



BeWellnm Board of Directors Announce Former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services as Guest Speaker at Board Meeting

Michael O. Leavitt Served as United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, Three-Term Governor of Utah

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Albuquerque, NM – BeWellnm, New Mexico’s Health Insurance Exchange, announced today that Michael O. Leavitt will be featured as the guest speaker at the beWellnm Board of Director’s meeting on November 17, 2017. Leavitt served in the Cabinet of President George W. Bush and is an expert on accountable care, government relations and insurance exchanges.

Leavitt is the founder of Leavitt Partners, where he helps clients navigate the future as they transition to new and better models of care. His firm works with many leading edge health care industry stakeholders to solve complex problems and uncover market and organizational opportunities. Before founding Leavitt Partners, Leavitt served as a three-time elected Governor of Utah, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and United States Secretary of Health and Human Services. He led the implementation of the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program, a task which required the design, systematization and implementation of a plan to provide 43 million seniors with a new prescription drug benefit. In 1984, he became chief executive of The Leavitt Group, a family business that is now the nation’s second largest, privately held insurance brokerage.

“Governor Leavitt continues to be one of the nation’s leaders in health care solutions,” said Cheryl Gardner, CEO at beWellnm. “His wealth of knowledge and timely insights will be of great benefit to our Board of Directors.”

“We’re honored to have former Secretary Leavitt as the guest speaker for our November board meeting,” said Dr. J.R. Damron, Chair of the beWellnm Board of Directors. “As a healthcare expert with deep experience in both private and public sectors, Mr. Leavitt will undoubtedly be able to provide unique perspectives.”

The beWellnm Board of Directors regular board meeting is scheduled to be held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday November 17, 2017 at the **Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North, located at 5151 San**

Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

If an individual with a disability is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting, please contact the beWellnm office at (505) 314-5200 prior to the meeting. The agenda for the meeting shall be available at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting at the administrative offices of beWellnm, located at 7601 Jefferson St N.E Suite # 160, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and on the beWellnm website, <http://www.bewellnm.com/>. Interested persons may also contact beWellnm at (505) 314-5200 or by e-mail at receptionist@nmhix.com for a copy of the agenda.

About beWellnm, New Mexico's Health Insurance Exchange

BeWellnm was created to help individuals and small businesses get access to affordable health insurance plans. BeWellnm helps consumers compare health insurance plans and choose the plan that works best for their health needs and budget. BeWellnm also helps individuals determine whether they are eligible for premium assistance and if so, at what level. Through beWellnm for Small Business, small businesses are able to purchase competitively priced health insurance plans and offer their employees the ability to choose from an array of plans. Enrollment Counselors and insurance agents are available throughout the state to help with signing up for health insurance.

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