

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

**June 5-7, 2024  
University of New Mexico  
Lobo Rainforest Building, Collaboration Space  
101 Broadway Boulevard NE  
Albuquerque**

**Wednesday, June 5**

- 8:45 a.m.           **Call to Order and Introductions**  
—Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Chair, Legislative Health and Human  
Services Committee (LHHS)  
—Representative Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, Vice Chair, LHHS
- 8:45 a.m.           (1) [\*\*Welcome to the University of New Mexico \(UNM\)\*\*](#)  
—TBD
- 9:00 a.m.           (2) [\*\*Child Welfare 101\*\*](#)  
—Rachel Mercer-Garcia, Principal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee  
(LFC)  
—Nathan Eckberg, Esq., Senior Fiscal Analyst, LFC
- 10:30 a.m.          (3) [\*\*TBD\*\*](#)
- 11:30 a.m.           **Public Comment\***
- 12:00 noon           **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.           (4) [\*\*Court Appointed Special Advocate Program \(CASA\) Update\*\*](#)  
—Veronica Montano-Pilch, Executive Director, New Mexico CASA  
Association
- 2:00 p.m.           (5) [\*\*New Mexico Child Advocacy Networks \(NMCAN\)\*\*](#)  
—Lorilynn Violanta, Co-Executive Director, NMCAN
- 3:00 p.m.           **Recess**

## **Thursday, June 6**

- 9:00 a.m.           **Reconvene**
- 9:00 a.m.       (6)    **Best Practices for Child Welfare Systems**  
—Joseph E. Ribsam Jr., Director, Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice  
Policy, The Annie E. Casey Foundation
- 10:00 a.m.       (7)    **Advocating for and Providing Services to Children and Families**  
—Krisztina Udvardi, M.B.A., President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO),  
All Faiths Children's Advocacy Center  
—Tania Valdez, Chief Operations Officer, All Faiths Children's Advocacy  
Center
- 11:00 a.m.       (8)    **Children's Trust Fund**  
—Kim Straus, Member, Children's Trust Fund Board of Trustees
- 12:00 noon           **Public Comment\***
- 12:15 p.m.           **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.       (9)    **Update: Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)**  
—Teresa Casados, Secretary, CYFD
- 4:00 p.m.           **Recess**

## **Friday, June 7**

- 9:00 a.m.           **Reconvene**
- 9:00 a.m.       (10) **Kevin S. Update**  
—Sara Crecca, Esq.  
—George Davis, M.D.  
—Bette Fleishman, Executive Director, Pegasus Legal Services for Children  
—Gary D. Housepian, CEO, Disability Rights New Mexico  
—Therese Yanan, Executive Director, Native American Disability Law  
Center
- 10:30 a.m.       (11) **Community Services**  
—Robert Chavez, M.A., CEO, Youth Development, Inc.  
—Sara Penn, L.M.S.W., Chief Programs Officer, New Day
- 11:30 a.m.           **Public Comment\***
- 12:00 noon           **Lunch**

1:00 p.m.            **Brainstorming Session**

1:30 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 "Virtual Public Comment" section of the LHHS [web page](#).