

Revised: August 29, 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, Program Evaluator, LFC  
                          **B. School Lunches**  
                          —Josh Chaffin, Program Evaluator, LFC  
                          —Ryan Tolman, 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, 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, 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

12:00 noon           **Public Comment\***

12:15 p.m.           **Adjourn**

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