

Revised: October 21, 2026

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

October 19-21, 2026
Presbyterian Rust Medical Center
2400 Unser Boulevard SE
Rio Rancho

Monday, October 19

- 9:15 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, Chair
—Senator Linda M. López, Vice Chair
- 9:30 a.m. (1) **[Aging and Long-Term Services Department \(ALTSD\) New MexiCare Update](#)**
—Emily Kaltenbach, Secretary, ALTSD
- 10:30 a.m. (2) **[Overdose Prevention Overview](#)**
—Abdullah Shhipar, M.P.H., Research Associate, Department of Epidemiology, Brown University School of Public Health
—Brandon Marshall, Royce Family Professor of Teaching Excellence and Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Brown University School of Public Health
- 11:45 a.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (3) **[Improving Regulation of the Practice of Medicine](#)**
—Robert E. Oshel, Ph.D., Former Associate Director for Research and Disputes, National Practitioner Data Bank
—Carol Cronin, Chair, Medical Board Roundtable, Patient Safety Action Network
—Dick Mason, Member, Medical Board Roundtable, Patient Safety Action Network
- 2:15 p.m. (4) **[Private Equity](#)**
—Chris Noble, Policy Director, Private Equity Stakeholder Project

- 3:30 p.m. (5) [**Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy**](#)
—Larry Leeman, M.D., University of New Mexico (UNM) Group Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy Study
—Crystal Romero, Retired Master Sergeant, United States Army; Peer Psilocybin Facilitator, UNM Group Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy Study
—Snehal Bhatt, M.D., Director of Addiction Psychiatry, UNM
—Denali Wilson, Director of Strategic Support in New Mexico, Healing Advocacy
- 4:15 p.m. (6) [**Investments in Housing Growth**](#)
—Josh Chaffin, Program Evaluator, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC)
—Alma Kassim, Program Evaluator, LFC

5:00 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, October 20

- 9:00 a.m. (7) [**Health Council Update**](#)
—Valeria Alarcón, Executive Director, New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
- 10:00 a.m. (8) [**New Mexico Dental Association Update**](#)
—Tom Schripsema, D.D.S., Executive Director, New Mexico Dental Association
- 11:00 a.m. (9) [**Reimbursement for Behavioral Health-Related Laboratory Services**](#)
—Tiffany Wynn, Ph.D., L.P.C.C., Turquoise Trail Counseling
—Orus Guerra, President and Chief Executive Officer, Southwest Labs
—Randle Adair, D.O., Ph.D., Addiction Medicine Consultant, Opioid Remediation Collaborative of New Mexico; Clinical Consultant, Southwest Labs
—Jeremy Lihte, Director, New Mexico Leaders in Recovery
—Paul Tucker, M.S., L.A.D.A.C., Owner and Founder, Turning Point Recovery Center
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (10) [**Medication-Assisted Treatment in Department of Health Offices**](#)
—John Valdez, Program Evaluator, LFC
—TBD, Department of Health

- 2:00 p.m. (11) [**Prescribing Medication-Assisted Treatment for Adults**](#)
—Eileen Barrett, M.D., M.P.H., Chair, Public Health and Safety
Advisory Committee
- 3:00 p.m. (12) [**Obesity's Impact on New Mexico's Economy and Workforce**](#)
—Tim Dall, Executive Director, Life Sciences Consulting, GlobalData
- 3:30 p.m. (13) [**Transitional Residential Rehabilitation Services**](#)
—Gay Finlayson, Education and Outreach Manager, Autism
Programs, UNM Center for Development and Disability
—Patricia Osbourn, Associate Director, UNM Center for Development
and Disability
- 4:30 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 4:45 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, October 21

- 9:00 a.m. (14) [**Communities in Schools Update**](#)
—Michelle Katz, Executive Director, Communities in Schools New
Mexico
—Alexandra Navarrete, Alum, Communities in Schools New Mexico
- 10:00 a.m. (15) [**Prescribing Medication-Assisted Treatment for Youth and
Families**](#)
—Francheska Gurule, M.D., Associate Professor, UNM Department of
Family and Community Medicine
—Samira Rashid, D.N.P., M.S.N., F.N.P.-C., P.M.H.N.P., Medical
Director, UNM ADOBE Program
- 11:00 a.m. (16) [**Presbyterian Health System Update**](#)
—TBD
- 11:45 a.m. **Working Lunch:**
(17) [**School-Based Violence Prevention and Gateway Center
Expansions**](#)
City of Albuquerque Updates:
—Jodie Esquibel, Director, Albuquerque Community Safety, City of
Albuquerque
—Jasmine Desiderio, Deputy Director, Violence Intervention
Program, Albuquerque Community Safety, City of Albuquerque
—Gilbert Ramirez, Director, Health, Housing and Homelessness
Department, City of Albuquerque
—Lisa Glow, Executive Director, Gateway Center System of Care,
Health, Housing, and Homelessness Department, City of
Albuquerque

1:00 p.m

Adjourn

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