

Revised: September 2, 2025

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

**September 10-12, 2025
Villanueva Victory Club
Stan Fulton Athletic Center
New Mexico State University
1815 Wells Street
Las Cruces**

Wednesday, September 10

- 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) **New Mexico State University (NMSU) Program Updates**
 —Alexa Doig, Ph.D., R.N., Director, School of Nursing, NMSU
 —Rick Marlatt, Dean, College of Health, Education and Social
 Transformation, NMSU
- 10:45 a.m. (2) **Food Security**
 —RubyAnn Esquibel, Principal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee
 (LFC)
 —Alma Kassim, Program Evaluator, LFC
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 1:30 p.m. (3) **LFC Program Evaluations**
 A. Pre-Kindergarten
 —Sarah Rovang, Program Evaluator, LFC
 —Ryan Tolman, Ph.D., Program Evaluator, LFC
 B. School Lunches
 —Josh Chaffin, Program Evaluator, LFC
 —Ryan Tolman, Ph.D., Program Evaluator, LFC
- 3:00 p.m. (4) **LifeHouse: An Update on Providing Behavioral Health Services in a
Rural Setting**
 —Philip Huston, Executive Director, Carlsbad LifeHouse, Inc.
- 4:00 p.m. **Recess**

Thursday, September 11

- 9:00 a.m. (5) [Welcome to NMSU](#)
—Valerio Ferme, President, NMSU
- 9:30 a.m. (6) [Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine \(BCOM\) Update](#)
—John L. Hummer, Co-Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer, BCOM
- 10:30 a.m. (7) [Opioid Settlement Funds: Dona Ana County](#)
—Jamie Michael, Director, Health and Human Services, Dona Ana County
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (8) [New Mexico Dental Association](#)
—Tom Schripsema, D.D.S., Executive Director, New Mexico Dental Association
- 2:00 p.m. (9) [Hospital Finance 101](#)
—Harry Rommel, Ph.D., Fiscal Analyst, LFC
- 3:30 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 4:00 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, September 12

- 9:00 a.m. (10) [Early Childhood Accountability Report](#)
—Allegra Hernandez, Ph.D., Fiscal Analyst, LFC
—Garrett Moseley, Program Evaluator, LFC
- 10:30 a.m. (11) [Head Start Programs in Southern New Mexico](#)
—Patricia Grovey Evans, President, New Mexico Head Start Association
—Casey Lafferty, Director, Head Start Collaboration Office, Early Childhood Education and Care Department
- 11:30 a.m. (12) [New Mexico Health Care Expenditures Data Needs](#)
—Suzan Reagan, Senior Program Manager, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of New Mexico
—Kramer Winingham, D.E.D., Program Director, Arrowhead Center, NMSU
- 12:30 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

*Members of the public may make virtual public comments during the public comment period of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Additional Information" section of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee [web page](#).