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Governor Susana Martinez Announces Appointments to the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Board

SANTA FE – Governor Susana Martinez announced today that she has made appointments to the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange.

When the Governor signed legislation establishing the exchange in statute last month, she noted, “For over 18 months, we have been working to design, build, and implement a health insurance exchange that meets the unique needs of New Mexicans. This legislation builds on those efforts, which had already received conditional approval from the Obama administration, and represents a tremendous amount of hard work and compromise shared by my administration, the legislature, advocates, and the healthcare industry. We still have plenty of work left to do, but I am confident that, working together, we can get it done.”

The governor made the following appointments to the board:

Terriane Everhart of Las Cruces is the owner and qualifying broker of the real estate and marketing company, Property Consultants – Real Estate & Marketing. She also serves as partner in EPIC Construction Management and marketing director for Chisholm’s LLC, a family-owned commercial real estate company. Everhart is currently the vice chair of the First Step Center, an organization that has led the way to provide healthcare for women and children in Dona Ana County. Everhart currently sits on the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) and is on the Board of Directors of the Healthcare for Women and Children. Everhart holds a B.A and a B.S. from New Mexico State University.

James R. Damron, M.D., FACR, of Santa Fe is the Staff Radiologist in the Department of Radiology at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. Dr. Damron has over 38 years of experience in the radiology field including establishing Diagnostic Radiologist, Santa Fe

Radiology, P.C. Damron also sits on the Board of Directors for the New Mexico Health Insurance Alliance. Damron holds an M.D. from Indiana University Medical Center School of Medicine.

Gabriel Parra of Albuquerque is a Staff Attorney at Presbyterian Healthcare Services. Parra is responsible for provision of legal services to Presbyterian Healthcare Services and its affiliates, including Presbyterian Health Plan and Presbyterian Insurance Company. Parra is a health policy expert and holds a J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law and a B.B.A. in Accounting from the University of New Mexico, Robert O. Anderson School of Management.

Ben Slocum of Albuquerque is the President and Chief Executive Officer for Lovelace Health Plan. Slocum is a multi-faceted, award-winning professional, offering over 30 years of comprehensive experience in the healthcare industry with a 19-year record of accomplishment in senior-level management. Slocum holds a B.A. in Marketing from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Sidonie Squier of Santa Fe is the Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Human Services Department. She served as the director of the Office of Family Assistance at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from June 2005 through January 2009, where she oversaw the assistance to needy families through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF). She has experience at both the state and federal levels with various social assistance programs, including TANF, Medicaid, nutrition and domestic violence. Squier holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in Communications from California State University, Long Beach.

J. Deane Waldman, M.D., M.B.A, of Albuquerque is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. Waldman is a consumer advocate who combines the principles of good medical practice with the skills, knowledge base, and experience of the commercial world. Waldman holds an M.B.A. from the University of New Mexico, Robert O. Anderson School of Management, an M.D. from Chicago Medical School and a B.S. in History from Yale College.

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