

Working Group and Committee Status
Councillor Melanee Hand

6/5/2026

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1	2026 Assignments	Date Last Met	Next meeting	Key Activities and Results	Action Items/ Follow Up	Comments/Notes			
2	Los Alamos County Health Council	6/4/2026	August	Presentation by Mary Bloser on "Gifted Teens and Youth Adults" Ms. Bloser is a Youth Resilience Coach and Clinical Social Worker for 20 years prior. Her presentation was enlightening regarding the challenges working with different types of gifted children, their characteristics, and strategies for their success. Watch the "G" Word Film for more information.	None	Attended the LARSO Health Fair Event at Betty Ehart 6/4/26.			
3	Environmental Sustainability Board	5/21/2026	6/18/2026	Presentation by Chief Executive of Ridwell, about their plastic recycling program. The cost is significantly lower than other competitive plastic recycling programs and addresses plastic waste that the current County Program does not include. It does include recycling of plastic film like grocery bags and baggies, and shipping material bubble wraps and shipping bags. It also includes multi-layer plastic waste that comes from most plastic wraps and bags for foods, candy and energy bars, chip bags, etc. In addition, there was a presentation by Angelica Gurule in concert with the Board of Utilities for On-Bill Financing - An Overview. This program allows customers to finance energy and some home upgrades through their utility bill.	None	An update on the "Single-Use Plastic Bag" Ordinance was discussed. The ESB will follow Council's direction to draft an ordinance and can provide their position to endorse or not.			
4	Regional and State Working Group	5/27/2026	Next Quarter	Focus areas for the 2027 Legislative Session were discussed regarding Los Alamos County's position supporting or opposing legislation. In addition, the 2027 ICIP Ranking of the top 5 projects were discussed.					
5	Utility Policy Working Group	5/6/2026	7/22/2026	Attended BPU meeting. Issues include costs going up on everything, Elk Ridge legal and financial issues.		Interviewed 2 candidates for BPU in addition to BPU attendance.			
6	Charter Revision Working Group	5/29/2026		Provided review comments to revised Charter proposed for Council review on 6/9/26.					
7	New Mexico Municipal League	Pending	9/1-9/4	Annual Conference will be held in Las Cruces, NM	Follow up on travel to annual conference. Funding approval at Council in May.				

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8	NCNMEDD Board	4/23/2026	25-Jun-26	<p>2025 Audit Results presented with 6 findings. Crown H Marketing gave an update on WIN programs and other NCNMEDD programs. Call to action for Board Members to "follow" WIN program to expand understanding of the program on social media. Reimbursement delays for program expenditures on HUD and WIN projects due to new coordination and new processes and paperwork, budget shut down impacts. NCNMEDD President Report: Fed Shutdown has caused very tight budget. June meeting will approve a "very preliminary budget" because of delays in communication and impacts to the programs. Director's report: Contributions to community development will be shown on the NCNMEDD dashboard. 90% of money depends on first doing something, then reporting progress, and finally requesting federal reimbursement, which is adding hurdles and delays. Funding sources are more difficult to obtain and the Fed. administration is deploying new regs. The NCNMEDD is responding by concentrating on core services and some services will be ending in upcoming months, contracts and employee terminations imminent. Salaries need to be vetted - everything is more expensive. Los Alamos Senior Center has projected shortfall of money from NCNMEDD allocations. Increasing prices of everything diminishes impacts of programs for the aging, etc. Local govt will need to step in to support more.</p>		<p>I attended remotely due to illness on 4/23/26. NCNMEDD Housing Workshop to tackle vacant, deteriorated properties by the Mid Region Council of Governments will be held on June 15, 2026. I have registered to attend.</p>			
9	NCRTD Board	6/5/2026	8/7/2026	<p>Agenda Attached separately to Council for Council Session to be held 6/9/26.</p>		<p>Oral Report to be given on highlights at 6/9/26 Council Meeting</p>			
10	NCRTD Finance Subcommittee	5/20/26 Finance Subcommittee	~ 7/22/2026	<p>Chaired the Finance Subcommittee meeting. Recommended Compensation Plan, Amended the Personnel Rules, and Approval of Minutes. These items will be incorporated into the NCRTD Executive Board Meeting for final approval. The Executive Board meeting agenda is provided separately as an attachment for review.</p>					
11	NALWDB (Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board)	Pending				<p>CEO Agreement sent for signature on 4/15/26. Youth Development, Inc. (YDI) regarding governance and COI review for Commissioners sent 6/4/26.</p>			
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16	Please also include the information from the link below for the NCRTD agenda packet for 6/5/26 and meeting minutes from the May meeting as part of my June 9 th status report:								
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