

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

**October 1, 2021
Pueblo of Isleta
Isleta Resort and Casino
Grand Ballroom C
11000 Broadway Boulevard SE
Albuquerque**

The ninth meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee was called to order by Representative Christine Trujillo, chair, on October 1, 2021 at 9:25 a.m. at Isleta Resort and Casino in Albuquerque.

Present

Rep. Christine Trujillo, Chair
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Vice Chair
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Absent

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Sen. Martin Hickey

Advisory Members

Rep. Rachel A. Black
Rep. Gail Chasey
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo
Rep. Miguel P. Garcia
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Rep. Marian Matthews
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics

Rep. Phelps Anderson
Rep. Deborah A. Armstrong
Rep. Brittney Barreras
Rep. Karen C. Bash
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Roger E. Montoya
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Gregg Schmedes
Sen. Bill Tallman

Staff

Andrea Lazarow, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Sabina Gaynor, Staff Attorney, LCS
Nancy Martinez, Research Assistant, LCS
Christian Carrillo, Intern, 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.

Friday, October 1 — Joint Meeting with the Indian Affairs Committee

Update from the Pueblo of Isleta (9:30 a.m.)

Vernon Abeita, governor, Pueblo of Isleta, provided the committee with a summary of the COVID-19 situation at the Pueblo of Isleta. Blane Sanchez, second lieutenant governor, Pueblo of Isleta, presented a brief history of Native American suffrage.

Update on COVID-19 Responses on Tribal Lands (11:06 a.m.)

Laura Parajon, M.D., M.P.H., deputy secretary, Department of Health (DOH); Christine Ross, M.D., M.P.H., state epidemiologist, DOH; Tierney Murphy, M.D., M.P.H., medical epidemiologist, DOH; Miranda Durham, M.D., northwest region medical director, DOH; and Janet Johnson, acting tribal liaison, DOH, shared the mission and goals of the DOH. They provided the committee with a summary of the current COVID-19 statistics and trends in the state and among Native populations. Jill Jim, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.H.A., executive director, Department of Health, Navajo Nation, provided the committee with a time line of public health orders on the Navajo Nation and the structure of the Navajo health care system, including tribal, federal and urban health centers. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20100121%20Item%202%20NMDOH%20IAC%20-%20tribal%20COVID%20response%20-%20print.pdf>.

Presentation on Maternal Mortality (1:40 p.m.)

Abigail Reese, Ph.D., manager, Maternal Health Programs, Family Health Bureau, Public Health Division, DOH; Sunshine Muse, executive director, New Mexico Birth Equity Collaborative; and Corrine Sanchez, executive director, Tewa Women United, reviewed the scope and goals of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, and they explained how the committee identifies and reviews pregnancy-related death cases and reviewed the organizational and policy priorities of the New Mexico Birth Equity Collaborative. The presenters updated the committee on the current state of birthing safety and the goals of the DOH Maternal Health

Program and explained the value that midwives can bring to maternal health care. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/1/2021&ItemNumber=3>.

Update on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives Task Force (2:43 p.m.)

Secretary Trujillo and Stephanie Salazar, general counsel, Indian Affairs Department, reviewed the history of the legislation and plan of action to create a task force to study the problem of missing and murdered indigenous women.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.