

Revised: June 12, 2026

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
SECOND MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**June 16-18, 2026
Central New Mexico Community College
WORKforce Training Center
5600 Eagle Rock Avenue NE
Albuquerque**

Tuesday, June 16

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, Chair
—Senator Linda M. López, Vice Chair
- 9:15 a.m. (1) **[Welcome to Central New Mexico Community College \(CNM\)](#)**
—Tracy Hartzler, President, CNM
—Annette Chavez y De La Cruz, Chair, Governing Board, CNM
- 9:30 a.m. (2) **[Recap of Health and Human Services Legislation Passed During the 2026 Legislative Session](#)**
—Zander Dawson, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
—Ian Keller, Staff Attorney, LCS
- 10:00 a.m. (3) **[Legislative Finance Committee \(LFC\) Performance Measures and Reporting](#)**
—Helen Gaussoin, Principal Analyst, LFC
- 10:45 a.m. (4) **[LFC Post-Session Budget Review](#)**
—Emily Hilla, Fiscal Analyst, LFC
—Eric Chenier, M.P.A., Principal Analyst, LFC
—Carlie Malone, J.D., Ph.D., Fiscal Analyst II, LFC
- 12:45 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 2:00 p.m. (5) **[Disengaged Youth Action Plan](#)**
—Josh Chaffin, M.A.I.A., Program Evaluator, LFC
—Sarah Dinces, Ph.D., Program Evaluator III, LFC
- 3:30 p.m. (6) **[Behavioral Health Costs and Utilization](#)**
—Matt Goodlaw, Program Evaluator, LFC

4:15 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, June 17

9:00 a.m. (7) **From Pathways to Practice: CNM's Role in Advancing Behavioral Health Workforce Solutions**

—Joy Forehand, Vice President of Workforce and Community Success, CNM

—Amelia Milazzo, Senior Director of Programs, CNM

10:30 a.m. (8) **Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce**

—Mariela Ruiz-Angel, M.S.W., M.B.A.

—Ali Sillas, Director, Youth Behavioral Health and Wellbeing, Future Focused Education

—Javier Benavidez, Executive Director, Coalition for a Safer Albuquerque

11:45 a.m. **Public Comment***

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. (9) **University of New Mexico (UNM) Health Sciences Center Update**

—Michael Richards, M.D., M.P.A., Executive Vice President, UNM Health Sciences Center; Chief Executive Officer (CEO), UNM Health System

2:30 p.m. (10) **Affordable and Accessible Housing Initiatives**

—Monet Silva, Executive Director, New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness

—Rachel Biggs, CEO, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Inc.

3:30 p.m. (11) **Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) Update**

—TBD

4:30 p.m. (12) **Medicaid Concerns in Intensive Outpatient Programs**

—Daniel Duhigg, D.O.

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Thursday, June 18

9:00 a.m. (13) **Solutions to Address Hospital and Independent Medical Practice Administrative Costs**

—Miriam Laugesen, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

—Julius L. Chen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

- 10:15 a.m. (14) [Transitioning the Medicaid Fee Model](#)
—Michael K. Gusmano, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Population Health, College of Health, Lehigh University
- 11:30 a.m. (15) [Safety in Recovery Housing Settings](#)
—Kurt D. Lebeck, M.A., M.S.W., L.M.S.W, Executive Director and President, New Mexico Society of Addiction Medicine
- 12:30 p.m. (16) [Presbyterian Health Plan Update](#)
—Heather Thiltgen, President, Presbyterian Health Plan
—Ines Vigil, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., F.A.C.P.M., Vice President of Healthcare Value, Presbyterian Health Plan
- 1:00 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 1:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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