

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

**May 7-8, 2024
State Capitol, Room 307
Santa Fe**

The first meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHS) was called to order by Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino, chair, on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 10:09 a.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Chair
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, Vice Chair
Rep. Eleanor Chávez
Sen. Martin Hickey
Rep. Jenifer Jones
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

Absent

Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Pamelya Herndon

Advisory Members

Rep. Kathleen Cates
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Sen. Linda M. López
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Sen. Harold Pope
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
Rep. Reena Szczepanski

Rep. John Block
Rep. Gail Chasey
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg
Rep. Miguel P. García
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill
Rep. Tara Jaramillo
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Stefani Lord
Rep. Cristina Parajón
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Gregg Schmedes
Sen. Bill Tallman
Rep. Harlan Vincent

Guest Legislator

Rep. Debra M. Sariñana

Staff

Zander Dawson, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Andrea Lazarow, Bill Drafter, LCS
Grace Balderamos, Staff, 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, May 7

Welcome and Introductions (10:09 a.m.)

Senator Ortiz y Pino welcomed everyone to the meeting, and members of the committee and staff introduced themselves.

Post-Session Health and Human Services Fiscal Summary (10:18 a.m.)

Eric Chenier, principal analyst, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC); Nathan Eckberg, senior analyst II, LFC; and Kelly Klundt, principal analyst, LFC, presented on the LFC's post-session health and human services fiscal summary. They discussed appropriations for and the budgets of the Health Care Authority, Department of Health, Children, Youth and Families Department, Office of Family Representation and Advocacy and Early Childhood Education and Care Department. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=5/7/2024&ItemNumber=1>.

Public Comment (11:45 a.m.)

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

LHHS 2024 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule: Presentation and Member Discussion (12:39 p.m.)

Mr. Dawson and Ms. Lazarow reviewed the legislative actions taken on the LHHS's endorsed legislation during the 2024 legislative session. Committee members proposed topics that could be included in the committee's work plan and potential meeting locations.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 2:49 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 9:13 a.m.

Medicaid 101 (9:13 a.m.)

Mr. Cheiner explained core Medicaid concepts, including cost drivers and trends, managed care organizations and enrollment. He discussed Medicaid statistics, enrollment revenue and expenditures, state plans, waivers and barriers that Medicaid enrollees face when searching for access to health care. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20050724%20Item%203%20BH%20and%20Medicaid%20101.pdf>.

Behavioral Health 101 (11:03 a.m.)

RubyAnn Esquibel, principal analyst, LFC, discussed the state's interagency behavioral health purchasing collaborative's duties and goals, Medicaid behavioral health expenditures and potential enhancements for children's behavioral health systems in New Mexico. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20050724%20Item%203%20BH%20and%20Medicaid%20101.pdf>.

Public Comment (12:40 p.m.)

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Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.