

MINUTES
of the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 28-30, 2023
University of New Mexico
Comprehensive Cancer Center, Auditorium
1201 Camino de Salud NE
Albuquerque

The fourth meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee was called to order by Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino, chair, on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 8:58 a.m. in the auditorium of the University of New Mexico (UNM) Comprehensive Cancer Center in Albuquerque.

Present

Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Chair
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, Vice Chair
Rep. Eleanor Chávez
Rep. Pamelya Herndon
Sen. Martin Hickey
Rep. Jenifer Jones (8/28, 8/29)
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

Absent

Sen. David M. Gallegos

Advisory Members

Rep. John Block
Rep. Kathleen Cates (8/28, 8/29)
Rep. Gail Chasey
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Rep. Miguel P. García
Rep. Tara Jaramillo (8/28)
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Rep. Stefani Lord
Rep. Tara L. Lujan (8/28, 8/29)
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Sen. Harold Pope
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez (8/28, 8/29)
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics (8/28)
Sen. Bill Tallman
Rep. Harlan Vincent

Sen. Katy M. Duhigg
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Gregg Schmedes
Rep. Reena Szczepanski

(Attendance dates are noted for those members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Zander Dawson, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Andrea Lazarow, Bill Drafter, LCS
Grace Balderamos, Staff, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Monday, August 28**Welcome and Introductions (8:58 a.m.)**

Senator Ortiz y Pino welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members of the committee and staff introduced themselves.

Welcome to UNM (9:02 a.m.)

Yolanda Sanchez, Ph.D., professor, Department of Internal Medicine, UNM School of Medicine, and director and chief executive officer (CEO), UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center, and James Holloway, Ph.D., provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, UNM, gave an overview of the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center, including its mission and research. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%201%20CCC.pdf>.

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) Plans and Initiatives (9:38 a.m.)

Teresa Casados, acting secretary, CYFD; Julie Sakura, chief general counsel, CYFD; and Sarah Meadows, bureau chief, Research, Assessment and Data Bureau, CYFD, presented about the CYFD's plans and initiatives regarding social security benefits, children's in-office stays at the department, receiving centers and family resource centers. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%202%20CYFD.pdf>.

CYFD Program Updates (10:45 a.m.)

Ms. Casados, Ms. Sakura and Ms. Meadows updated the committee about the CYFD's *Kevin S.* settlement initiatives, the department's structural changes, agency collaborations and the digital Foster Parent Resource Hub. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%202%20CYFD.pdf>.

Public Comment (11:49 a.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Prenatal and Postnatal Care and the Generational Approach (1:04 p.m.)

Larry Leeman, M.D., professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine and Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UNM School of Medicine (UNM SOM), and medical director, Milagro Program, UNM Health System; Kate McCalmont, M.D., associate professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, UNM SOM, and medical director, FOCUS Clinic, UNM Health System; Chloe Stoffel, D.O., F.A.A.P., assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics, and medical director, Averting Disparities in Outcomes by Building Engagement Program, UNM SOM; Rebecca Girardet, M.D., professor, Department of Pediatrics, UNM SOM; co-director, UNM Institute of Resilience, Health and Justice; lead convener, Child Health Grand Challenge, UNM; and medical director, Para Los Niños, UNM Health System; and Gillian Burkhardt, M.D., associate professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UNM SOM; former board president, New Mexico Perinatal Collaborative; and member, Maternal Mortality Review Committee, discussed how intergenerational trauma-informed health care services and behavioral health services for pregnant people, postpartum people and children who have been impacted by substance abuse and complex trauma can improve health care equity in New Mexico. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=8/28/2023&ItemNumber=4>.

Substitute Care Advisory Council Update (2:55 p.m.)

Shelly Bucher, director, Substitute Care Advisory Council, presented about the Substitute Care Advisory Council's purpose, structure and history and citizen participation in the council. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%205%20NMSCAC.pdf>.

Child Welfare Advocates (4:08 p.m.)

Maralyn Beck, M.P.S., executive director, New Mexico Child First Network; Jason Espinoza, CEO, KW Counseling, LLC; Erika Poindexter, attorney at law; and Matthew Beck,

attorney at law, presented about the New Mexico Child First Network, CYFD reform efforts and a review of legislative efforts from the 2023 legislative session. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%206%20NM%20Child%20First.pdf>.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 5:11 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 8:34 a.m.

Advocating for and Providing Services to Children and Families (8:34 a.m.)

Krisztina Udvardi, M.B.A., president and CEO, All Faiths Children's Advocacy Center, and Tania Valdez, chief operations officer, All Faiths Children's Advocacy Center, explained the role of a family advocate and discussed measures that the legislature can take to collaborate with state and federal agencies to create new services and improve current services for children and families who have experienced trauma.

The Lived Experience of People in the Child Welfare System (9:28 a.m.)

Veronica Krupnick, leadership analyst, House Majority Office; vice president, Board of Directors, Court-Appointed Special Advocates, First Judicial District; senior member, National Foster Youth and Alumni Policy Council; co-chair of Training Committee, New Mexico Partners; and Indian Child Welfare Act Subcommittee lead, National Child Welfare and Racial Equity Collaborative; Queva Hubbard, certified peer support worker and parent mentor coordinator, New Mexico Family Advocacy Program; Takkeem Morgan, founder, Mosaic ParentHub; and Rebecca Louve Yao, executive director, National Foster Youth Institute, shared their personal experiences as children and parents in the child welfare system. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%208%20Redefining%20Rescue.pdf>.

Office of Family Representation and Advocacy (OFRA) (10:51 a.m.)

Beth A. Gillia, J.D., M.A., executive director, OFRA, and John Davis, Oversight Commission, OFRA, and retired district court judge, Thirteenth Judicial District, discussed how the OFRA provides legal representation and advocacy for children and families who have experienced child abuse and child neglect.

Public Comment (11:46 a.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Working Lunch: Brainstorming Session (12:14 p.m.)

Senator Ortiz y Pino led the committee in a brainstorming session focused on potential legislation that could address the issues presented to the committee.

Children's Trust Fund (1:42 p.m.)

Marg Elliston, vice chair, Children's Trust Fund Board of Trustees, and Kim Straus, member, Children's Trust Fund Board of Trustees, provided an overview of the Children's Trust Fund's grantees and the Children's Trust Fund Board of Trustees' marketing campaigns and legislative requests. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=8/28/2023&ItemNumber=10>.

Empowering Families Experiencing Homelessness Through Holistic Delivery of Wraparound Services (2:15 p.m.)

Jeff Hoehn, executive director, Cuidando Los Niños, and Michelle Saenz-Adames, Ph.D., CEO, Jardin de los Niños, presented about wraparound services for victims of adverse childhood experiences and their families, including individualizing services for families' unique needs, providing on-site behavioral and mental health services and supporting a trauma-informed workforce. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%2011%20Empowering%20Homeless%20Families.pdf>.

New Mexico Child Advocacy Networks (NMCAN) (3:11 p.m.)

Alyssa Davis, youth leader, NMCAN; Q. Martine, youth leader, NMCAN; Ashley Varela, senior advancement associate, NMCAN; and Lorilynn Violanta, co-executive director, NMCAN, presented about NMCAN's mission and programs and shared their personal experiences with NMCAN. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%2012%20NMCAN.pdf>.

Early Support for Bright Futures (3:58 p.m.)

Allyson Rhatigan, parent advocate and parent representative, Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program, Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC), Early Intervention Services Division, Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD), and Kristin Mora, parent advocate and parent representative, FIT Program, ICC, Early Intervention Services Division, ECECD, presented about the ECECD's FIT Program and shared their families' personal experiences with the ICC. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%2013%20Bright%20Futures.pdf>.

Approval of Minutes (4:42 p.m.)

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, and without any objections, the committee approved the minutes of the August 7-9, 2023 meeting.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:43 p.m.

Wednesday, August 30**Reconvene**

The meeting reconvened at 9:06 a.m.

UNM Health System (9:06 a.m.)

Douglas Ziedonis, M.D., M.P.H., executive vice president, UNM Health Sciences Center, and CEO, UNM Health System, gave an update about the UNM Health System's programs and research. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%2014%20UNM%20HSC.pdf>

UNM School of Public Health (10:37 a.m.)

Tracie C. Collins, M.D., M.P.H., M.H.C.D.S., dean, College of Population Health, UNM Health Sciences Center, gave an update about the UNM School of Public Health, including its creation, programs and goals for the future. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%2015%20UNM%20Pop%20Health.pdf>

Working Lunch: Brainstorming Session (11:59 a.m.)

Senator Ortiz y Pino led the committee in a brainstorming session focused on potential legislation that could address the issues presented to the committee.

Public Comment (1:13 p.m.)

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Issues Affecting Nurses (1:45 p.m.)

Marion Deming, R.N.; Anna Cibils, R.N.; and Megan Cundy, patient care technician, shared their personal experiences as health care workers. They discussed staff-to-patient ratios, health care worker burnout and legislation that other states have passed to address health care worker shortages. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%2016%20Safe%20Staffing.pdf>

Issues Affecting Medical Residents (2:36 p.m.)

Mingma L. Sherpa, M.D., M.S.; Emmeline Friedman, M.D., and Destinie Marquez, M.D., shared their personal experiences as medical residents in the UNM Health System,

including why they want to practice medicine in New Mexico. They discussed how New Mexico can appeal to out-of-state physicians as a desirable place to practice. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20082823%20Item%2017%20Residents.pdf>.

Making the Sequential Intercept Model a Reality in New Mexico (3:32 p.m.)

Connie Elizabeth Vigil, behavioral health master plan coordinator, Bernalillo County Behavioral Health Committee, and president, Greater Albuquerque Business Alliance; Karl Swanson, J.D., deputy district attorney, Office of the Second Judicial District Attorney; and Laura Carlisle, O.T./L., board member, National Alliance on Mental Illness, and behavioral health specialist, Bernalillo County Behavioral Health Committee, explained the sequential intercept model, the key stages at each intercept and how the model can be implemented as a strategic tool in New Mexico's criminal justice system. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=8/28/2023&ItemNumber=18>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.