



HEALTH CARE
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Beneficiary Advisory Council

OCTOBER 22, 2025 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

LA DON WOODSON, HCA

BEFORE WE START...

On behalf of all colleagues at the Health Care Authority, we humbly acknowledge we are on the unceded ancestral lands of the original peoples of the Pueblo, Apache, and Diné past, present, and future.

With gratitude we pay our respects to the land, the people and the communities that contribute to what today is known as the State of New Mexico.



*A cloudy morning looking over Santa Cruz Lake.
Photo taken by HCA employee Jessica Gomez*

MISSION

We ensure New Mexicans attain their highest level of health by providing whole-person, cost-effective, accessible, and high-quality health care and safety-net services.



VISION

Every New Mexican has access to affordable health care coverage through a coordinated and seamless health care system.

GOALS



LEVERAGE purchasing power and partnerships to create innovative policies and models of comprehensive health care coverage that improve the health and well-being of New Mexicans and the workforce.



BUILD the best team in state government by supporting employees' continuous growth and wellness.



ACHIEVE health equity by addressing poverty, discrimination, and lack of resources, building a New Mexico where everyone thrives.



IMPLEMENT innovative technology and data-driven decision-making to provide unparalleled, convenient access to services and information.

MEETING NORMS

- Mute your mic when not speaking
- Use reactions and the raised hand function
- Turn on your Camera when speaking
- Post questions in the chat and wait for comment
- Actively participate



ROLL CALL & AGENDA APPROVAL

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MEETING AGENDA AND APPROVAL

Medicaid Director Welcome

Introduction of guests

Special Session Recap

Old Business

- Conflict of Interest
- Choosing BAC leadership
- Key priority survey
- BAC SharePoint workspace
- August 4th MAC meeting summary report

New Business

- HCA Website Overhaul in procurement
- BAC bylaws
- November 3,2025 MAC meeting Agenda review

Closing

- Meeting Summary
- Next meeting
- Adjourn



07/23/2025 MINUTES APPROVAL

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MEDICAID DIRECTOR WELCOME

DANA FLANNERY, MEDICAID DIRECTOR



2025 SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION OUTCOMES

\$162 million in emergency funding in response to recent federal cuts to food assistance programs and other urgent state needs, \$66 million to HCA

- \$16.6 million to maintain SNAP food benefits;
- \$8 million for food banks and pantries;
- \$2 million for school-based food programs;
- \$1.5 million to help people meet work requirements for benefits;
- \$1.2 million to retain SNAP-Ed program staff,
- \$6.6 million for additional staffing at HCA;
- \$10 million for IT system upgrades;
- \$3 million for nonprofit health clinics;
- \$17 million to reduce health insurance costs on the state marketplace exchange.



INTRODUCTIONS

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NEW MAD/BHSD STAFF



Jarel LaPan Hill,
Assistant Deputy
overseeing MCOB,
Compliance &
Program Integrity,
LTSSB, Federal
Relations, and
Special Projects



Zachary Larry,
Stakeholder
Engagement
coordinator
supporting MAC,
BAC and PCC



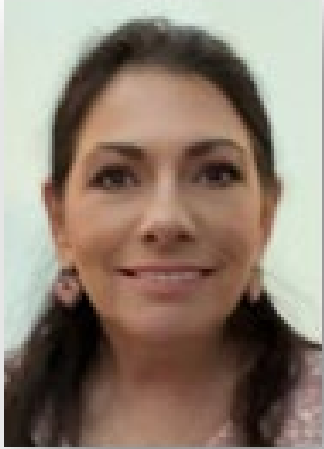
Chastity Sandoval,
BHSD Tribal Liaison



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STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS



Retiring: **Theresa Belanger**,
MAD Tribal Liaison
With 22 years of service to
the State, retiring Dec. 2025



Alanna Dancis,
Interim Medicaid
Director



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REPORT SPECIAL SESSION RECAP

DANA FLANNERY

OLD BUSINESS

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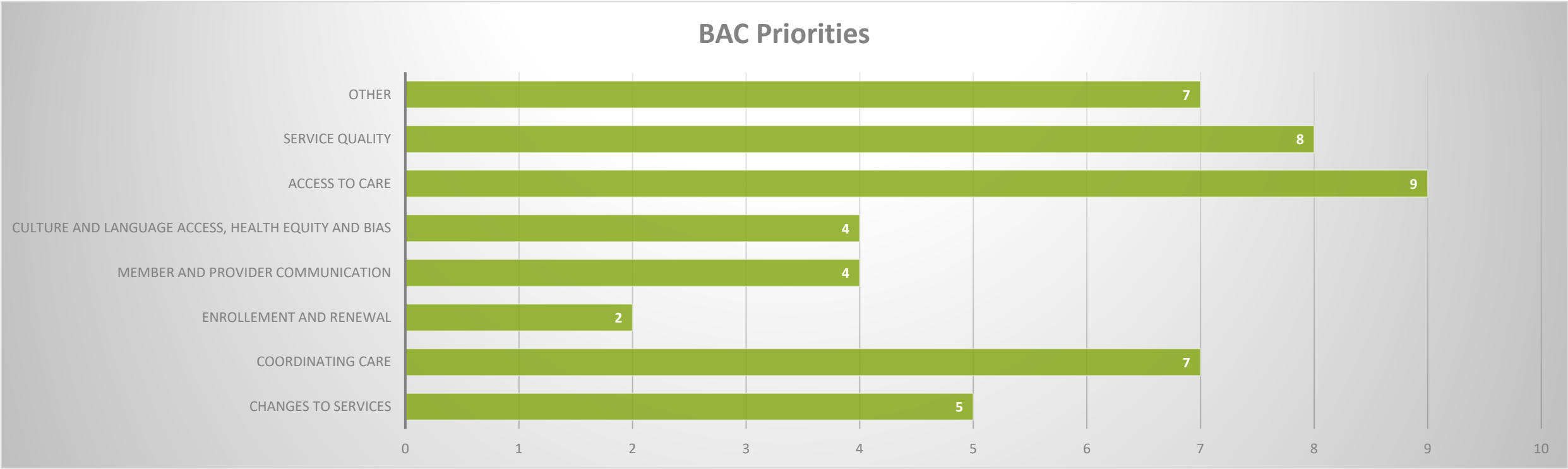
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 - Co-Chair
 - Secretary
 - MAC representatives
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OLD BUSINESS

Key Priority survey



Other

- Current political Climate
- Medicaid Changes

Barriers

- Lack of providers/specialists
- Timely appointments
- Rural and border access to care
- Paid caregiver mandated work hours
- Access to nonmedical care (ie. Eyecare)

[BAC Priority SS V000 251022](#)



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NEW BUSINESS

HCA WEBSITE RE-DESIGN

HCA will RFP a website developer to re-design the HCA.NM.gov website.

Please give us our input using this Mural interactive tool.

Click the Mural link (in the chat) to answer 4 questions

- [Mural link](#)



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BYLAWS

- [BAC BYLAWS](#)
- [MAC BYLAWS](#)

MAC MEETING

- When: November 3, 2025 @ 1 PM
- Where: 1474 Rodeo Rd. Santa Fe, NM (1st Floor Conference Room) or via TEAMS
- Topics:
 - Reports
 - NM Special Session
 - Rural Health Transformation Plan
 - SB3
 - HR1: Work Requirement program design
 - New Business
 - HCA Website Overhaul in procurement - Need feedback about how MAC members use the website.
 - Overview of CMS Final Rule, 2442-F



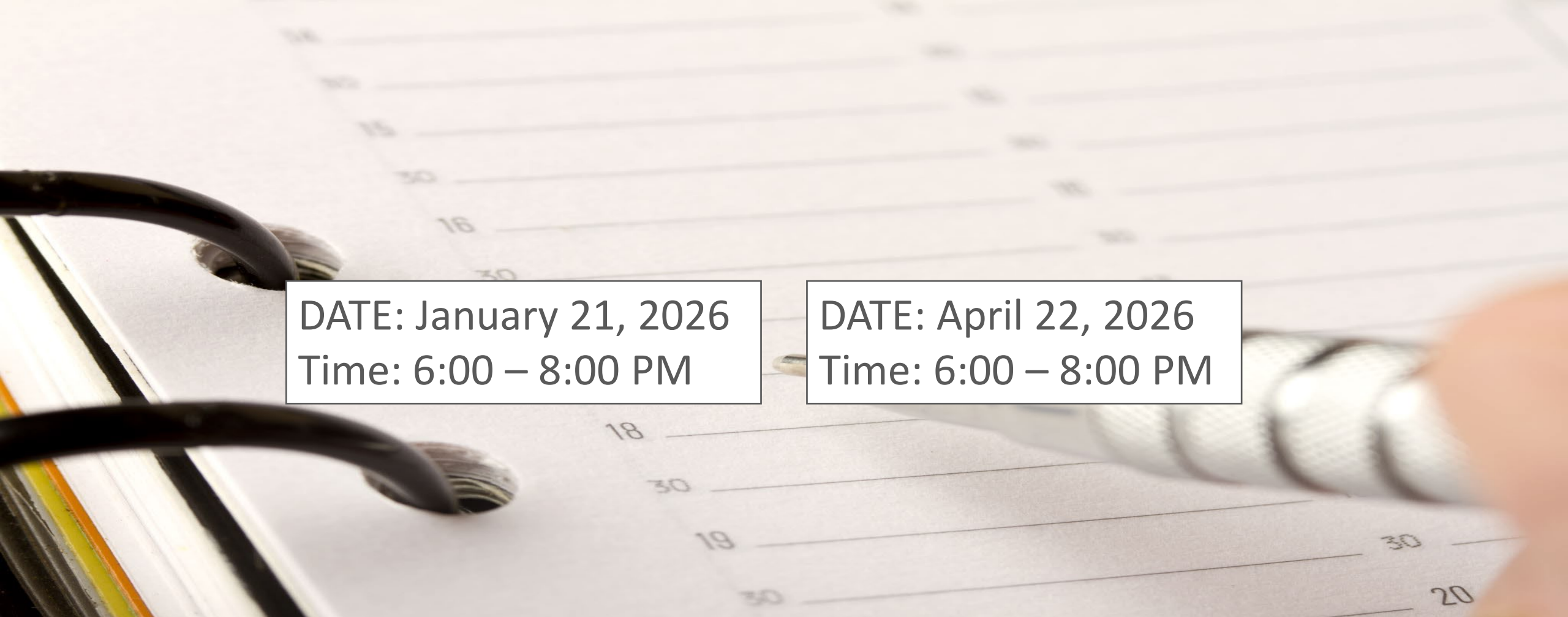
CLOSING

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CLOSING & NEXT STEPS

- Summary of Key Decisions and Action items
- Set date/Time for next meeting
- Adjourn





DATE: January 21, 2026
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

DATE: April 22, 2026
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

BAC MEETING CALENDAR

ALL TIMES AND DATES ARE TENTATIVE

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A group of diverse people, including men, women, and children, are holding hands in a large circle on a grassy field. In the foreground, a person is seated in a wheelchair, also holding hands with the group. The background shows lush green trees under a clear sky. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal filter.

THANK YOU