

MINUTES
of the
SEVENTH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

September 28-29, 2021
State Capitol, House Chambers
Santa Fe

The seventh meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee was called to order by Representative Christine Trujillo, chair, on September 28, 2021 at 9:28 a.m. in the House Chambers of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Christine Trujillo, Chair
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Vice Chair
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Sen. Martin Hickey (9/29)
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Absent

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. David M. Gallegos

Advisory Members

Rep. Karen C. Bash
Rep. Rachel A. Black
Rep. Gail Chasey
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill (9/28)
Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Marian Matthews
Rep. Roger E. Montoya (9/28)
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto (9/29)
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics

Rep. Phelps Anderson
Rep. Deborah A. Armstrong
Rep. Brittney Barreras
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg
Rep. Miguel P. Garcia
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Gregg Schmedes
Sen. Bill Tallman

(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 28 — Joint Meeting with the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee (CCJ)

Overview of Ombud Models for Child Welfare Departments in the United States (9:34 a.m.)

Mary Ann Shaening, Ph.D., Shaening & Associates, Inc., and Carl E. Ayers, senior strategic consultant, Casey Family Programs, provided the committee with a presentation regarding a Children, Youth and Families Department ombud. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/28/2021&ItemNumber=1>.

Update from the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (11:06 a.m.)

Stacy Blazer-Clark, executive director, La Pinon Sexual Assault Recovery Services; Alexandria Taylor, deputy director, New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs; and Stephanie Villalobos, executive director, New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, provided the committee with an update from the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20092821%20Item%202%20NMCSAP.pdf>.

Bernalillo County Department of Behavioral Health Services (12:50 p.m.)

Margarita Chavez-Sanchez, M.S., director, Department of Behavioral Health Services, Bernalillo County, provided the committee with a presentation regarding the Bernalillo County Department of Behavioral Health Services. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20092821%20Item%203%20BernCo%20BH%20Services.pdf>.

Public Comment (1:52 p.m.)

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

Update from the Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC) (2:01 p.m.)

Frank Zubia, director, CVRC, and MaryEllen Garcia, chief, Grants Bureau, CVRC, provided the committee with an update from the CVRC. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/28/2021&ItemNumber=4>.

Child Testimony (2:57 p.m.)

Matt Baca, chief counsel, Office of the Attorney General; Brittany DuChaussee, assistant attorney general, Special Prosecutions Division, Office of the Attorney General; Representative Tara L. Lujan; and Senator Lopez provided the committee with a presentation regarding child testimony.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:31 p.m.

Wednesday, September 29 — Joint Meeting with the CCJ

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 9:19 a.m.

Update on County Jails and Behavioral Health Services for the Incarcerated (9:21 a.m.)

Ms. Chavez-Sanchez; Grace Philips, general counsel, New Mexico Counties; Wenceslaus Asonganyi, health services administrator, Corrections Department; and Wendy Price, Psy.D., chief, Behavioral Health Bureau, Corrections Department, provided the committee with an update on county jails and behavioral health services for the incarcerated. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/28/2021&ItemNumber=6>.

***Kevin S.* Settlement Updates (11:00 a.m.)**

Angela Medrano, deputy secretary, Human Services Department; Barbara J. Vigil, secretary-designate, Children, Youth and Families Department; Jesselyn Friley, staff attorney, Public Counsel; George Davis, M.D., child psychiatrist; and Carrisa Tashiro, staff attorney, Disability Rights New Mexico, provided the committee with an update on the *Kevin S.* settlement. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/28/2021&ItemNumber=7>.

Public Comment (1:32 p.m.)

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

Making Police Encounters Safer for Individuals with Disabilities and Behavioral Health Issues (1:39 p.m.)

Barron Jones, senior policy strategist, American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico, and Maxwell Kauffman, attorney, Disability Rights New Mexico, provided the committee with a presentation regarding the community perspective on law enforcement encounters with individuals with disabilities or behavioral health issues.

Kathy Yardman, sergeant, New Mexico State Police (NMSP); Thomas McClelland, sergeant, NMSP; and Matt Dietzel, acting commander, Crisis Intervention Section, Albuquerque Police Department, provided the committee with a presentation regarding law enforcement training and services for interactions involving individuals with disabilities or behavioral health issues. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/28/2021&ItemNumber=8>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.