

**MINUTES
of the
SIXTH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**September 14-16, 2021
State Capitol, Senate Chambers
Santa Fe**

The sixth meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHS) was called to order by Representative Christine Trujillo, chair, on September 14, 2021 at 9:18 a.m. in the Senate Chambers of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Christine Trujillo, Chair
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Vice Chair
Rep. Gail Armstrong (9/14, 9/15)
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Sen. Martin Hickey (9/14, 9/16)
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Absent

Sen. David M. Gallegos

Advisory Members

Rep. Karen C. Bash
Rep. Rachel A. Black (9/15, 9/16)
Rep. Gail Chasey (9/15, 9/16)
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo (9/15)
Rep. Miguel P. Garcia (9/16)
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill (9/14, 9/15)
Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Roger E. Montoya (9/15)
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Sen. Bill Tallman (9/14, 9/15)

Rep. Phelps Anderson
Rep. Deborah A. Armstrong
Rep. Brittney Barreras
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Marian Matthews
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Gregg Schmedes
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics

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

Staff

Andrea Lazarow, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Sabina Gaynor, Staff Attorney, LCS
Nancy Martinez, Research Assistant, LCS
Christian Carrillo, Intern, 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.

Tuesday, September 14

Health Care Workforce Report (9:20 a.m.)

Audrey Cooper, R.N., project manager, Food Security and Primary Care, Human Services Department (HSD); Alex Castillo Smith, manager, Strategic Planning and Special Projects, HSD; and Hala Reeder, summer 2021 policy fellow, HSD, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the HSD health care workforce report. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20091421%20Item%201%20FINAL%20HSD%20Healthcare%20Workforce%20FTE%20Analysis201_09_14_ACS.pdf.

Rural Residencies (10:43 a.m.)

John Andazola, M.D., president, Executive Board of Directors, New Mexico Primary Care Training Consortium, and Nicole Mandall, program specialist, New Mexico Primary Care Training Consortium, provided a presentation to the committee regarding rural residencies. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20091421%20Item%202%20NM%20Primary%20Care%20Training%20Consortium.pdf>.

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM): Update and Priorities (12:21 p.m.)

John Hummer, president, BCOM, provided a presentation to the committee regarding BCOM updates and legislative priorities. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20091421%20Item%203%20Presentation_Hummer_John_BCOM.pdf.

Public Comment (1:15 p.m.)

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

Congregate Care (1:20 p.m.)

Arlandra Yazzie, C.M.A., Cedar Ridge Inn; Olivia Armijo, L.N.H.A., administrator, Casa Maria Healthcare; Linda Givens, executive director, La Vida Llena; and Vicente Vargas, executive director, New Mexico Health Care Association, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the state of congregate care after the COVID-19 pandemic. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/14/2021&ItemNumber=4>.

LHHS Budget Priorities (3:21 p.m.)

Representative Trujillo and Senator Ortiz y Pino led a discussion regarding legislative budget priorities for the committee.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:17 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15**Reconvene**

The meeting reconvened at 9:25 a.m.

Dona Ana County Crisis Triage Center (9:27 a.m.)

Jamie Michael, director, Health and Human Services Department, Dona Ana County, and Karina Diaz, director, Crisis Triage Center, Dona Ana County, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the Dona Ana County Crisis Triage Center. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20091421%20Item%206%20Crisis%20Triage.pdf>.

Homelessness (10:53 a.m.)

Rachel Biggs, policy director, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Inc.; Hank Hughes, executive director, New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness; and Nicole Martinez, executive director, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the status of homelessness in New Mexico. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/14/2021&ItemNumber=7>.

Status of Health Care in Dona Ana County and Valuable Partnerships (12:35 p.m.)

Ms. Michael, Dr. Andazola and Michael Law, D.D.S., chair, Healthcare Committee, Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the status of

health care in Dona Ana County and partnerships that the county has entered into to further health care access and quality. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20091421%20Item%208%20DAC%20Status%20of%20Health%20Care.pdf>.

Public Comment (1:17 p.m.)

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Food Security (1:49 p.m.)

Tiffany Rivera, director, Governmental Affairs, New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau; Sarita Cargas, D.Phil., associate professor, Human Rights, University of New Mexico Honors College; Lorenzo Alba, executive director, Casa de Peregrinos; and V. Quevedo, policy director, La Semilla Food Center, provided a presentation to the committee regarding food security. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/14/2021&ItemNumber=9>.

Supportive Housing (2:52 p.m.)

Paul Ford, coordinator, Mobile Integrated Healthcare, Las Cruces Fire Department; Al Galves, psychologist, Community Service Corps Board of Directors; Carol Kane, supporter and founder, Oxford House New Mexico, and member, Behavioral Health Planning Council and Adult Substance Abuse and Mental Health Subcommittee; and Mary Martinez White, secretary, Board of Directors, Community Service Corps, and statewide Magistrate DWI Drug Court coordinator (retired), Administrative Office of the Courts, provided a presentation to the committee regarding supportive housing. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/14/2021&ItemNumber=10>.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:25 p.m.

Thursday, September 16

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 9:16 a.m.

Update: New Mexico State University (NMSU) School of Nursing (9:18 a.m.)

Alexa Doig, Ph.D., R.N., director and Elisa E. and Antonio H. Enriquez professor, School of Nursing, College of Health and Social Services, NMSU, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the NMSU nursing program. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20091421%20Item%2011%20NMSU%20Nursing%20Program.pdf>.

Eviction Protection (10:43 a.m.)

Representative Angelica Rubio and Maria Griego, Esq., director of economic equity, New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty, provided a presentation to the committee regarding eviction protection. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20091421%20Item%2012%20%20CLP%20Housing.pdf>.

One Degree Community Resource System (12:15 p.m.)

Brian Etheridge, M.D., F.A.A.P., pediatrician, Hidalgo Medical Services, and Alicia Edwards, coordinator, Healthy Kids Healthy Communities, Grant County, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the One Degree community resource system. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20091421%20Item%2013%20One%20Degree%20Community%20Research.pdf>.

Public Comment (1:15 p.m.)

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Complementary Medicine (1:55 p.m.)

Lilly-Marie Blecher, N.D., D.O.M., co-medical director and founder, Taos Whole Health Integrative Care; Rachel Leung, M.S., R.D., L.D., consumer protection coordinator, New Mexico Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; J.C. Moore, D.C.-A.P.C., vice president, Board of Directors, New Mexico Chiropractic Association, and physician, Heights Chiropractic and Sports Medicine; and Bernadette Lujan, D.O.M., owner, Balanced Health Acupuncture Center, LLC, provided a presentation to the committee regarding complementary medicine. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/14/2021&ItemNumber=14>.

Access to Dental Care (3:00 p.m.)

Barbara Posler, R.D.H., chair, Council on Regulation and Practice, New Mexico Dental Hygienists' Association; Rudy Blea, dental director, Department of Health; Nicole Comeaux, director, Medical Assistance Division, HSD; Barbara K. Webber, executive director, Health Action New Mexico, and chair, New Mexico Dental Therapist Coalition; Thomas Schripsema, D.D.S., executive director, New Mexico Dental Association; and Alicia A. Grady, D.D.S., F.S.C.D., clinic director, Special Needs Dental Clinic, Developmental Disabilities Supports

Division, Department of Health, provided a presentation to the committee regarding access to dental care. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/14/2021&ItemNumber=15>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.