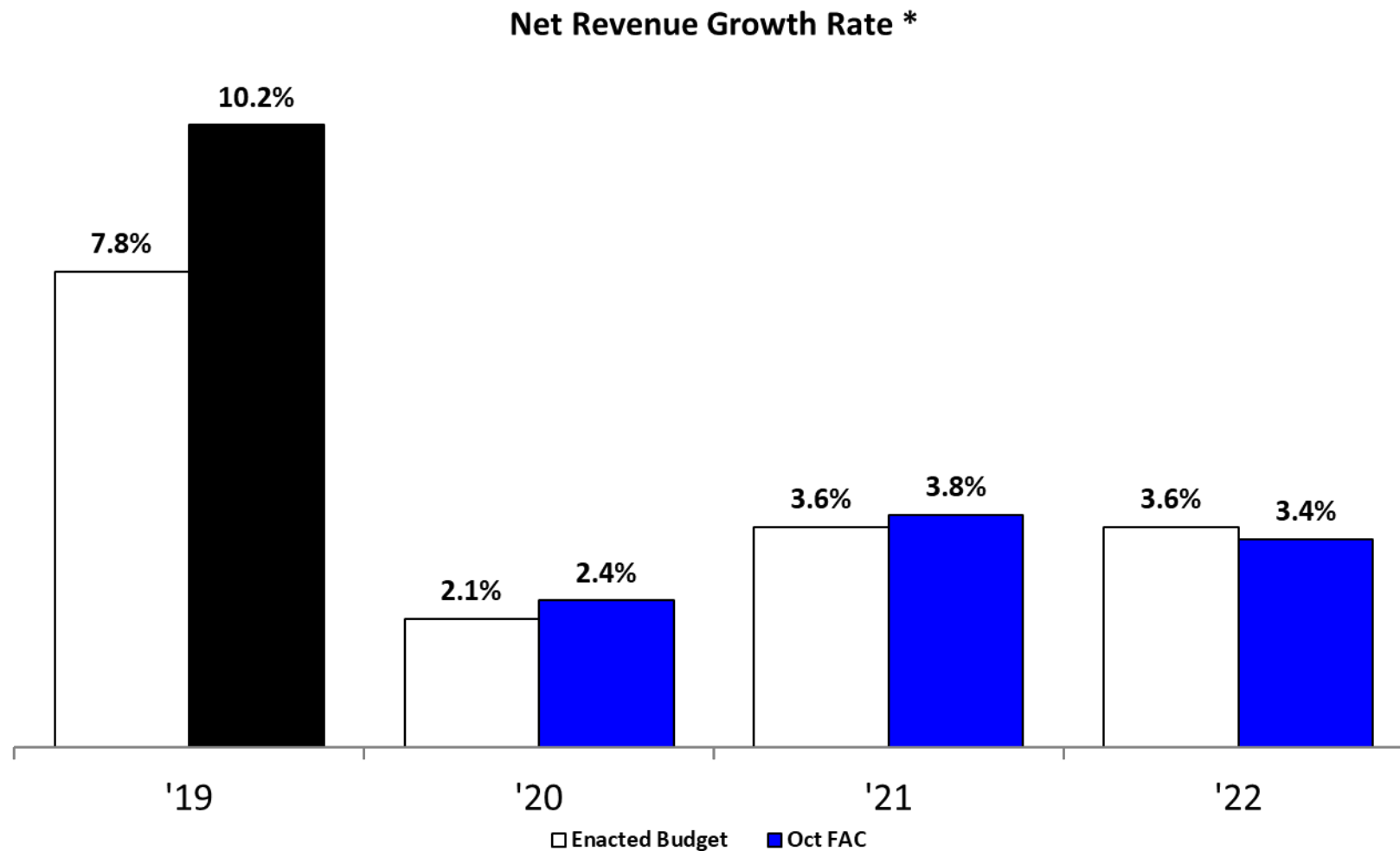
## - '19 Was \$248 M Above Budget

	<u>% Growth Above Prior Year</u>		<u>'20 +/- Forecast (\$ M)</u>
	<u>'19 Actual</u>	<u>'20 YTD</u>	
Sales	6.5%	6.9%	\$ 34
Individual Income	10.2	9.4	76
Corporate Income	37.9	10.6	45
Insurance Premium	7.9	5.8	6
Other	26.4	32.4	13
Overall *	10.2%	8.6%	\$ 174

\* Revenues exclude beginning balance, fund transfers and Urban Revenue Sharing  
YTD = Year to Date through September.

# '19 Actuals Above Enacted Budget

## - Primary Reason for Projected Surplus



\*Excludes Balance Forward, Budgeted Fund Transfers and URS

# Baseline Spending Projected To Decrease by \$(286) M

'21 Ongoing Spending Changes	
	<u>\$ in M</u>
ADE – K12 Formula	453
AHCCCS – Medicaid Formula	169
DES – Medicaid Formula	61
SFB – Debt Service Savings	(65)
2010B Payoff – Debt Service Savings	<u>(24)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>594</b>

<b>Total Spending Changes</b>	<b>\$(286) M</b>
<b>Total Spending</b>	<b>\$11,570 M</b>
<b>% Change</b>	<b>(2.4)%</b>

'21 One-Time Spending Additions/Deletions	
	<u>\$ in M</u>
Fund 27th Pay Period In FY 21	80
FY 20 BSF Deposit	(271)
2010B Sale/Leaseback Payoff	(190)
Transportation Funding	(77)
ADE – Shift DAA/CAA to Ongoing	(68)
ADE – Prop 301 Bridge Savings	(50)
DWR – DCP Funding/Other	(53)
SFB – Fewer New Buildings	(33)
Recurring One-Time Spending	(172)
Other Agency Spending	(41)
Capital Projects	<u>(5)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(880)</b>



# Available Ongoing and One-Time Balances

- Excludes \$1 B Rainy Day Fund

	(\$ in M)
	<u>October Baseline</u>
Ongoing Balance	170
One-Time Balance	475

- ☐ Prior to planning targets, projected '21 ending balance is \$694 M.  
Of that amount:
- ☐ Up to \$170 M is available for ongoing objectives
  - Higher \$ level would create '22 shortfall
- ☐ \$475 M is available for one time purposes
- ☐ \$50 M is set aside as an uncommitted cash balance

# Options for One-Time Spending

## - Retaining “Recurring” One-Time Initiatives

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<u>Multi-Year One-Times</u>	<u>(\$ in M)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> SFB Building Repair Grants	63
<input type="checkbox"/> University Spending	35
<input type="checkbox"/> DJC/Maricopa & Pima Contributions	8
<input type="checkbox"/> State Employee Health Insurance	11
Total	<hr/> 117
<u>New One-Times in '20</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Community College Rural Funding	14
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Trust Fund Deposit	15
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Transportation Funding	18
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	8
Total	<hr/> 55

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# Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association

*Greg Ensell, AzHHA*

# 2020 Legislative Session

- Advance major AzHHA legislative initiatives
  - Healthcare Workforce Development
    - Graduate Medical Education
    - Rural rotations
  - AHCCCS hospital rate increase/hospital assessment
  - Protect Medicaid DSH Pool 5 from cuts or sweeps
- Ensure favorable outcomes on issues of concern
  - Behavioral health
  - Health insurance
  - Rural trauma care
  - Tobacco/Vaping
  - Vaccination

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# **The Arizona Council of Human Service Providers**

*Bahney Dedolph*

# 2019 Session Highlights

- KidsCare freeze removed
- Behavioral health in schools funding
- GME (10M for rural) and Student Loan Repayment (1.75M)
- Allows 18-20 year olds to work in outpatient BH settings
- 15.3M to Housing Trust Fund, 3.5 M for SMI resistant to treatment
- Health care data repository
- HB2569: Occupational Licensing; Reciprocity
- School Suicide Prevention Training and Veteran Suicide Report
- SB1535: AHCCCS; OTP; Requirements



# 2019 Good Bills that Died

- AHCCCS Chiropractic Coverage
- AHCCCS Pregnant Women Dental Care
- Syringe Service Programs
- 211 Appropriation
- Nursing Shortage Pilot Program
- Sexual Orientation Conversion Therapy Prohibition
- Rural Health Providers Tax Credit

# 2020 Council Legislative Agenda

- Support legislation for funding a single statewide 211 Community Information and Referral line
- Support continuation funding for behavioral health services in schools
- Support restoration of the Housing Trust Fund
- Support syringe access legislation
- Support legislation to ensure ease of colocation of physical and behavioral health services
- Support legislation related to access to behavioral health care

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# Arizona Public Health Association

*Will Humble, AZPHA*

# Vaping Control



## HB 2357 Electronic Cigarettes

- Would have classified vaping products in the same category as tobacco
- Vape pens would be subject to the same laws and rules that govern sales and use (e.g. vaping would be covered under the Smoke Free Arizona Act)
- Would have allowed cities and towns to impose their own stricter regulations.
- Would have kept the sale age at 18 (rather than 21 which would be ideal) but it would still allow communities to adopt and keep their own ordinances

# Oral Health



## **SB 1088 Dental Care During Pregnancy**

- Would have expanded AHCCCS covered services to include preventative dental coverage during pregnancy
- Good oral health improves birth outcomes including reducing pre-term birth while also preventing the transmission of caries from mom to infant after birth
- Periodontal disease costs the state \$29M in the first year from low birth weight births because of periodontal disease compared with only \$2.6M for a similar number of non pre-term birth

# Injury Prevention



## HB 2718 Syringe Services Programs

- This bill would have decriminalized syringe access programs, currently a class 6 felony
- To qualify, programs would have needed to list their services including disposal of used needles, injection supplies, and access to kits that contain an opioid antagonist
- We'll try again next year



# Access to Care



## • **SB 1354 Graduate Medical Education & Loan Repayment**

- The final budget did make some investments that were included in this bill, but not all
- This bill would have done a great deal both in the short-term by substantially boosting the primary care loan repayment program and really enhancing graduate medical education residencies over the coming years
- Residency location is critical as it influences where practitioners ultimately practice

# Native American Health



## **SB 1355 Native American Dental Care**

- This bill would have required AHCCCS to seek federal authorization to reimburse the Indian Health Services and tribal facilities to cover the cost of adult dental services

# Physical Activity



## **SB1399 School Health Pilot Program**

- Would have charged the ADE with conducting a 3-year physical and health education professional development pilot program
- Would have improved the ability of physical and health educators in this state to provide high quality physical and health education
- Goal was to improve student health and reducing Arizona health care cost containment 10 system and other health-related costs



# Other Opportunities from Last Year



- [SB 1363](#) Tobacco Product Sales (Tobacco 21) (Carter)
- [HB 2162](#) Vaccine Personal Exemptions (Hernandez)
- [HB 2352](#) School Nurse and Immunization Postings (Butler)
- [HB 2172](#) Rear Facing Car Seats (Bolding)
- [HB 2246](#) Motorcycle Helmets (Frieze)
- [SB 1219](#) Domestic Violence Offenses & Firearm Transfer
- [HB 2247](#) Bump Stocks (Frieze)
- [HB 2248](#) Firearm Sales (Frieze)
- [HB 2161](#) Order of Protection (Hernandez)
- [SB 1119](#) Tanning Studios (Mendez)
- [HB 2347](#) Medicaid Buy-in (Butler)
- [HB 2351](#) Medical Services Study Committee (Butler)

# Bad Things to Look Out For



## • [HB 2470](#) **Vaccination Religious Exemptions**

- Would have added an additional exemption to the school vaccine requirements into state law

## • [HB 2472](#) **Vaccinations- Antibody Titer**

- Would have mandated that doctors inform parents and guardians that antibody titer tests are an option in lieu of receiving a vaccination and that there are exemptions available for the state requirements for attending school

## • [HB 2471](#) **Informed Consent**

- Would have added a requirement that physicians provide parents a full vaccine package insert for each vaccine administered (physicians already provide a Vaccine Information Summary to parents)



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Krista R. Cardenas, MPH, will provide an overview of Arizona Common Ground and share her expertise in connecting public health practice with policy.



# Questions?

# Thanks for your participation

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