

Minutes

Community Supports Sub-Committee

August 31, 2016

5:00 PM

9th Floor Council Committee Room

Type of meeting:	Joint Sub-committee Meeting with Housing Sub-committee
Members Present:	Paul Hopkins, Melissa Beery, John Schoeppner, Nancy Jo Archer, Laura Tuzinowski, Ann Waldorf, Verner Westerberg, Kathy Finch, Robin Connell, Mika Tari (TA), Nicole Taylor (staff)
Members Excused:	Marcia Harris (excused), Shelby McDaniel
Resource Persons Present:	Katrina Hotrum (BernCo); Anne Minssen (UNMISR)

Call to Order

Paul H., Chair, called the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Discussion to Approve Agenda

Agenda approved. Items added to agenda:

- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes

Discussion to Approve Minutes

Minutes from 8/10/16 approved.

Key Items of Discussion

- ✓ Katrina presented an update on the Steering Committee vote on Community Connections and UNMISR. Steering Committee recommended funding to the ABCGC with some modifications to proposals.
- ✓ Presentation by Katrina H. on the need for Adolescent Transitional Living. The following service providers contributed public comments in support of funding of program: Lifequest, Casa Q, and New Day.
 - Shortage in services
 - Waitlists too long
 - \$500k proposed funding not sufficient
 - Turquoise Lodge closing had a negative impact on services
- ✓ Discussion of Adolescent Transitional Living (ATL) proposal followed:

- Request to define the high priority projects
- Request to define a coherent behavioral health system rather than individual programs - Katrina offered to map out the “big picture”
- Question regarding UNM crisis respite services to be provided with mill levy funds, currently being negotiated?
- Question about City using matching funds to enhance program funding through partnership with County
- Concerns about City defunding vulnerable existing programs to fund County proposals
- Request made to re-draft proposal to address different age groups to be served, such as, 14-17 year olds and separately, 18-24 year olds
- Suggestion to issue more than one RFP to cover different population (age groups) needs
- Comments about chronological vs. developmental differences
- Discussion about scattered sites vs. one specific facility
- References made to the CPI report and recommendations from the report
- Request made to tie in proposal to behavioral health needs rather than just emphasizing youth homelessness
- Request made to add into proposal references to public schools and relationship to educational systems
- Discussion about the needs of LGBTQ youth
- Further discussion on priority population and who is the target population for the pilot? Primary diagnosis of behavioral health needs should be priority.
- Clarification that providers of ATL will not provide intense treatment but will refer to behavioral health specialist
- Case management to be provided and links to support services
- Request for budget breakdown
- Recommendation for increase in funding to \$600
- Explanation from Katrina that this is a pilot program and may not be fully funded

Next Meeting and Adjourn

Next meeting September 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. on the 7th Floor (DMD main conference room) Paul Hopkins adjourned the meeting.