

**2019 APPROVED**  
**WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE**  
**for the**  
**LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE,**  
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**and**  
**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE**

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## **Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHS) and Subcommittees**

The LHHS is a permanent joint committee of the legislature created pursuant to Section 2-13-1 NMSA 1978 and is responsible for studying the programs, agencies, policies and needs relating to health and human services, in addition to programs and services for children, families and the aging population. The Disabilities Concerns Subcommittee (DCS) is a permanent subcommittee of the LHHS, created pursuant to Section 2-13-3.1 NMSA 1978, and the Behavioral Health Subcommittee (BHS) was established by the New Mexico Legislative Council on April 29, 2019.

### **Work Plan**

The LHHS and its subcommittees will continue to review the work of the state's health and human services agencies: the Department of Health and its public health and disability waiver services; the Human Services Department and its administration of the state's Medicaid program and cash and nutritional assistance; the Children, Youth and Families Department and its protective services, juvenile justice, foster care, child care assistance, domestic violence programming and other responsibilities; the Aging and Long-Term Services Department and its protective services and human services programs; the Corrections Department's work to safeguard the health and well-being of individuals under its custody and supervision; and other agencies, boards and commissions with health and human services functions.

The LHHS will begin the interim with a hearing that provides an opportunity for the secretaries of health; human services; children, youth and families; and aging and long-term services to introduce themselves to the members and map out plans and priorities for their respective departments and how the departments' programs and policies will work together to address issues relating to health and human services in the state.

Because the 2020 session will be a 30-day session, the LHHS will focus its efforts on issues that may be germane to a short session while continuing to receive reports and work with agencies, boards, advocates and other stakeholders on larger, long-term issues.

### Public Health and Facilities

The LHHS will review issues relating to public health, including e-cigarettes; vaping; vaccinations; the rural health care workforce; the differences in the presence of disease, health outcomes and access to health care across different populations; and the institutions that serve public health in the state. The committee will examine harm reduction programs such as local needle exchange programs and hear reports on other harm reduction issues.

The LHHS will examine the effect of social/structural determinants of health in the areas of housing, food security and transportation. The committee will also hear reports regarding newly available Medicaid funding and average per capita cost increases.

### Inmate Health Care

The LHHS will hold a joint meeting with the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee to examine issues regarding the health and well-being of individuals in the custody and under the supervision of the Corrections Department. The LHHS will also hear reporting on returning to a health care system directly administered by the Corrections Department in partnership with other state agencies.

### Children and Families

The LHHS will hear reports and recommendations concerning dental care for children and the educational stability of children in foster care. The committee will hear from agencies and advocates for children and families regarding early childhood education and the effect on New Mexico of federal guidelines meant to prevent child maltreatment.

### Health Care System

The LHHS will continue its examination of the effectiveness of the Interagency Benefits Advisory Committee, factors that affect health care quality and cost statewide with a particular emphasis on creating a Medicaid buy-in program and strategies and policies to fulfill and improve services for victims of human trafficking statewide. The committee will review issues related to bolstering the rural health care workforce, including loan repayment, scholarship rebates, increased number of residencies, innovative educational pipelining programs and barriers that prevent pharmacists from providing clinical services.

### Health Care Information Technology

The LHHS will conduct an in-depth exploration of the current state of health care information technology in New Mexico, including barriers to the standardization, portability and sharing of health data and medical coding; the meaningful use of electronic health records; and infrastructure needs for high-speed and wireless networks. The committee will hear issues relating to predictive tools for individual risk assessments, as well as patient engagement, privacy and security.

### Behavioral Health

The LHHS and the BHS will continue to examine the statewide incidence and available treatment options for "diseases of despair", including substance use disorder. The LHHS and BHS will continue to review the state's capacity to meet the demand for behavioral health services statewide, particularly regarding new programs allowing counties and agencies to apply for grants to increase access to evidence-based behavioral health services and improve local indigent housing.

### Disabilities

The LHHS and the DCS will continue the review of issues relating to public and private disability rights, supports, services and employment, including the function and missions of disability agencies, the state developmental disabilities waiver and other waivers and issues relating to those with traumatic brain injuries.

**Legislative Health and Human Services Committee,  
Disabilities Concerns Subcommittee and  
Behavioral Health Subcommittee  
2019 Approved Meeting Schedule**

**Legislative Health and Human Services Committee**

| <u>Date</u>     | <u>Location</u>   |
|-----------------|---|
| May 17          | Santa Fe  |
| July 24-25      | Albuquerque   |
| August 14-16    | Taos  |
| September 12    | Albuquerque (Joint meeting with the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee)                     |
| September 25-27 | Las Cruces  |
| October 9-10    | Socorro (Joint meeting with the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee on October 9)                 |
| October 22-24   | Santa Fe/Espanola/Santa Fe (Joint meeting with the Legislative Education Study Committee on October 23) |
| November 12-14  | Santa Fe  |

**Disabilities Concerns Subcommittee**

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Location</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|
| September 13 | Albuquerque     |
| September 24 | Las Cruces      |
| October 11   | Socorro         |

**Behavioral Health Subcommittee**

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Location</u>       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| September 13 | Albuquerque           |
| October 8    | Truth or Consequences |
| October 25   | Santa Fe              |