The final week! This year’s legislative session will come to an end at noon this coming Saturday. Expect the usual flurry of activity in this final week as sponsors push to move their bills through final committee hearings and get time for votes on the floor of the House or Senate. With the logjam on the Senate side, House committees have had little to do in the past several days, so they are well-positioned to deal with whatever Senate bills do make it through that chamber and over to the House.

A few of the Senate bills we’re following that still may have enough time to make it through the House include SB 190 (updating provisions in state law for the DD Planning Council), SB 285 (transport by EMTs for emergency MH evaluations), SB 299 (accessible parking logo on specialty license plates) – and maybe even SB 289 (elevating role and visibility of special education unit within PED) and SB 317 (eliminating cost-sharing for behavioral health services and medications).

House bills we’re following that require action in the Senate include HB 47 (end-of-life options), HB 222 (creating a special education ombud program in the DDPC), HB 223 (voluntary MVD registry for persons with disabilities), and HB 234 (strengthening commitment to least restrictive guardianships).

Derailment in SHPAC. Two bills addressing the disability service system were tabled this past week in the Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee. HB 214 would have repealed an outdated and unused provision of state law allowing for payment of subminimum wages to some employees with disabilities; Democratic Senators Ortiz y Pino, Stefanics, and Tallman voted with two Republicans to table the bill. SB 342 would have required DD waiver provider agencies to pass through a portion of funding received from any future rate increases to the direct care workers providing the services involved. Although Senator Ortiz y Pino expressed strong skepticism about the position taken by the provider agencies who opposed the bill, he and Senator Tallman cast the deciding votes to table it, with Senator Ortiz y Pino pointing out that it was simply too late in the session for the bill to have a chance to make it all the way through the legislature in the short time left.
Public input/viewing information. Committee agendas are available through the legislative website (nmlegis.gov) under the “What’s Happening” tab on the homepage. The agendas include information about how the public can comment on bills being heard in the committee. Committee meetings are also being webcast for viewing by people who don’t wish to provide comment and therefore don’t need to be part of the Zoom meeting; find them under the “Webcast” tab.

Reminder: Senate committees require you to alert the committee by email in advance of the meeting if you want to provide public comment on a bill. This will be especially challenging in this final week as agendas are frequently posted or changed with little notice, so the deadlines may not be enforced. House committees don’t ask you to sign up in advance but you have to have a Zoom account in order to join the meeting; sign up for free at https://zoom.us/freesignup/.

Bills and Memorials Introduced in the 2021 Session

This list is grouped by specific disability or subject matter and shows the bill number, sponsor, a description of the bill, the current committee assignments and action taken on the bill or memorial.

State Budget

**HB 2** General Appropriations Act. Rep. Patty Lundstrom. This is the state budget bill that provides funding for most state agencies and programs. It passed the House by a vote of 60–10 and is now under review by the Senate Finance Committee. A package of amendments that will increase state spending here and there is likely to be adopted early this week by that committee, though the specifics of these changes have not yet been publicly released. Once the revised version is adopted by SFC and passed in the Senate, it will have to go back to the House near the end of the legislative session to either agree with the Senate changes or trigger a negotiation between the chambers to agree on a final version.

**SB 377** General Appropriations Act II. Sen. George Munoz. This bill, typically referred to as “HB 2 Junior”, provides one-time supplemental funding for a very wide range of state agencies and programs. Each legislator is given the opportunity to allocate a certain amount of funding to programs of their choice. Items of interest to the disability community in the bill include funding for the special education ombud program (if HB 222 is enacted) as well as additional funding for Special Olympics, civil legal services, deaf/blind support services, youth suicide prevention programs, support of disabled veterans, mental health services for student athletes at UNM and NMSU, and the Best Buddies program facilitating friendships between students with and without disabilities.

Behavioral Health

**HB 125** Behavioral health practice and oversight. Rep. Day Hochman-Vigil. Modifies some of the licensure requirements for psychologists and therapists, such as extending the period of temporary New Mexico licensure for those licensed in another state and practicing here during a health care emergency. Passed the House 68–0; passed SHPAC, pending in SJC.

**HB 151** BH consortium for planning. Rep. Karen Bash. Calls for the establishment of a large “Bridges Across New Mexico” consortium of politicians, architects, business people and social service agencies to consider the need for additional residential facilities for mental health and substance abuse treatment, and for transitional and longer term housing. It also would develop a drug prevention program for students and review DWI laws and penalties. Similar to SB 191, below. Passed HHHC, pending in HAFC.
HB 178 Counseling and therapy practice extension. Rep. D. Wonda Johnson. Extends the board that oversees these practitioners for another six years (to 2027) and makes a few technical changes to the current authorizing statute. Unless extended, the board will terminate this July 1. Passed the House 67–0; passed SHPAC, pending in STBTC.

HB 202 Child welfare improvements. Rep. Meredith Dixon. In its amended version, this bill would have put into law a few of the provisions in the settlement agreement in the Kevin S. lawsuit relating to children in CYFD custody. For example, except in “extraordinary circumstances”, it prohibited placement of children in hotels or motels, state offices or out-of-state facilities. State agency leaders claimed it was premature to act now and promised to support legislation once all implementation details and outcomes are worked out. Passed HHHC; remains in HJC after a motion to move the bill on failed. Further action unlikely.

HB 215 BH screening, intervention and referral. Rep. Day Hochman Vigil. Calls on HSD to provide Medicaid coverage for screening, brief intervention and referral for treatment (SBIRT) for persons who appear to have a substance abuse disorder or certain mental health conditions identified by HSD. Passed House 61–4; SJC.

SB 119 Interstate compact on psychology. Sen. Jerry Ortiz y Pino. Brings New Mexico into the interstate agreement (compact) that allows someone appropriately licensed in another state to practice temporarily in New Mexico, and the same opportunity for those licensed here to practice in other states. Passed SHPAC, pending in SJC.

SB 128 Suicide prevention, response and treatment. Sen. Bill O’Neill. The substitute version of this comprehensive bill calls for a number of steps to be taken to assess whether a person admitted to an emergency room or mental health facility may be suicidal and to intervene when a person is believed to be suicidal. It establishes the BH Purchasing Collaborative as the lead agency to plan and coordinate these interventions. Passed SHPAC, pending in SJC.

SB 191 BH consortium for planning. Sen. Linda Lopez. The amended version of this bill is similar to but no longer identical to HB 151, above. Passed SHPAC, pending in SFC.

SB 285 Emergency transport for MH evaluation. Sen. Daniel Ivey-Soto. Under current law, police officers have the authority to detain and transport persons with a mental disability to an evaluation facility if they are suicidal or presenting a danger to themselves or others due to their disability. This bill would allow a police officer in such circumstances to have an EMT or other emergency medical responder transport the individual for the evaluation. A proposed amendment to ensure the individual would not have to pay for the cost of the ambulance transport was narrowly rejected in SJC. Passed Senate 34–4; HJC.

SB 317 No cost-sharing for BH services. Sen. Martin Hickey. Prohibits, for a five-year period beginning July 2022, any co-pays or other consumer cost-sharing for mental health and substance abuse services under health insurance policies regulated by the state of New Mexico. It would also require annual reports so the financial and health-related impacts of eliminating cost-sharing could be assessed. Passed SHPAC and SFC, awaiting Senate vote.

Brain Injury

SB 65 Brain injury study. Sen. Jerry Ortiz y Pino. Appropriates $150,000 to the Department of Health to collect data, review existing services, and recommend steps to improve and expand services to persons with brain injuries. Passed SHPAC, pending in SFC

SB 109 Brain injury services. Sen. Jerry Ortiz y Pino. Appropriates $500,000 to the brain injury fund to support services for persons with brain injuries. Passed SHPAC, pending in SFC

Civil Rights

HB 4 Civil Rights Act. Rep. Georgene Louis. As amended, allows an individual to sue a state or local public agency, including a school district, if it deprives the individual of rights specified in the
Bill of Rights section of the state constitution. This excludes educational rights provided by other provisions of the state constitution. The defense of qualified immunity would be eliminated, and a successful litigant would be entitled to attorney’s fees. Passed the House (39–29); passed SHPAC and SJC, awaiting vote in the full Senate.

HB 111 Housing discrimination issues. Rep. Andrea Romero. This bill includes a number of provisions to protect low-income tenants in rental arrangements with a current or prospective landlord. It prohibits refusing to show an available housing unit if the refusal is based on a prospective tenant’s disability or any other characteristic protected by the Human Rights Act. It also prohibits retaliation against a tenant exercising his or her rights, such as requesting a reasonable accommodation based on disability. Passed the House on a party-line 42–25 vote; Passed SHPAC, pending in SJC.

HB 192 Human Rights Act Amendments. Rep. Brittney Barreras. Extends the anti-discrimination provisions of the state Human Rights Act, which currently applies to private businesses and the state as a whole, to any public body funded by a governmental entity, including school districts. Deletes outdated references in the current statute to “mental or physical handicap” and replaces them with “mental or physical disability”. Passed the House 52–14; SJC.

Criminal Matters

HB 143 Crime victim interviews. Rep. Meredith Dixon. Authorizes children and incapacitated adults to refuse pre-trial interviews by defense attorneys in criminal cases or arrange for limited interviews conducted by a law enforcement officer rather than counsel for a defendant. Passed HCPAC, pending in HJC.

SB 69 Crimes against children with disabilities. Sen. Linda Lopez. Increases penalties for abandonment or abuse of a child if the child has a disability, making abandonment a fourth-degree felony rather than a misdemeanor, and a first-degree rather than second-degree felony when the abandonment results in death or great bodily harm. Passed SHPAC, pending in SJC, then referred to SFC.

Developmental Disabilities

SB 9 Special Olympics. Sen. Peter Wirth. Appropriates $300,000 to the Department of Tourism to support Special Olympics. Passed SHPAC, pending in SFC.

SB 33 Early detection of cerebral palsy. Sen. Greg Schmedes. Appropriates $200,000 to the Early Childhood Education and Care Department to fund training and technical assistance to health care workers to promote early detection of cerebral palsy (CP) in young children. Passed SHPAC, pending in SFC.

SB 190 Revise DDPC provisions in NM law. Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill. Updates provisions of state law applying to the DDPC to align with current federal law provisions. These changes involve the membership of the Council and its duties. In keeping with the intended alignment, the bill changes the name of the agency to the Developmental Disabilities Council. Passed Senate 41–0; House committee assignments pending.

SB 342 Pay increase pass-through. Sen. Liz Stefanics. As amended, required that at least 40% of any rate increases provided by the Legislature for services that are provided by direct care workers in the DD waiver programs be passed on to increase worker compensation, and that provider agencies report how they spent the new funding so that compliance can be tracked. Includes some basic data reporting about the direct care workforce employed by DD waiver provider agencies to inform policymaking in this area. SHPAC/SFC. Heard and tabled in SHPAC.

Education/Special Education

HB 93 Limiting suspension/expulsion. Rep. Ray Lara. Requires school districts to adopt disciplinary policies that call for suspension or expulsion to be used only as a last resort following use of alternative
interventions and upon a determination that suspension/expulsion is the only safe response. Although
the bill addresses behaviors that may be attributed to homelessness, adverse childhood experiences, or
similar causes, its provisions would apply to students with disabilities as well. Passed the House
54–12; passed through SEC without recommendation, pending in SJC.
HB 116 Add more professionals to 3-tier licensure. Rep. Liz Thomson. Adds a long list of school
support professionals, such as audiologists, therapists, social workers and psychologists, to the three-
tier salary structure established in state law that currently covers only teachers and administrators. The
intent of the legislation is to make it more likely that when funds are appropriated to increase teacher
salaries, these other professionals would also receive increases. Passed HEC, tabled in HAFC.
portion of the funds they are generating during the current school year based on special education
enrollment, and allows parents to be reimbursed from those funds if they had to pay other providers for
services in a child’s Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) that were not provided by the school.
HEC/HAFC. Heard in HEC but set aside by the chair of the committee; unlikely to move forward.
Ombud within the DD Planning Council. The Ombud program would investigate and resolve
problems experienced by parents and students in obtaining appropriate special education services and
assist in protecting the educational rights of students and parents. The Ombud would also identify
systemic concerns and recommend solutions, review and comment on proposed changes to laws and
policies, and provide an annual report on its activities and recommendations. Similar to SB 346,
below. Passed the House 68–0; SJC. There is $250,000 in SB 377 ("HB 2 Junior") for this program,
if the bill passes.
HB 237 School for the Deaf and public schools. Rep. Antonio Maestas. This bill originally authorized
the NM School for the Deaf to provide services to deaf or hard-of-hearing students who attend public
school, prohibited NMSD from charging public schools when NMSD staff participate in IEP meetings
or evaluations of public school students, and sought to achieve equity in funding for all school-age
children with hearing impairment, most of whom are served in public schools around the state rather
than at NMSD. It generated a storm of criticism from NMSD supporters who believed that it could
result in diverting funding away from that institution. The bill was amended to remove all references to
NMSD; nonetheless, after hours of public comment and debate over two days, the bill was tabled in
HHHC.
HB 266 Special education licensure. Rep. Natalie Figueroa. This bill affects persons who have been
licensed as special education teachers based on “alternative” criteria related to their previous
professional experience and education. It imposes some additional requirements for relevant training,
mentoring, etc. in order to maintain licensure. Passed the House 50–15; SEC hearing scheduled for
Monday, 3/15/21.
SB 233 Student Bill of Rights. Sen. Linda Lopez. Establishes a very wide variety of rights for students
in public schools, such as the right to be free from discrimination based on disability, the right to have
teachers and other school personnel follow IEPs and Section 504 plans, and to access available mental
health services. There is no mechanism in the bill to enforce these rights. Tabled in SEC.
SB 289 Special Education Act. Sen. Linda Lopez. Enacts the “Special Education Act”, which
establishes Special Education as a division within PED, with its staff reporting to a deputy secretary of
the department. It strengthens and broadens the role of this division, including monitoring, training
and technical assistance, etc. It would move some existing provisions of state law regarding special
education into the new act. The appropriation of $1 million to the PED to provide training to school
employees has been removed from the bill. Passed SEC and SFC, awaiting Senate vote.
schools; make it clearer that restraint is to be used on a student only as a last resort in emergency
situations; strengthen requirements for schools to report promptly to parents any use of restraint;
require annual reports to the Public Education Department detailing all incidents of the use of restraints on students; require opportunity for public input into school policies on use of restraints; and require training of at least some school staff on alternatives to restraint and safe methods of restraint. Passed SEC without recommendation, pending in SJC.

**SB 346** Special education ombud. Sen. Linda Lopez. Creates the Office of the Special Education Ombud within the DD Planning Council and appropriates $295,000 to the Council for its operation. Similar to HB 222, above. SEC/SJC/SFC.

**Employment of people with disabilities**

**HB 110** Minimum wage changes. Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero. There are a number of categories of employees that are currently excluded from the state’s minimum wage law, and this bill would eliminate nearly all of these exceptions and gradually raise the state minimum wage to $15 per hour in 2024. It also repeals the existing but unused provision of state law that allows non-profit agencies and other businesses to pay employees with disabilities less than the state minimum wage, based on their productivity compared to employees without disabilities. Passed HLVMC; heard and tabled in HCEDC. *Unlikely to advance further.*

**HB 214** Repeal of subminimum wages. Rep. Joanne Ferrary. Repeals the existing but unused provision of state law that allows non-profit agencies and other businesses to pay employees with disabilities less than the state minimum wage, based on their productivity compared to employees without disabilities. Passed the House 48–19; *heard and tabled in SHPAC.*

**SB 354** Create VR Commission to replace DVR. Sen. Linda Lopez. Takes DVR out of PED and establishes it as an office under a new independent commission. Passed SRC, pending in SJC.

**Guardianship and protective arrangements**

**HB 94** Supported decision-making task force. Rep. Joanne Ferrary. Appropriates $35,000 to the DD Planning Council to create a task force to study supported decision-making as an alternative to guardianship and recommend changes in NM law to allow and support it. Passed HHHC, tabled in HAFC. *There is $15,000 for this purpose in the House version of HB 2.*

**HB 234** Guardianship reforms. Rep. Marian Matthews. This bill has been amended to become a comprehensive package of additional reforms to New Mexico’s guardianship laws. For example, it makes various changes to the Office of Guardianship at the DDPC, such as requiring exploration of alternatives to guardianship prior to filing a petition for guardianship, creating a volunteer court visitor program to provide site visits after guardians have been appointed, and requiring annual reports on the activities of the Office. It modifies various provisions of the Probate Code to emphasize least restrictive alternatives. It would have the Administrative Office of the Courts review all annual reports filed by guardians, and report the results of that review to the relevant district court, while the state auditor would review all annual reports by conservators. As revised, the bill no longer calls for licensure of guardians and no longer contains an appropriation. Passed the House 64–0; SIRC. *SIRC hearing scheduled Tuesday, March 16.*

**SB 189** Financial exploitation protections and penalties. Sen. Katy Duhigg. The original version of this bill called on financial institutions to report suspected financial exploitation of vulnerable adults and allowed them to delay transactions that appear to be exploitative or fraudulent, but those provisions have been removed from the bill, apparently because existing New Mexico law already covers those matters. The new version focuses on allowing adults who have been the victim of financial exploitation to obtain relief through the courts, including recovery of the funds in question, attorney fees, and in some cases punitive damages. Passed STBTC, pending in SJC.

**SB 221** Criminal penalties for financial exploitation. Sen. Michael Padilla. Makes it a crime for a person, whether in a fiduciary relationship or not, to trick, coerce or use undue influence to gain control of the resources or property of an elderly, disabled, or otherwise vulnerable adult. A first
offense would be a third-degree felony; further offenses by the same person would be second-degree felonies. Passed SHPAC, pending in SJC, then referred to SFC.

Health Care

HB 47  End-of-life options. Rep. Debbie Armstrong. Authorizes an individual with a terminal illness who is expected to die within six months to obtain a prescription from a qualified health care provider that the individual could self-administer to bring about the person’s death. For persons who have a current diagnosis or recent history of mental illness or intellectual disability, or appear to have such a disability, an evaluation would be required by a health care professional with appropriate expertise to determine if the person has capacity to provide voluntary, informed consent. Same as SB 308, below. Passed House (39–27); Passed SHPAC and SJC; awaiting Senate vote.

HB 122  Health care affordability fund. Rep. Debbie Armstrong. Creates a health care affordability fund and imposes an additional state tax on health insurance premiums to provide revenue for the fund. The fund would be used to expand access to health care coverage for low-income New Mexicans. Passed the House 43–25; SFC.

HB 154  Prescription drug affordability board. Rep Angelica Rubio. Creates a state oversight board that would have the authority to review and approve (or disapprove or limit) major price increases for prescription medications. Passed HHHC, heard and tabled in HSEIC.

HB 203  Health Security Act planning board. Rep. Debbie Armstrong. Creates a board that would be charged with developing a plan over the next two years to provide health coverage, including behavioral health services but excluding long-term care, for all New Mexicans (except those with job-based coverage that is not subject to state regulation). Appropriates $600,000 to the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance to cover the cost of the board, staff and other support. Passed HHHC, pending in HAFC.

HB 210  A/SLP Interstate compact. Rep Brittney Barreras. Brings New Mexico into an interstate compact that allows a licensed audiologist or speech/language pathologist (SLP) in good standing in another state to practice in New Mexico, and vice versa for audiologists and SLPs licensed in New Mexico. Passed the House 67–0; SJC.

HB 272  Easy enrollment for health coverage. Rep. Liz Thomson. Facilitates enrollment into health insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Exchange or Medicaid based on a person voluntarily agreeing to have information in state tax returns shared with the Exchange so they can be made aware of coverage options that may be available to them. Passed the House 48–18; passed SHPAC; awaiting Senate vote.

SB 60  Physical therapy interstate compact. Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill. Brings New Mexico into an interstate compact so that a licensed PT in good standing in another state could practice in New Mexico, and vice versa for PTs licensed in New Mexico. Passed SHPAC, heard and tabled in SJC.

SB 308  End-of-life options. Sen. Liz Stefanics. Same as HB 47, above. SHPAC/SJC.

SM 6  Long-term care task force. Sen. Carrie Hamblen. Requests that ALTSD establish a task force to look at ways of ensuring that nursing homes are better prepared in the future to deal with public health emergencies. The task force is also asked to look at encouraging placements in the community rather than in nursing homes; and improving staffing, physical plant issues, and resident quality of care. SRC/SHPAC.

Independent Living/Community Services

HB 223  Voluntary MVD disability registry. Rep. Liz Thomson. Allows but does not require individuals to note, in conjunction with their car registration, that they or a regular passenger in their vehicle have a disability that might affect their ability to communicate. Law enforcement officers would be required to consult the registry prior to interacting with a motorist and to take appropriate
steps when attempting to communicate with a driver or passenger who is on the registry. Passed the House 54–12; STBTC.

**SB 47** AT and home modifications. Sen. Jerry Ortiz y Pino. Appropriates $300,000 to the Governor’s Commission on Disability to increase their ability to provide assistive technology and home modification services. Passed SHPAC, pending in SFC

**SB 299** Accessibility logo on specialty license plates. Sen. Mark Moores. Allows auto owners with a disability to obtain a specialty license plate of their choice that would also feature the logo that allows for parking in designated accessible parking spaces, as long as the accessibility logo is compatible with the design of the specialty plate. A new version of the bill adopted during Senate floor debate adds provisions for using similar add-on decals to a standardized plate to express support for a variety of worthy public causes. Passed Senate 36–0; HTRC.

**SB 322** Zoning accommodations. Sen. Gregg Schmedes. Requires local zoning authorities to permit a second small home on a residential lot, even in an area zoned for only one home per lot, if the second home is for the residence and care of a family member with disabilities. Passed SHPAC without recommendation; pending in STBTC.

**SB 394** MVD fee waiver. Sen. Linda Lopez. Waives the usual automobile registration fee for one vehicle owned by a low-income person with a significant disability. Passed STBTC, pending in SFC.

**Paid Sick Leave**

**HB 20** Paid sick leave. Rep. Christine Chandler. Requires most employers in NM to provide sick leave to their employees and allow the leave to be used for purposes including caring for a family member with a physical or mental illness or health condition. A revised version incorporates some provisions from HB 37, below, and changes some details in the bill. Passed the House 36–33; passed SHPAC, pending in STBTC.

**HB 37** Paid sick leave. Rep. Angelica Rubio. Required most employers in NM to provide sick leave to their employees and allow that leave to be used for purposes including caring for a family member with a physical or mental illness or health condition. Identical to SB 198, below. *This bill has been combined into a new version of HB 20, above.*

**HB 38** Paid family and medical leave. Rep. Christine Chandler. Creates a program funded by employers and employees that would provide paid leave for employees needing to take time off work to care for a newborn or for a family member with a disability. As amended, the program would not go into effect until 2024, and cities and counties would be prohibited from enacting their own separate programs or requirements. Passed HCEDC and HJC, but now has been referred to HAFC.

**SB 198** Paid sick leave. Sen. Linda Lopez. Identical to the original version of HB 37, above. STBTC/SJC

**Miscellaneous**

**HB 174** Increase tax exemptions. Rep. Phelps Anderson. Doubles the current exemption from state income tax for persons who are over 65 or blind from $8,000 to $16,000 of income. Passed HHHC, heard and tabled in HTRC.

**HB 253** Confidentiality exception for research. Rep. Day Hochman Vigil. Changes the confidentiality provisions of the state Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Code to allow for limited data-sharing related to children, for approved research purposes only. The data would not be publicly available. Passed the House 59–11; SJC.

**ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT**

Legislature and Committees

HB House Bill
HAFC House Appropriations and Finance Committee
HCEDC House Commerce and Economic Development Committee
HCPAC  House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee
HEC  House Education Committee
HHHC  House Health and Human Services Committee
HJC  House Judiciary Committee
HLVMC  House Labor, Veterans, and Military Affairs
HLLC  House Local Government, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs Committee
HSEIC  House State Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee
HTPWC  House Transportation and Public Works Committee
HTRC  House Taxation and Revenue Committee

SB  Senate Bill
SEC  Senate Education Committee
SFC  Senate Finance Committee
SIRC  Senate Indian, Rural and Cultural Affairs Committee
SJC  Senate Judiciary Committee
SHPAC  Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee
STBTC  Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee

State Agencies
CYFD  Children, Youth and Families Department
DDPC  Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
DoH  Department of Health
DVR  Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (within PED)
GCD  Governor’s Commission on Disabilities
HSD  Human Services Department
NMCB  New Mexico Commission for the Blind
NMCDHH  New Mexico Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
PED  Public Education Department

Other
IEP  Individualized Education Program