

Revised: June 4, 2024

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

**June 5-7, 2024
University of New Mexico
Lobo Rainforest Building, Collaboration Space
101 Broadway Boulevard NE
Albuquerque**

Wednesday, June 5

- 8:45 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
- 8:45 a.m. (1) **[Welcome to the University of New Mexico \(UNM\)](#)**
—James Holloway, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, UNM
- 9:00 a.m. (2) **[Child Welfare 101](#)**
—Rachel Mercer-Garcia, Principal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC)
—Nathan Eckberg, Esq., Senior Fiscal Analyst, LFC
- 10:30 a.m. (3) **[UNM Child Abuse Response Team \(CART\)](#)**
—Leslie Strickler, D.O., F.A.A.P., Professor of Pediatrics; Section Chief, Child Maltreatment; Medical Director, CART; and Director, SafeCare New Mexico, UNM Health Sciences Center
—Rebecca A. Girardet, M.D., Professor, Pediatrics and Child Abuse Services, UNM School of Medicine
- 11:30 a.m. **Public Comment***
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (4) **[Court Appointed Special Advocate Program \(CASA\) Update](#)**
—Veronica Montano-Pilch, Executive Director, New Mexico CASA Association

- 2:00 p.m. (5) [New Mexico Child Advocacy Networks \(NMCAN\)](#)
—Lorilynn Violanta, Co-Executive Director, NMCAN
—Mia Calle, Youth Leader
—Joanna DeLaney, Youth Leader
—Yazh Pending, Youth Leader

3:00 p.m. **Recess**

Thursday, June 6

9:00 a.m. **Reconvene**

- 9:00 a.m. (6) [Best Practices for Child Welfare Systems](#)
—Joseph E. Ribsam Jr., Director, Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice
Policy, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

- 10:00 a.m. (7) [Advocating for and Providing Services to Children and Families](#)
—Krisztina Udvardi, M.B.A., President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO),
All Faiths Children's Advocacy Center

- 11:00 a.m. (8) [Children's Trust Fund](#)
—Kim Straus, Member, Children's Trust Fund Board of Trustees
—Marg Elliston, Vice Chair, Children's Trust Fund Board of Trustees

12:00 noon **Public Comment***

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. (9) [Update: Children, Youth and Families Department \(CYFD\)](#)
—Teresa Casados, Secretary, CYFD

4:00 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, June 7

9:00 a.m. **Reconvene**

- 9:00 a.m. (10) [Kevin S. Update](#)
—Sara Crecca, Esq.
—George Davis, M.D.
—Bette Fleishman, Executive Director, Pegasus Legal Services for Children
—Gary D. Housepian, CEO, Disability Rights New Mexico
—Therese Yanan, Executive Director, Native American Disability Law
Center

10:30 a.m. (11) **Community Services**
—Robert Chavez, M.A., CEO, Youth Development, Inc.
—Sara Penn, L.M.S.W., Chief Programs Officer, New Day
—Jennifer Thompson, Co-Executive Director, PB&J Family Services, Inc.

11:30 a.m. **Public Comment***

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Brainstorming Session**

1:30 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](#).