

## 3/12/21 NM Commission on the Status of Women Meeting Minutes

3:30pm – meeting begins via Zoom

### **Members in attendance:**

Lisa Curtis  
Robin Brule  
Shyanne Sansom  
Arianna Parsons  
Lorrina Segovia  
Alicia Bertram  
Mary Ann Ustick  
Erin Armstrong  
Gabrielle Begay  
Mary Lane Leslie  
Denise Torres  
Brenda Saiz

### **Public in attendance:**

Steven Mills

-Introduction of New Members

Denise Torres, JD – Mediator-Attorney

Brenda Saiz, JD – Director Rodey Law Firm. Leader Products Liability & General Liability Practice Group Attorney

-Lisa Curtis, Chair – Call to Order

-Review and approval of Minutes from January 22, 21 meeting. Spelling error on second page noted. Motion to approve the minutes - passed unanimously.

-Open Meetings Act (“OMA”) discussion and formation of OMA Resolution. In general, 10 days has been adopted by most. Motion to approve Commission’s 10 Day OMA Resolution – passed unanimously.

-Formation of Ad Hoc Interview Committee (Mary Lane Leslie, Erin Armstrong, Katherine Ferlic, Gabrielle Begay, & Lisa Curtis)

-Discussion of the two major focus areas and the forming of sub-committees.

-NM Women’s Health: recently passed legislation regarding women’s health; impact of Covid-19 on women throughout NM; profiling during pandemic; facility closures; paid time off; maternal leave; substance abuse; costs of healthcare.

-Economic Empowerment: for all women, wage workers and business owners; gender gap; wage gap; education equals better higher paying jobs.

-Public Forums. Discussion on how, when, and why. Purpose is to gather data statewide. How and when for 2021 will be determined by public health order. Best strategy chosen is multi-prong approach using all possible methods to reach as many women in the state as possible: in-person regional town halls,

town halls via video conference like Zoom, surveys by email and regular mail, social media, etc. It would be a good idea to reach out to other organizations and colleges in the areas.

-Final push on candidates for Executive Director position. Ad Hoc Interview Committee will meet and conduct interviews to report back next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.