

Revised: October 1, 2026

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

**September 28, 2026
Alex Sanchez Hall, Room 75
Doña Ana Community College
3400 South Espina Street
Las Cruces**

**September 29-30, 2026
Burrell College of Health Sciences
3501 Arrowhead Drive, Room 208
Las Cruces**

**October 1, 2026
Mimbres Valley Special Events Center
2300 East Pine Street
Deming**

Monday, September 28 — Las Cruces

- 9:45 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, Chair
—Senator Linda M. López, Vice Chair
- 10:00 a.m. (1) [**Welcome to the Doña Ana Community College \(DACC\) and New Mexico State University \(NMSU\)**](#)
—Mónica Torres, Ph.D., Chancellor, NMSU System Community Colleges
- 10:30 a.m. (2) [**NMSU Nursing Program and DACC Health Sciences Program Updates**](#)
—Alexa Doig, Ph.D., R.N., Director, School of Nursing, NMSU
—Andrea Cathey, Simulation Coordinator and Assistant Professor, DACC
—Josefina Carmona, Ph.D., Dean, Health Sciences Division, DACC
—Laura De La Cruz, Ed.D., Dean, Advanced Technologies Division, DACC
- 11:45 a.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (3) [Integrated Wellness Initiative](#)
—David Bearshield, Indian Health Service Coordinator, Family and Cosmetic Dental Design
—Colin A. Forde, D.D.S., Family and Cosmetic Dental Design
- 2:00 p.m. (4) [Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act Implementation Update](#)
—Harry Rommel, Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHS) Fiscal Analyst, LFC
- 2:30 p.m. (5) [Health Care Delivery and Access Act Impact on Hospitals](#)
—Harry Rommel, LHHS Fiscal Analyst, LFC
- 3:30 p.m. (6) [Mimbres Valley Medical Center Update](#)
—Duke Young, Chief Executive Officer, Mimbres Valley Medical Center
- 4:30 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, September 29 — Las Cruces

- 9:30 a.m. (7) [Burrell College of Health Sciences Update](#)
—John Hummer, President, Burrell College of Health Sciences
- 10:30 a.m. (8) [The Hazards of Heat](#)
—Charles Goodmacher, M.A., Policy Advisor, Healthy Climate New Mexico
—Ashley Proud, M.Sc., L.L.M., Executive Director, Healthy Climate New Mexico
- 11:45 a.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (9) [Update on Pharmaceutical Trends](#)
—RubyAnn Esquibel, Principal Analyst, LFC
—Harry Rommel, LHHS Fiscal Analyst, LFC
- 2:00 p.m. (10) [Expanding Clinical Pharmacy Access in Rural Areas](#)
—Melanie Dodd, Pharm.D., Ph.C., B.C.P.S., F.A.S.H.P., Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy
—Joe Anderson, Pharm.D., Ph.C., B.C.P.S., Associate Dean for Professional Curriculum, University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy

- 3:00 p.m. (11) [Families and Youth Innovations Plus Juvenile Justice Update: Community-Based Organization Perspectives and Outcomes](#)
—Logan Howard, L.M.S.W., Director of Impact and Public Policy, Families and Youth Innovations Plus
—Lisa Chavez, L.I.S.W., Chief Program Officer, Families and Youth Innovations Plus
—Denali Wilson, Policy Counsel, All Safe New Mexico

4:00 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, September 30 — Las Cruces

- 9:00 a.m. (12) [Bold Futures New Mexico Update](#)
—Micha Bitsinnie, Policy Manager, Bold Futures New Mexico
—Queva Hubbard, Community and Advocate Associate, Bold Futures New Mexico
—Miranda Chavez, Lived Experience Expert
—Candace Prendergast, Lived Experience Expert
—Brandi Sedillo, Lived Experience Expert
—Berta Aguilar, Lived Experience Expert

- 10:00 a.m. (13) [Meeting the Needs of People Experiencing Homelessness](#)
—Nicole Martinez, Executive Director, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope

- 11:00 a.m. (14) [Crisis Intervention Services](#)
—Michael Daniels, Chief, Las Cruces Fire Department
—Allison Stoner, L.C.S.W., Clinical Supervisor, Las Cruces Fire Department

12:00 noon **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (15) [Mitigating Harm in the Child Welfare System](#)
—F. Michael Hart, Attorney
—Julio C. Romero, Attorney

- 2:00 p.m. (16) [Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act Implementation Update: Behavioral Health Region 3](#)
—Athena Huckaby, M.P.H., Special Project Manager, Health and Human Services, Doña Ana County

3:00 p.m. **Public Comment***

3:15 p.m. **Recess**

Thursday, October 1 — Deming

9:30 a.m. (17) **Behavioral Health Updates**

- Shauna Hartley, L.C.S.W., Executive Director, Opioid Remediation Collaborative of New Mexico
- Manuel Ortega, Clinical Director, Recovery Management Center
- Gloria Jarrot, Quality Assurance Director, Recovery Management Center
- Lidia Vega Chavira, Executive Director, Desert Oasis Reentry and Wraparound Center

10:30 a.m. **Public Comment***

10:45 a.m. (18) **Meeting the Needs of Seniors in Rural New Mexico**

- Barbara Rios, Finance Manager, Deming Luna County Senior Center
- Tisha Green, County Manager, Hidalgo County
- Kelly Peterson, Commissioner, Hidalgo County Board of County Commissioners
- Aimee Essary, President, Rodeo Community Association
- Chrissy Bird, M.S.N.-Ed., R.N., C.H.P.N., Area Executive Director, Ambercare New Mexico

12:00 noon (19) **Rural Emergency Medical Services and Fire Update**

- Joe Owen, Chief, Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, City of Deming
- Pablo Montoya, Assistant County Manager, Luna County
- Joy Harrell, Chief Nursing Officer, Mimbres Valley Medical Center

1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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