

**2010 APPROVED  
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE  
for the  
GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING TASK FORCE**

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**Background**

The current economic downturn is expected to last for some time. This situation has created an opportunity for the state to examine the structure and operation of state government, rethink priorities and ensure that programs are operated and services are provided in the most effective and efficient manner possible. The main questions to be asked are:

- What are the essential services the state must deliver?
- What is the most effective way to accomplish the state's goals with the funds available?

House Bill 237 (Laws 2010, Chapter 101) created the Government Restructuring Task Force. It required the first meeting to be held no later than April 22. The task force held a meeting on April 21 and selected a chair and vice chair. At that meeting, the task force received presentations on the requirements of HB 237; a historical perspective of New Mexico government structure, funding and previous restructuring initiatives; and a summary of other states' recent efforts to restructure their respective state governments.

The law directs the task force to "study the current resources of the state's agencies, programs, services, funding and policies and the public needs served by them, including the:

- (1) recommendations of the governor's committee on government efficiency;

(2) need for consolidation of agencies and elimination or reduction of redundant, duplicative or overlapping programs or services;

(3) current and projected staffing needs of state agencies for full-time, part-time, term, temporary and contract employees; and

(4) current and projected revenue estimates for the next three to five fiscal years". Additionally, the task force is charged with soliciting public input, studying the restructure of state government that occurred from 1975 to 1978, examining all laws governing state government and recommending legislation or changes. All state agencies are required to provide information to the task force as needed.

### **Work Plan**

The task force proposes to study the specific areas outlined in HB 237, as noted above. At its first meeting, the task force members generally agreed that nothing is off the table; that is, all three branches of government and their respective agencies and programs are subject to review and possible restructuring. Specifically, the task force, in determining what essential services state government should provide, proposes to:

- have the New Mexico Legislative Council direct each interim committee to include, as a major part of each work plan, any findings and recommendations on the restructuring of any of the agencies or programs that each committee reviews or oversees;
- review the structure of state government as it exists and currently operates as well as how the structure is set out in law;
- identify areas of large expenditures;
- examine the inventory of state agencies, boards and commissions created in law;
- assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the various agencies and programs, particularly in light of the task force's consideration of what essential services should be provided;
- request presentations by agencies to help the task force identify redundancies or duplications and the benefits or consequences of consolidating or eliminating certain programs or services;
- explore the provision of online services to realize concomitant reduction in staff and offices; and
- review the sources of revenue, including efforts to better leverage existing funding and identify alternative revenue sources.

To accomplish its tasks by the December 2010 deadline established in HB 237, the task force may wish to consider the use of a facilitator or other consultants to assist the task force in prioritizing the areas to be reviewed.

**2010 APPROVED MEETING SCHEDULE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 21	Santa Fe
May 24-25	Santa Fe
June 21-22	Santa Fe
July 29-30	Santa Fe
August 19-20	Santa Fe
September 16-17	Santa Fe
October 14-15	Santa Fe
November 11-12	Santa Fe
November 22	Santa Fe
December 20	Santa Fe