





City of Santa Fe, New Mexico


Memorandum



DATE: October 23, 2025

TO: Mayor Alan M. Webber
Andrea Salazar, City Clerk

VIA: Henri Hammond-Paul, Community Health and Safety Director 
Lia Salaverry, Youth and Family Services Division Director 

FROM: Christa Hernandez, Youth & Family Services Program Manager 

ITEM AND ISSUE:

Request for Approval of the Appointment of Jeff Valdez and Camara Meri Rajabari to the Human Services Committee (Christa Hernandez, Youth and Family Services Program Manager, 505-955-6728; chernandez@santafenm.gov)

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The Human Services Committee was established by resolution 2012-3 to assess and advocate for human service needs, coordinate resources to maximize cost-effectiveness, evaluate local human services programs and provide technical assistance to programs. The committee is advisory, makes funding recommendations to the Governing Body, and is seeking to appoint Karen Baldwin and Katherine Courtney as members.

Membership is comprised of seven (7) members appointed by the Mayor with approval from the Governing Body. Considerations shall be made to ensure that the membership reflects a range of ages, lived experience and professional and community backgrounds.

Jeff Valdez is a Right of Way Operations Manager at the New Mexico Department of Transportation. He has over eight years of experience processing Medicaid applications, working with managed care organizations to administer Medicaid in New Mexico, and understands how vital access to transportation is for individuals in Santa Fe. Jeff is committed to supporting access to services for our most vulnerable populations and will bring a unique skillset and perspective to the Human Services Committee.

Camara Meri Rajabari is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist currently serving individuals in California and New Mexico. She has over a decade of experience in culturally responsive mental health care and community program development, grounded in ancestral healing, social justice, and trauma recovery. Camara understands the limitations and potential of human services and will bring a wealth of knowledge, insight and experience to the Human Services Committee.

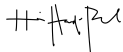
ACTION REQUESTED:

The Youth & Family Services Division respectfully requests the appointment of Jeff Valdez and Camara Meri Rajabari to the Human Services Committee.

Signature: Lia Salaverry

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