

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

**October 5-7, 2022
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine
3501 Arrowhead Drive, Room 208
Las Cruces**

The fifth meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee was called to order by Representative Christine Trujillo, chair, on October 5, 2022 at 9:40 a.m. at the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) in Las Cruces.

Present

Rep. Christine Trujillo, Chair
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Sen. Martin Hickey
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Absent

Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Vice Chair
Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

Advisory Members

Rep. Rachel A. Black
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena (10/5)
Rep. Rebecca Dow (10/5)
Sen. Linda M. Lopez (10/6)
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez (10/7)

Rep. Phelps Anderson
Rep. Karen C. Bash
Rep. Gail Chasey
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo
Rep. Miguel P. Garcia
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Marian Matthews
Rep. Roger E. Montoya
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Gregg Schmedes
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
Sen. Bill Tallman

Guest Legislator

Sen. William P. Soules

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Andrea Lazarow, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Zander Dawson, Staff Attorney, LCS
Cristina Vasquez, Staff Attorney, LCS
Grace Balderamos, Proofreader, LCS
Grecia Duarte, Intern, LCS
Laura Valdez, Facilitator, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and are 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.

Wednesday, October 5

Welcome and Introductions (9:40 a.m.)

Representative Trujillo welcomed everyone to the meeting, and members of the committee and staff introduced themselves.

What's New at the New Mexico State University (NMSU) School of Nursing (SON) (9:46 a.m.)

Alexa Doig, Ph.D., R.N., director, NMSU SON, gave updates on workforce shortages, recruitment, grants and the school's current programming. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20100522%20Item%201%20NMSU%20School%20of%20Nursing%20Update%20.pdf>.

Introducing the NMSU Autism Diagnostic Center (ADC) (10:26 a.m.)

Heike Lehnert-Lehouillier, Ph.D., C.C.C.-S.L.P., interim department head, Department of Communication Disorders, NMSU, and Victoria Almaguer, clinic director, NMSU ADC, discussed the evaluation process and current services available at the NMSU ADC. The presenters also explained their educational programming, funding sources and plans for the future. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20100522%20Item%202%20Autism%20Diagnostic%20Center.pdf>.

Behavioral Health Care Initiatives in Dona Ana County (DAC) (11:06 a.m.)

Jamie Michael, director, Health and Human Services Department, DAC; Tenika Sosa-Gonzalez, B.S.N., R.N., P.M.H.-B.C., chair, Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Program; and Jess Spohn, clinical director, Crisis Triage Center, DAC, spoke on access to behavioral health care services, the new 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline telephone number and coordination of care and gave updates on the Dona Ana County Crisis Triage Center. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20100522%20Item%203%20Dona%20Ana%20County%20BH%20Initiatives.pdf>.

100% Family Center: The One-Stop Service Hub (12:25 p.m.)

Esther Devall, Ph.D., professor emeritus, NMSU; Marisa DeWolf, M.S., Children's Reading Alliance; and Dr. Timothy Hand, associate director, Anna, Age Eight Institute, NMSU, provided information on programming and future plans for the 100% New Mexico initiative and the Anna, Age Eight Institute. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/5/2022&ItemNumber=4>.

Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) (1:11 p.m.)

Daniel Eckman, program manager, DDC, and Alice Liu McCoy, executive director, DDC, gave updates on the Office of Guardianship and the Center for Self Advocacy and explained the evaluation of state-funded guardianship services through comprehensive service reviews. The presenters also spoke on supported decision-making agreements and the Office of the State Special Education Ombud and their duties. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20100522%20Item%205%20DDC.pdf>.

Vocational Rehabilitation Division: Update (2:17 p.m.)

Casey Stone-Romero, director, Vocational Rehabilitation Division, Public Education Department; Tina Montoya, human resources director, Vocational Rehabilitation Division, Public Education Department; and Therese "Terry" Trujillo, administrative services deputy director and chief financial officer, Vocational Rehabilitation Division, Public Education Department, presented on their organizational history, services and the federal regulations that guide the division. The speakers also discussed the vocational rehabilitation process, the division's school-to-work transition program, employment partners helping to build capacity and highlights of the division's annual report. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20100522%20Item%206%20Vocational%20Rehabilitation.pdf>.

Medicaid Waiver Programs (3:02 p.m.)

Erica Archuleta, deputy director, Medical Assistance Division (MAD), Human Services Department (HSD); Melanie Buenviaje, chief, Exempt Services and Programs Bureau, MAD, HSD; and Jason Cornwell, director, Developmental Disabilities Supports Division, Department of Health (DOH), spoke on the allocation of services to individuals on the developmental disability waiver, as well as plans to eliminate the developmental disability waiver processing backlog. The presenters also gave information on the provider rates and capacity for supported living. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20100522%20Item%207%20Medicaid%20Waiver.pdf>.

Public Comment (3:37 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:09 p.m.

Thursday, October 6**Reconvene**

The meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

Association of Developmental Disabilities Community Providers (ADDCP) (9:35 a.m.)

Jim Copeland, executive director, ADDCP, and Matt Poel, chief executive officer (CEO), Great Livin', discussed the Developmental Disabilities Act and adequate funding to support services, including proposed legislation to provide additional funding to the DOH for provider rate increases. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/5/2022&ItemNumber=8>.

Providing Direct Services (10:02 a.m.)

Adrienne R. Smith, president and CEO, New Mexico Caregivers Coalition, and Pamela Stafford, organizing director, New Mexico Caregivers in Action, presented on recruitment and retention efforts to address the shortage of direct support providers and proposed legislation to stabilize the direct support workforce. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/5/2022&ItemNumber=9>.

Local Recovery Resources (10:26 a.m.)

Armando Jalil, program director, Zia Recovery Center, gave an overview of the center's programming and the importance of the long-term services that the center provides, including a new community outpatient program.

Food Security Initiatives (11:34 a.m.)

Kendall Chavez, food and hunger coordinator, Office of the Governor; Jeff M. Witte, director/secretary, New Mexico Department of Agriculture; and Nancy Ryan, deputy director, Casa de Peregrinos Food Program, provided an update on food security initiatives in New Mexico. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20100522%20Item%2011%20Food%20Security.pdf>.

Environmental Health Issues (1:07 p.m.)

Charles Goodmacher, M.A., New Mexico Environmental Public Health Network; Nathaniel Matthews-Trigg, M.P.H., Center for Health and the Global Environment, University of Washington; and Tessa Abeyta, co-executive director, New Mexico Public Health Association, discussed the negative impact of climate change on the health of New Mexicans and proposed legislation to mitigate and address climate-related impacts. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20100522%20Item%2012%20Environmental%20Health.pdf>.

Supportive Housing (1:30 p.m.)

Al Galves, psychologist, and member, Board of Directors, Community Service Corps; Jennifer Hughes, outreach worker, Oxford House, Las Cruces; Gene Larkin, former staff, Original Soteria House; and Mary Martinez White, secretary, Board of Directors, Community Service Corps, and statewide Magistrate DWI Drug Court coordinator (retired), Administrative Office of the Courts, spoke on the benefits of the Soteria House supportive housing model for individuals with behavioral health issues, including better outcomes in employment, social functioning and managing their symptoms. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/5/2022&ItemNumber=13>.

Nicotine: Prevention, Cessation and Licensing (2:01 p.m.)

Esther Hoang, program manager, Nicotine Use Prevention and Control (NUPAC) Program, Public Health Division, DOH; Britt Levine, bureau chief, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, Public Health Division, DOH; Linda Siegle, lobbyist, Cancer Action Network, American Cancer Society; Aryan Showers, director, Office of Policy and Accountability, DOH; and Andrew Vallejos, director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, and member, Cannabis Regulatory and Advisory Committee, Regulation and Licensing Department, gave updates on the NUPAC Program and future goals. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/5/2022&ItemNumber=14>.

Public Comment (3:14 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 3:57 p.m.

Friday, October 7**Reconvene**

The meeting reconvened at 9:05 a.m.

Update: BCOM (9:06 a.m.)

John Hummer, M.H.A., president and CEO, BCOM, and Pilar Faulkner, governmental affairs liaison, BCOM, gave an update on the BCOM.

Working Session (9:43 a.m.)

The committee continued work on developing legislation to address health care needs in New Mexico. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/5/2022&ItemNumber=16>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.