

2017 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
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and
DISABILITIES CONCERNS SUBCOMMITTEE

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Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHS) and Subcommittees

The LHHS is a permanent joint committee of the legislature created pursuant to Section 2-13-1 NMSA 1978 and is responsible for studying the programs, agencies, policies and needs relating to health and human services, in addition to programs and services for children, families and the aging population. The Disabilities Concerns Subcommittee (DCS) is a permanent subcommittee of the LHHS, created pursuant to Section 2-13-3.1 NMSA 1978, and the Behavioral Health Subcommittee (BHS) was established by the New Mexico Legislative Council on June 5, 2017.

Work Plan

The topics that the LHHS proposes to cover during the 2017 interim are as follows.

Health and Human Services Agencies

The LHHS proposes to continue its review of the work of the state's health and human services agencies: the Department of Health; the Human Services Department (HSD); the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD); the Aging and Long-Term Services Department; the Corrections Department; and other agencies, boards and commissions with health and human services functions.

Medicaid

The LHHS proposes to continue its review of the many services and programs covered under the state's Medicaid program and the status of coverage expanded under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The LHHS proposes to review the possibility of federal changes to Medicaid matching funds, Medicaid provider reimbursement changes, provider networks and other matters relating to recipients' access to services.

The HSD is proposing a new Centennial Care Medicaid managed care waiver for approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The LHHS proposes to review the proposal and the public's input.

The LHHS proposes to continue to review Medicaid's role in a number of programs, such as home visiting, long-term services, supportive housing and other health coverage and health care delivery innovations.

Aging

The LHHS proposes to continue to examine matters relating to the state's long-term care facilities and home- and community-based long-term services. This review includes nutrition, transportation and other programs that are experiencing cuts.

Children and Families

The LHHS proposes to review the policies and programs of the CYFD, including child protective services, lay and foster caregiver supports, juvenile justice, child care assistance and supports for families. The LHHS proposes to focus on the effect of, and interventions to address, domestic violence statewide. The LHHS proposes to receive testimony from other local and national agencies, programs and organizations whose work entails researching the needs of and serving families and children and to review reports.

Health Coverage

The LHHS proposes to receive updates relating to the state's private health coverage market, including the effects of proposed state rules and changes to federal law. The LHHS proposes to continue to review the availability and cost of health insurance benefits, network adequacy, carrier practices and consumer rights.

The LHHS proposes to examine the administration of state agency health coverage programs, including the Interagency Benefits Advisory Committee's joint purchasing on behalf of state employees and retirees. The committee intends to review proposals to further consolidate some purchasing and expand coverage.

Human Services

The LHHS proposes to review programs and services relating to nutrition, housing, financial assistance, employment programs and the administration of human services programs statewide. This review includes updates on the *Deborah Hatten Gonzales* case relating to the HSD's administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Health Care Workforce

The LHHS proposes to continue its review of the state's health care workforce, including receiving testimony from the state's Health Care Work Force Work Group and reviewing "pipeline" programs that seek to expand the number of new health care workers.

In light of recent legislation, the LHHS proposes to review proposals to expand some health professionals' scopes of practice and to merge some health professional licensure and oversight boards.

Indian Health and Human Services

The LHHS proposes to hold a joint meeting with the Indian Affairs Committee to review matters of common interest, including long-term care, health disparities and sexual assault and domestic violence prevention.

Behavioral Health

The LHHS and the BHS propose to review the state's capacity to meet the demand for behavioral health services statewide through private, Medicaid and non-Medicaid state agency behavioral health coverage and programs for adults and children.

The LHHS and the BHS propose to focus considerably on the ongoing substance use disorder crisis statewide and the incidence and available treatment options for other major behavioral health conditions.

Disabilities Concerns

The DCS proposes to continue its review of issues relating to public and private disability rights, supports, services and employment. In addition, the subcommittee proposes to review recent proposals to change laws relating to the protection of residents and their property.

**Legislative Health and Human Services Committee,
Disabilities Concerns Subcommittee and
Behavioral Health Subcommittee
2017 Approved Meeting Schedule**

Legislative Health and Human Services Committee

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 16	State Capitol, Room 311, Santa Fe
July 17-18	Roswell
September 6-7	Truth or Consequences/ Las Cruces
September 20-22	Albuquerque
October 4	Standing Rock Chapter (Joint meeting with the Indian Affairs Committee)
October 16-17	State Capitol, Room 322, Santa Fe
October 18	State Capitol, Room 322, Santa Fe (Joint meeting with the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee)
October 25	State Capitol, Room 321, Santa Fe
November 1-3	State Capitol, Room 317, Santa Fe
November 16-17	State Capitol, Room 307, Santa Fe

Disabilities Concerns Subcommittee

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 3	Albuquerque
September 29	Albuquerque
October 11	Albuquerque (Southwest Conference on Disability)

Behavioral Health Subcommittee

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 16	State Capitol, Room 311, Santa Fe
August 25	Albuquerque
September 8	Las Cruces
October 24	State Capitol, Room 321, Santa Fe