

Revised: September 20, 2024

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
SIXTH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**September 23-25, 2024
Western New Mexico University
J. Cloyd Miller Library
1000 West College Avenue
Silver City**

Monday, September 23

- 9:15 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Chair, Legislative Health and Human
Services Committee (LHHS)
—Representative Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, Vice Chair, LHHS
- 9:30 a.m. (1) **Hospital Finance Report**
—Allegra Hernandez, Ph.D., Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance
Committee (LFC)
- 10:30 a.m. (2) **State Budget Report: Revenue Outlook**
—Jennifer Faubion, Economist, LFC
- 11:45 a.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (3) **Expanding the Rural Health Care Workforce**
—Kimberly Petrovic, Ph.D., M.S.N., M.A., R.N., Associate Dean, School of
Nursing and Kinesiology, Western New Mexico University (WNMU)
—Victor Stephen Gonzales, Jr., M.S.N., R.N., Healthcare Workforce
Programs Director, WNMU
- 2:30 p.m. (4) **New Mexico Primary Care Training Consortium (NMPCTC)**
—Mary Alice Scott, Ph.D., Executive Director, NMPCTC
—Dan Otero, D.B.A., Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Hidalgo Medical
Services
—Robert Whitaker, CEO, Gila Regional Medical Center
—John Andazola, M.D., Secretary, Board of Directors, NMPCTC
- 4:00 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, September 24

- 9:00 a.m. (5) [Welcome to WNMU](#)
—Joseph Shepard, Ph.D., M.B.A., President, WNMU
- 9:15 a.m. (6) [Silver City Health Care Providers](#)
—Dan Otero, D.B.A., CEO, Hidalgo Medical Services
—Teresa Arizaga, M.D., Chief Behavioral Health Officer, Hidalgo Medical Services
—Mick McMillan, Chief Operations Officer, Southwest Bone and Joint Institute
—Robert Whitaker, CEO, Gila Regional Medical Center
- 10:30 a.m. (7) [Supporting Caregivers and Direct Support Workers](#)
—Meggin Lorino, M.S.W., Executive Director, New Mexico Association for Home and Hospice Care
—Adrienne R. Smith, President and CEO, New Mexico Caregivers Coalition
- 11:45 a.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (8) [New Mexico Academy of Physician Assistants](#)
—Stephanie Richmond, President, Board of Directors, New Mexico Academy of Physician Assistants
- 2:30 p.m. (9) [New Mexico Hospital Association \(NMHA\)](#)
—Troy Clark, President and CEO, NMHA
—Robert Whitaker, CEO, Gila Regional Medical Center
—Sandra Emanuel, L.C.S.W., CEO, Peak Behavioral Health
- 4:00 p.m. **Recess**

Wednesday, September 25

- 9:00 a.m. (10) [Department of Health \(DOH\) Psilocybin Report](#)
—Lawrence Leeman, M.D., M.P.H., Professor, University of New Mexico School of Medicine; Medical Director, Milagro Program
—Miranda Durham, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, DOH
—Gary J. French, M.D., Medical Director, Center for Medical Cannabis, DOH
—Arya Lamb, Director, Policy and Communications Division, DOH

10:30 a.m. (11) **Health Care Authority (HCA) Social Safety-Net Programs**
—Kyra Ochoa, Deputy Secretary, HCA
—Niki Kozlowski, Director, Income Support Division, HCA

12:00 noon **Public Comment***

12:15 p.m. **Brainstorming Session**

1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

*Members of the public may make virtual public comments during the public comment period of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Virtual Public Comment" section of the LHHS [web page](#).