

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

**July 6-9, 2021  
State Capitol, House Chambers  
Santa Fe**

The second meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee was called to order by Representative Christine Trujillo, chair, on July 6, 2021 at 9:20 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. Gail Armstrong  
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary  
Sen. Martin Hickey (7/6, 7/7)  
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez (7/6, 7/7, 7/8)  
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

**Absent**

Sen. David M. Gallegos

**Advisory Members**

Rep. Karen C. Bash  
Rep. Rachel A. Black (7/6, 7/7)  
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena (7/6, 7/7, 7/8)  
Rep. Gail Chasey  
Rep. Rebecca Dow (7/8, 7/9)  
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg  
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo (7/8)  
Rep. Miguel P. Garcia (7/6, 7/8, 7/9)  
Sen. Linda M. Lopez  
Rep. Tara L. Lujan  
Rep. Marian Matthews (7/6, 7/9)  
Rep. Roger E. Montoya  
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill  
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez (7/6, 7/9)  
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero  
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics (7/6, 7/7, 7/8)  
Sen. Bill Tallman

Rep. Phelps Anderson  
Rep. Deborah A. Armstrong  
Rep. Brittney Barreras  
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill  
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto  
Sen. Gregg Schmedes

(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

**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](http://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, July 6****Human Services Department (HSD): Poverty in New Mexico (9:28 a.m.)**

David R. Scrase, M.D., secretary, HSD; Nicole Comeaux, director, Medical Assistance Division, HSD; and Alex Castillo Smith, manager, Strategic Planning and Special Projects, HSD, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the HSD's efforts to address poverty in New Mexico. The presentation can be found here:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%201%20FINAL%20HSD%20LHHS%20Interim2021\\_07\\_06.pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%201%20FINAL%20HSD%20LHHS%20Interim2021_07_06.pdf).

**HSD Customers (11:11 a.m.)**

Angela Medrano, deputy secretary, HSD; Ms. Comeaux; Shanita Harrison, customer innovation director, Information Technology Division, HSD; and Karmela Martinez, director, Income Support Division, HSD, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the HSD's relations with customers. The presentation can be found here:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%201%20FINAL%20HSD%20LHHS%20Interim2021\\_07\\_06.pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%201%20FINAL%20HSD%20LHHS%20Interim2021_07_06.pdf).

**Public Comment (1:35 p.m.)**

The committee received public comment in person and via an online platform. A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

**HSD: Current Progress and Challenges (1:45 p.m.)**

Kari Armijo, deputy secretary, HSD; Ms. Comeaux; and Sean Pearson, chief information officer, Information Technology Division, HSD, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the HSD's current progress and challenges. The presentation can be found here:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%201%20FINAL%20HSD%20LHHS%20Interim2021\\_07\\_06.pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%201%20FINAL%20HSD%20LHHS%20Interim2021_07_06.pdf).

**Future of the HSD (3:37 p.m.)**

Secretary Scrase, Ms. Comeaux, Ms. Castillo Smith and Ms. Martinez provided a presentation regarding the future of the HSD. The presentation can be found here:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%201%20FINAL%20HSD%20LHHS%20Interim2021\\_07\\_06.pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%201%20FINAL%20HSD%20LHHS%20Interim2021_07_06.pdf).

**Public Comment (4:27 p.m.)**

The committee received public comment in person and via an online platform. A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

**Recess**

The committee recessed at 5:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 7****Reconvene**

The committee reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

**Department of Health (DOH): Updates, Initiatives and Priorities, Part 1 (9:25 a.m.)**

Tracie C. Collins, M.D., M.P.H., secretary, DOH, presented on essential public health services provided by the Public Health Division (PHD), the Epidemiology and Response Division (ERD) and the Scientific Laboratory Division of the DOH. The presentation documents can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=7/6/2021&ItemNumber=5>.

**DOH: Updates, Initiatives and Priorities, Part 2 (11:27 a.m.)**

Secretary Collins presented on essential public health services provided by the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division, the Division of Health Improvement, the Medical Cannabis Division, the Facilities Division and the Information Technology Services Division of the DOH. The presentation documents can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=7/6/2021&ItemNumber=5>.

**Public Comment (1:15 p.m.)**

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**All-Payer Claims Database (1:30 p.m.)**

Kenneth Geter, Ph.D., bureau chief, Community and Health Systems Epidemiology Bureau, ERD, DOH, and Heidi Krapfl, deputy division director of programs, ERD, DOH, presented on the status of the all-payer claims database. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%206%20All-Payer%20Claims%20Database.pdf>.

**DOH: Childhood Vaccines (2:50 p.m.)**

Daniel Burke, bureau chief, Infectious Disease Bureau, PHD, DOH, presented an update on childhood vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines for children. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%207%20Childhood%20Vaccinations.pdf>.

**Public Comment (3:30 p.m.)**

The committee received public comment in person and via an online platform. A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

**Recess**

The committee recessed at 3:31 p.m.

**Thursday, July 8****Reconvene**

The committee reconvened at 9:23 a.m.

**University of New Mexico (UNM) Health Sciences Center (HSC): Updates, Initiatives and Priorities (9:23 a.m.)**

Douglas Ziedonis, M.D., M.P.H., executive vice president, UNM HSC, and chief executive officer, UNM Health System, provided updates on the UNM HSC. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%208%20Presentation%20Ziedonis%2007082021.pdf>.

**UNM ADOBE Program (10:55 a.m.)**

Chloe Stoffel, D.O., medical director, UNM ADOBE program; Elizabeth Castro, M.H.A., senior program manager, UNM ADOBE program; and Andrew Hsi, M.D., M.P.H., director, UNM ADOBE program, provided updates on the UNM ADOBE program. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%209%20ADOBE.pdf>.

**Public Comment (1:16 p.m.)**

The committee received public comment in person and via an online platform. A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

**School-Based Health Centers (1:26 p.m.)**

Nancy Rodriguez, executive director, New Mexico Alliance for School-Based Health Care, provided a presentation regarding school-based health centers in the state. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%2011%20NMASBHC%20Presentation%20July%202021.pdf>.

**Public Education Department (PED): Safe School Reopening (3:00 p.m.)**

Gregory Frostad, director, Safe and Healthy Schools, PED, and Louie Torrez, federal funds coordinator, PED, provided a presentation regarding the PED's efforts to prepare for students returning to school in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Recess**

The committee recessed at 4:30 p.m.

**Friday, July 9****Reconvene**

The committee reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

**Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD): Updates, Initiatives and Priorities (9:20 a.m.)**

Brian Blalock, secretary, CYFD; Terry Locke, deputy secretary, CYFD; Neal Bowen, M.D., director, Behavioral Health Services Division, HSD; and Amy Whitfield, executive director, Office on African American Affairs, provided an update on the CYFD. The presentation documents can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=7/6/2021&ItemNumber=12>.

**Public Comment (1:14 p.m.)**

The committee received public comment in person and via an online platform. A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

**Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD): Updates, Initiatives and Priorities (2:36 p.m.)**

Elizabeth Groginsky, secretary, ECECD; Janis Gonzales, M.D., chief health officer, ECECD; and Jovanna Archuleta, assistant secretary for Native American early childhood education and care, ECECD, provided department updates. The presentation can be found here:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%202014%20ECECD%20First%20Year%20Accomplishments\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20070621%20Item%202014%20ECECD%20First%20Year%20Accomplishments_FINAL.pdf).

**Approval of Minutes (4:45 p.m.)**

Upon a motion made and seconded and without objection, the committee approved the minutes of the June 1, 2021 meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.