

**UPDATE TO LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
NEW MEXICO HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE (NMHIX)
MAY 30, 2013**

The New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange (NMHIX) held its inaugural board meeting on April 29 & 30, 2013. J.R. Damron, M.D. was elected board Chair, Jason Sandel was elected Vice-Chair, and Patsy Romero was elected Treasurer. Additional board members are Terriane Everheart, John Franchini, Teresa Gomez, Larry Leaming, Gabriel Parra, David Shaw, Ben Slocum, Sidonie Squier, and J. Deane Waldman, M.D. A conflict of interest policy was adopted at the initial meeting.

The NMHIX board has established four standing committees: 1) Finance, Operations and Benefits; 2) Information Technology; 3) Marketing, Public Relations, and Outreach; and 4) Native Americans. Those committees are working on a fast track on NMHIX activities. Advisory committees are also being established as required by the NMHIX statute.

The NMHIX appointed Mike Nuñez as interim CEO and is in the process of recruiting and hiring additional staff.

The NMHIX awarded an Information Technology and Systems Integrator contract to Get Insured and a Project Management contract to Public Consulting Group and is in the process of finalizing these contracts. The NMHIX has engaged Long, Pound, and Komer as their interim attorney and is also releasing a RFP for permanent attorney services. The NMHIX will be releasing a RFP for Marketing and Public Relations and also for Navigator/Assister functions.

The NMHIX has agreed on a hybrid Exchange model, with individual enrollment and eligibility performed by the federal government and SHOP enrollment and eligibility performed by the NMHIX. Qualified Health Plan (QHP) management will be performed by the Division of Insurance and consumer assistance and outreach activities as well as Navigator/Assister functions will be performed by the NMHIX and its contractors. The NMHIX plans to utilize and adapt information and systems from other states where possible to allow timely development and implementation of the NMHIX to meet required federal timelines and being enrollment activities on October 1, 2013.

An additional Level One Establishment grant application for \$20 million was submitted to the federal government on May 15, 2013 for outreach, education, marketing, and enrollment activities. HSD was the official applicant for the grant, pending the establishment of the NMHIX as a full legal entity (e.g. obtaining EIN); the NMHIX statute requires all Exchange grant funding to be transferred to the NMHIX. The NMHIX is hoping for expedited transfer of all Exchange grants from HSD via a Memorandum of Understanding that is under development. The NMHIX is in the process of finalizing budget plans for 2013 and 2014. The NMHIX will undergo a business assessment review by the federal government to allow direct receipt of future federal grants funds.

Upcoming NMHIX board meetings are June 7th, June 28, and July 19 and the board plans to meet monthly after the July 19 meeting. NMHIX meetings are open to the public and meeting announcements are posted on the NMHIX website.

The NMHIX will make monthly progress reports to the LHHS and will respond to requests for information at any time.

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