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## **NM State Senate Unanimously Confirms Human Services Department Secretary Sidonie Squier**

*Santa Fe, New Mexico* – Today the New Mexico State Senate unanimously confirmed Sidonie Squier as Secretary of the Human Services Department.

“Ms. Squier brings a wealth of experience in both state and federal government specializing in social services and I am honored to carry her nomination,” said Senator Carroll Leavell during today’s Senate confirmation.

Governor Susana Martinez appointed Secretary Squier on December 23, 2010. “I am pleased that the State Senate recognizes the qualities that I see in Secretary Squier to lead the very important Human Services Department and its many different health coverage and social service programs for New Mexico’s low-income families,” said Governor Martinez. “Secretary Squier takes on the difficult responsibility of ensuring the safety net for New Mexico’s needy families and children remains strong while containing costs during a time of significant budget deficits, which is something I know she will handle well.”

“I am honored by today’s Senate confirmation and look forward to working on behalf of New Mexico’s most vulnerable families and helping them reach self-sufficiency,” said Secretary Squier.

The Human Services Department administers the Medicaid Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Child Support Enforcement, and several Behavioral Health Services to name a few.

Secretary Squier will also serve as the Co-chair of the Behavioral Health Collaborative.

Secretary Squier served as the Director of the Office of Family Assistance at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from June 2005 through June 2009. Prior to that Secretary Squier served as Associate Commissioner in the Office of Family Services with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (2004 – 2005), Director of Economic Self-Sufficiency with the Florida Department of Children and Families (2003 – 2004), Welfare Reform Administrator with the Florida Department of Children and Families (2002-2003) and Senior Policy Advisory with the Michigan Family Independence Agency (2000-2002).

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