

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

**October 25-26, 2021
State Capitol, Senate Chambers
Santa Fe**

The tenth meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee was called to order by Representative Christine Trujillo, chair, on October 25, 2021 at 9:25 a.m. in the Senate Chambers of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Christine Trujillo, Chair
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Vice Chair
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Sen. Martin Hickey
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson (10/26)

Absent

Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. David M. Gallegos

Advisory Members

Rep. Phelps Anderson
Rep. Gail Chasey
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo (10/25)
Rep. Miguel P. Garcia
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson (10/25)
Sen. Linda M. Lopez
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Marian Matthews
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
Sen. Bill Tallman (10/25)

Rep. Deborah A. Armstrong
Rep. Brittney Barreras
Rep. Karen C. Bash
Rep. Rachel A. Black
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill
Rep. Roger E. Montoya
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
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
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.

Monday, October 25**Medical Cannabis Program Update (9:31 a.m.)**

Linda Trujillo, superintendent, Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD); John Blair, deputy superintendent, RLD; and Dominick Zurlo, Ph.D., director, Medical Cannabis Program, Department of Health (DOH), provided a presentation to the committee regarding the medical cannabis program. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/25/2021&ItemNumber=1>.

Treating COVID-19 in Northwestern New Mexico (12:28 p.m.)

Don Smithburg, interim chief executive officer, Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the treatment of COVID-19 in Northwestern New Mexico.

Public Comment (1:36 p.m.)

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

J. Paul Taylor Early Childhood Task Force Report (1:37 p.m.)

Andrew C. Hsi, M.D., professor emeritus, University of New Mexico (UNM) Health Sciences Center, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the J. Paul Taylor Early Childhood Task Force report and legislative recommendations of the task force for the 2022 legislative session. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20102521%20Item%203%20J%20PAUL%20TAYLOR%20TASK%20FORCE%20RECOS%202021.pdf>.

During this presentation, Representative Trujillo requested that the staff draft a letter to the Legislative Finance Committee and include the J. Paul Taylor Early Childhood Task Force report and recommendations with that letter.

Kids Count Report (2:19 p.m.)

Amber Wallin, M.P.A., deputy director, New Mexico Voices for Children, and Judy Barnstone, Ph.D., M.S.W., associate professor, Facundo Valdez School of Social Work, New Mexico Highlands University, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the Kids Count report and legislative recommendations for the 2022 legislative session. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20102521%20Item%204%20KCR.pdf>.

Hospice and Home Health Care (3:18 p.m.)

Meggin Lorino, M.S.W., executive director, New Mexico Association for Home and Hospice Care; Nicole Comeaux, director, Medical Assistance Division, Human Services Department (HSD); and Adrienne Smith, president and chief executive officer, New Mexico Caregivers Coalition, provided a presentation to the committee regarding hospice and home health care. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/25/2021&ItemNumber=5>.

Tuesday, October 26**Implementing End-of-Life Legislation (9:28 a.m.)**

Barak Wolff, M.P.H., chair, End-of-Life Options New Mexico; Phyllis Bergman, R.N., C.N.P. (retired), and assistant nursing faculty, UNM College of Nursing (retired); David Grube, M.D., national medical director, Compassion & Choices; Representative Deborah A. Armstrong; and Rob Schwartz, J.D., professor emeritus, UNM School of Law, provided a presentation to the committee regarding the implementation of end-of-life legislation. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/25/2021&ItemNumber=6>.

Medicaid Waivers (10:57 a.m.)

Robert Kegel, parent and advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities; Ms. Comeaux; Jason Cornwell, director, Developmental Disabilities Supports Division, DOH; and David Scrase, M.D., secretary, HSD, and acting secretary, DOH, provided a presentation to the committee regarding Medicaid waivers. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/25/2021&ItemNumber=7>.

Domestic Violence (12:42 p.m.)

Pam Wiseman, executive director, New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Gwyn Kaitis, policy director, New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and David Garvin, director of battering intervention, New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence,

provided a presentation to the committee regarding domestic violence. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20102521%20Item%208%20NMCADV.pdf>.

Public Comment (1:38 p.m.)

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

Primary Care Council (2:16 p.m.)

Audrey Cooper, R.N., project manager, Food Security and Primary Care, HSD; Jeff Clark, M.D., retired major general, United States Army, HSD; and Rohini G. McKee, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S., F.A.S.C.R.S., chief quality and safety officer and associate professor, Department of Surgery, UNM Hospital, and chair, Strategic Planning, Primary Care Council, provided a presentation to the committee addressing updates from the Primary Care Council. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/25/2021&ItemNumber=9>.

Traumatic Brain Injury (3:20 p.m.)

Andrew Carlson, M.D., assistant professor of neurosurgery, UNM School of Medicine; David B. Arciniegas, M.D., F.A.N.P.A., F.A.C.L.P., professor and senior research neuropsychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, UNM School of Medicine; Davin Quinn, M.D., F.A.C.L.P., professor of psychiatry, vice chair, Adult Clinical Services, chief, Division of Behavioral Health Consultation and Integration, and director, Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Service, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, UNM School of Medicine; Valerie Klopp, chair, Brain Injury Advisory Council; and Sara Penn, vice chair, Brain Injury Advisory Council, provided a presentation to the committee regarding services and access to care for persons experiencing traumatic brain injuries. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/25/2021&ItemNumber=10>.

Behavioral Health Parity (4:22 p.m.)

Senator Hickey and Rob Schwartz, J.D., professor emeritus, UNM School of Law, provided a presentation to the committee regarding behavioral health parity and related legislation for the 2022 legislative session. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=10/25/2021&ItemNumber=11>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.