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# Chapter 86

AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; CREATING THE NEW MEXICO  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEADERSHIP COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. NEW MEXICO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEADERSHIP  
COMMISSION--MEMBERSHIP--DUTIES.--

A. The "New Mexico domestic violence leadership  
commission" is created and is administratively attached to  
the children, youth and families department.

B. The New Mexico domestic violence leadership  
commission shall consist of twenty-six members appointed by  
the governor, unless otherwise specified, including:

(1) a representative from the office of the  
governor;

(2) the attorney general or the attorney  
general's designee;

(3) a state senator appointed by the senate  
president pro tempore;

(4) a state representative appointed by the  
speaker of the house of representatives;

(5) a representative from the department of  
public safety;

(6) the secretary of children, youth and  
families or the secretary's designee;

- 1 (7) a representative from the judiciary;
- 2 (8) the president of the New Mexico district  
3 attorney's association or the president's designee;
- 4 (9) the chief public defender or the chief  
5 public defender's designee;
- 6 (10) a representative from the corrections  
7 department;
- 8 (11) a representative from a law enforcement  
9 agency;
- 10 (12) a representative from New Mexico legal  
11 aid;
- 12 (13) a representative from the department of  
13 health;
- 14 (14) a representative from the New Mexico  
15 coalition against domestic violence or an equivalent  
16 organization;
- 17 (15) a representative from the southwest  
18 women's law center or an equivalent organization;
- 19 (16) a representative from the coalition to  
20 stop violence against native women or an equivalent  
21 organization;
- 22 (17) a representative from the crime victims  
23 reparation commission;
- 24 (18) the director of the New Mexico  
25 interpersonal violence data central repository;

1                   (19) a representative from the New Mexico  
2 intimate partner violence death review team;

3                   (20) a representative from the aging and  
4 long-term services department;

5                   (21) a community representative;

6                   (22) two rural domestic violence service  
7 providers;

8                   (23) a domestic violence survivor nominated  
9 by the New Mexico coalition against domestic violence;

10                  (24) a representative from a children's  
11 advocacy organization; and

12                  (25) a representative from a gay and lesbian  
13 organization.

14                  C. The appointed members of the New Mexico  
15 domestic violence leadership commission shall serve at the  
16 pleasure of the governor, and the members' appointments shall  
17 be reviewed at the commencement of each gubernatorial term.  
18 The governor shall designate one member as the chair, and the  
19 position of the chair shall be limited by a term of two  
20 years.

21                  D. The New Mexico domestic violence leadership  
22 commission shall meet, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, at  
23 the call of the chair at least six times annually. For the  
24 purposes of conducting business, a majority of the members of  
25 the commission constitutes a quorum.

1           E. Members of the New Mexico domestic violence  
2 leadership commission shall not be paid, but shall receive  
3 per diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage  
4 Act.

5           F. The New Mexico domestic violence leadership  
6 commission shall:

7                   (1) identify domestic violence services that  
8 are lacking or in need of improvement and provide  
9 recommendations to the secretary of children, youth and  
10 families and the governor to enhance the quality and  
11 efficiency of services statewide;

12                   (2) develop strategies for addressing issues  
13 of domestic violence and raising public awareness;

14                   (3) study possible inequities in the  
15 treatment and disposition of males involved in domestic  
16 violence;

17                   (4) review laws, regulations and policies  
18 related to domestic violence to assess their effectiveness  
19 and recommend changes; and

20                   (5) report annually before October 1 to an  
21 appropriate legislative interim committee and the governor on  
22 domestic violence policy issues. \_\_\_\_\_

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