

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

**September 2-3, 2021
State Capitol, House Chambers
Santa Fe**

The fifth meeting of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee was called to order by Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino, vice chair, on September 2, 2021 at 9:17 a.m. in the House Chambers of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino, Vice Chair
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Sen. Martin Hickey
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

Absent

Rep. Christine Trujillo, Chair
Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson

Advisory Members

Rep. Rachel A. Black
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo (9/3)
Rep. Miguel P. Garcia (9/3)
Sen. Linda M. Lopez (9/3)
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Roger E. Montoya
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto (9/2)
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics
Sen. Bill Tallman (9/2)

Rep. Phelps Anderson
Rep. Deborah A. Armstrong
Rep. Brittney Barreras
Rep. Karen C. Bash
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena
Rep. Gail Chasey
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Marian Matthews
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.

Thursday, September 2

Tobacco and Youth (9:27 a.m.)

Mahesh Sita, director, Government Relations, American Heart Association, and Linda Siegle, Government Relations, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, gave a presentation on legislation aimed at curtailing tobacco use by youth. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/2/2021&ItemNumber=1>.

Vocational Rehabilitation Division (VRD): Update (10:53 a.m.)

Daniel Drury, interim director, VRD, Public Education Department (PED); Charles "Alan" Hamlin, administrator, Disability Determination Services, VRD, PED; Nash Sisneros, M.A., L.P.C.C., C.C.F.C., interim administrator, Rehabilitation Services Unit, VRD, PED; Therese "Terry" Trujillo, M.A., P.M.P., deputy director, Administrative Services Unit, VRD, PED; and Robert Cardon, chief financial accountant, Department of Finance and Administration, provided updates from the VRD. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/2/2021&ItemNumber=2>.

Dance for Physical and Behavioral Health (12:40 p.m.)

Cynthia Delgado, director, Government and Corporate Relations, National Dance Institute of New Mexico (NDI); Russell Baker, executive director, NDI; and Jesse Martinez, alumnus, NDI, and high performance computing network technical lead, Los Alamos National Laboratory, gave a presentation to the committee regarding dance and health. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20090221%20Item%203%20NDI.pdf>.

Public Comment (1:40 p.m.)

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

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD): Update (1:57 p.m.)

Katrina Hotrum-Lopez, secretary, ALTSD; Sam Ojinaga, deputy secretary, ALTSD; Sarah Jacobs, general counsel, ALTSD; and Denise King, director, Aging Network Division, ALTSD, provided updates from the ALTSD. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20090221%20Item%204%202021%20ALTSD.pdf>.

Friday, September 3**Demand for and Access to Behavioral Health Services (9:31 a.m.)**

Shannon Freedle, chief executive officer, TeamBuilders; Larry A. Martinez, director, North Central Region, Presbyterian Medical Services; Maggie McCowen, L.I.S.W., M.B.A., executive director, Behavioral Health Providers Association of New Mexico; and Lawrence Medina, M.B.A., executive director, Rio Grande Alcoholism Treatment Program, gave a presentation regarding demand for behavioral health services and issues related to receiving those services. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=LHHS&Date=9/2/2021&ItemNumber=5>.

Community-Based Medication-Assisted Treatment (11:32 a.m.)

Christina Juarez, executive director, New Mexico Treatment Services, and Dr. Mark Stavros, chief medical officer, Maric Healthcare, gave a presentation on issues related to dispensing methadone for at-home use. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20090221%20Item%206%20CBMAT.pdf>.

Public Comment (1:30 p.m.)

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

Center on Alcohol, Substance Use, and Addictions: Update and Future Directions (1:46 p.m.)

Scott Tonigan, M.D., Center on Alcohol, Substance Use, and Addictions, University of New Mexico, gave a presentation on the research and data collected by the center. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20090221%20Item%207%20Tonigan%20CASAA%20Behavioral%20Subcommittee%20presentation.pdf>.

Harm Reduction (3:16 p.m.)

Phil Fiuty, program director, Harm Reduction, The Mountain Center; Colonel Jack Jones, former director, New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy, and deputy chief, Espanola Police Department; and Josh Swatek, program manager, Harm Reduction Program, Public Health Division, Department of Health, gave a presentation on harm reduction. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LHHS%20090221%20Item%208%20Harm%20Reduction.pdf>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.