

Revised: August 20, 2026

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

**August 18-21, 2026
McKinley County Courthouse
207 West Hill Avenue
Gallup**

Tuesday, August 18 — Joint Meeting with the Federal Funding Stabilization and Affordability Subcommittee (FFSAS)

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, Chair
—Senator Linda M. López, Vice Chair
- 10:15 a.m. (1) **Government Results and Opportunity Fund Evaluation Process**
—Sarah Dinces, Program Evaluator III, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC)
—Simon Miller, Performance Analyst, Department of Finance and Administration
- 11:45 a.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (2) **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Workforce Outcomes**
—Allegra Hernandez, Senior Fiscal Analyst, LFC
—Lily Earnest, Intern, LFC
- 2:30 p.m. (3) **Status Update on the LFC Progress Report for the New Mexico Health Exchange (BeWell New Mexico)**
—Elizabeth Dodson, Program Evaluator, LFC
—Danielle Ceballes, Program Evaluator, LFC
- 4:00 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, August 19 — Joint Meeting with the FFSAS

- 9:30 a.m. (4) **Health Care Authority (HCA) Updates on the 2025 Federal Budget Reconciliation Bill, the Health Care Affordability Fund and the Rural Health Transition**
—Alanna Dancis, Medicaid Director, HCA
—DeAnna Stock, Director, Health Care Coverage and Expansion, HCA

- 10:45 a.m. (5) [**Food Insecurity Update**](#)
—RubyAnn Esquibel, Principal Analyst, LFC
—Jill Dixon, Executive Director, The Food Depot
—Katy Anderson, Vice President, Strategy, Partnerships and Advocacy,
Roadrunner Food Bank
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (6) [**Revenue Maximization Opportunities for New Mexico**](#)
—Alissa Narode, Associate Manager, Public Consulting Group
—Matt Reidy, Senior Project Manager, Public Consulting Group
- 1:30 p.m. (7) [**2030 Census: Opportunities and Impacts**](#)
—Robert Rhatigan, Director, Geospatial and Population Studies, University
of New Mexico (UNM)
- 2:15 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 2:30 p.m. **Recess**

Thursday, August 20

- 9:45 a.m. (8) [**Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services Update**](#)
—TBD
- 10:45 a.m. (9) [**Navajo Technical University Nursing Program Update**](#)
—Emmeline Thompson, M.S.N., R.N., Interim Director and Assistant
Professor, Navajo Technical University Nursing Program
—Michelle Kahn-John (Diné), Ph.D., R.N., Program Consultant, Navajo
Technical University Nursing Program
—Casmir I. Agbaraji, Ph.D., Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Navajo
Technical University
- 11:45 a.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (10) [**UNM-Gallup Health Care Workforce Programs**](#)
—TBD
- 2:00 p.m. (11) [**Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act Regional
Implementation: Behavioral Health Region 11**](#)
—Evan Williams, Executive Director, Northwest New Mexico Council of
Governments

- 3:00 p.m. (12) [Alcohol Harms Alleviation Coalition Update](#)
—Joanne J. Ferrary, Former State Representative, District 37
—Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
—Jennifer Wei, M.D., M.P.H., Gallup Alcohol Task Force, Alcohol Harms Alleviation Coalition
—Sindy Bolanos-Sacomán, Co-Director, Alcohol Harms Alleviation Coalition

4:00 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, August 21

- 9:30 a.m. (13) [New Mexico Medical Board Oversight and Implementation of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact](#)
—Harry Rommel, Legislative Health and Human Services Committee Fiscal Analyst, LFC
—Karen Carson, M.D., F.A.A.P., Chair, New Mexico Medical Board
—Monique Parks, Interim Executive Director and Director of Operations, New Mexico Medical Board

- 11:00 a.m. (14) [Community Action Agency Update](#)
—Dawn Hommer, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico
—James Shiplet, CEO, Mid-West New Mexico Community Action Program
—Della Purgerson, Community Services Block Grant Administrative Manager, Mid-West New Mexico Community Action Program
—Terri Laughlin, Community Services Block Grant Coordinator, Mid-West New Mexico Community Action Program
—Alberto Zavala, Healthy Kids Healthy Preschool Program Manager, Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico

- 12:00 noon (15) [Access to Justice](#)
—Therese E. Yanan, Executive Director, Native American Disability Law Center

1:00 p.m. **Public Comment***

1:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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