

**AGENDA**

**HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING  
October 23, 2023  
10:00 AM**

**PRESIDING** : Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson  
Honorable Germaine Simonson, Vice Chairperson

**PLACE** : Budget and Finance Conference Room / (In-Person)  
Via Telecommunications:  
**Call-In Number: 1-669-900-6833** **MTG ID: 979-985-0956**  
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<input type="checkbox"/> Helena Nez Begay	<input type="checkbox"/> Germaine Simonson
<input type="checkbox"/> Vince R. James	<input type="checkbox"/> George Tolth
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**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION; ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS**

**3. REVIEW AND ADOPT AGENDA**

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**4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S):**

- October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting
- October 12, 2023 Special Meeting

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**5. RECEIVING REPORT:**

**A. Report:**

- **Operation Rainbow Bridge**

**Presenter(s):** Ethyl Branch, Attorney General; Navajo Department of Justice  
Thomas Cody, Executive Director; Navajo Division of Social Services  
Dr. Michelle Brandser, HAS; Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services  
(DBMHS); Navajo Division of Health

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**B. Report:**

- ❖ Navajo Department of Health – Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Support (DALTCS)
- ❖ Navajo Department of Personnel Management – Recruitment; Division of Human Resources
  
- DALTCS Services Not Rendered Due to Lack of Hires and Existing Vacancies at all Agency Offices.
- DPM HR and Recruitment: Staff Hires and Vacancies at all DALTCS Agency Offices
  - Strategy for recruitment
  - Job Fairs

**Presenters: NDOH:**

Anslem Lewis, Health Service Administrator (D); Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Support (DALTCS); Navajo Department of Health

James W. Begay	Program Supervisor II	Central (Chinle) Agency
Yvonne Yazzie	Office Specialist	Central (Chinle) Agency
Terry L. McCabe	(D) Program Supervisor II	Western Agency
Marie B. Acothley	Senior Office Specialist	Western Agency
Donovan T. Andy	(D) Program Supervisor II	Northern Agency
Rena Hoschain	Senior Office Specialist	Northern Agency
Cornelia Pioche	(D) Program Supervisor II	Eastern Agency
Nadine Delgarito	Senior Office Specialist	Eastern Agency
Lesita Desiderio	Program Supervisor II	Ft. Defiance Agency
Sarah J. Ahasteen	Senior Office Specialist	Ft. Defiance Agency

Kim Russell, Executive Director (Appointed); Navajo Department of Health

**NDPM:**

Tomicita Woodie, Human Resources Director; Navajo Department of Personnel Management; NDPM

Faryn Garcia, Human Resources Recruitment Manager; DPM-Recruitment; Department of Personnel Management; NDPM

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**C. Report:**

- ❖ Department of Personnel Management;
  
- Update regarding the lifting for the Covid leave mandate within the Navajo Nation.
- Prioritize the health and safety of Navajo Nation employees.
- Measures and precautions that should be implemented going forward.
- Navajo Nation to maintain a safe working environment.
- Recommendations or best practices to navigate Navajo Nation effectively through the transition period.
- Specific guidelines or protocols to implement.

- Aligning current policies and procedures with the latest guidance from health authorities and regulatory bodies.

**Presenters:** Tomicita Woodie, Human Resources Director; Navajo Department of Personnel Management; DPMR

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**D. Report:**

- Data Collection for 2024 – 2028 Reapportionment Study.

**Presenters:** Kristen A. Lowell, Principal Attorney; Office of Legislative Counsel  
Sethalene Roanhorse, Sr. Statistician, Research Analyst; Office of Educational Research and Statistics

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**E. Report:**

**DALTCS:**

- Navajo Council on Aging (NCOA)

**Presenter:** Anslem Lewis, Health Service Administrator (D); Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Support (DALTCS); Navajo Department of Health

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**6. OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Travel:** Navajo Area Indian Health Service Budget Formulation Fiscal Year 2026  
Twin Arrows Dine’ Conference Center  
November 28 – 29, 2023

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**B. Request by Dine’ College to host a HEHSC meeting at the Tsaille Campus.**

Purpose:

- Dine’ College Annual Report
- Future Goals
- Advocacy Work at Federal and State levels

- Select Date in November 2023 (November 3<sup>rd</sup> is not available.)

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**8.      CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT  
NEXT MEETING(S) / TRAVEL:**

- October 26-27, 2023      DBOSBA 2023 Fall Conference at Twin Arrows Dine’ Conference Center
- November 1, 2 & 3, 2023 Work Sessions with NDOH; NDSS; and DODE. Location TBA
- November 20, 2023      Tse’Hootsooi’ Medical Center Annual Report
- November 28-29, 2023      Navajo Area Indian Health Service Budget Formulation Fiscal Year 2026 at Twin Arrows Dine’ Conference Center
- Follow-up with IHS in Crownpoint, NN (NM) to provide a report at a future HEHSC meeting.
- Follow-up with IHS located in Red Mesa, NN (AZ) to provide a report at a future HEHSC meeting.

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