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## **HSD Secretary – Designate Announces Deputy Secretary Appointments**

### **Leadership Team Will Focus on Ensuring Services are Provided Efficiently for New Mexicans**

*SANTA FE*—Today N.M. Human Services Department (HSD) Secretary-Designate David R. Scrase, M.D. announced the appointment of his two Deputy Secretaries who will join his team to serve the hundreds of thousands of people who rely on the services provided by HSD.

“Angela Medrano and Russell Toal will join me in my effort to serve the people of New Mexico with energy, intelligence, imagination and love,” said Secretary-Designate Scrase. “Their knowledge and experience with HSD will help jump start our work to focus on measuring current performance and strategically focus on improvements into the future.”

Angela Medrano is currently a Deputy Director of the HSD’s Medical Assistance Division (MAD). She has more than 20 years of experience in the areas of healthcare program management, operational management, and federal/state program compliance. “I look forward to using my experience to further the work HSD provides to the 800,000 people we serve,” said Deputy Secretary Medrano.

Russell Toal has been active in public health, Medicaid and health leadership for more than 40 years, and also served as a Deputy Director for MAD from 2014 to 2017. Most recently he has been principal of RToal Consulting, providing Medicaid and systems expertise to clients that specialize in Medicaid and health and human services. “I am excited to return to HSD and join a team whose focus is to ensure New Mexicans receive the services they need as efficiently as possible,” said Deputy Secretary Toal.

Deputy Secretaries Medrano and Toal will begin their new duties Monday, January 14, 2019, and will oversee the four Program Divisions, as well as the Administrative Divisions and Offices that are part of HSD.

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