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## Homeless Coordinating Council

### Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference

Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Chair, Mayor Tim Keller, City of Albuquerque  
Vice-Chair, County Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty, Bernalillo County

City Council President Pat Davis, City of Albuquerque  
City Councilor Isaac Benton, City of Albuquerque  
County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley, Bernalillo County  
County Manager Julie Morgas Baca, Bernalillo County  
President Garnett S. Stokes, The University of New Mexico  
Dr. Michael Richards, The University of New Mexico

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Introductions and Announcements

#### A. Welcome and Introductions

Lawrence Rael, (Mayor Keller's Designee) Chair of the HCC, called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m. A quorum of members were present.

*The following voting members were present:* Mayor Tim Keller (CABQ) Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty (BernCo), Councilor Isaac Benton (CABQ), Councilor Pat Davis (CABQ), County Manager Julie Morgas Baca (BernCo), and Lawrence Rael (CABQ – Mayor Keller's Designee), Chamiza Pacheco de Alas (UNM – Mike Richards Designee), Commissioner Debbie O'Malley (BernCo), Terry Babbitt (UNM - President Garnett Stokes Designee)

*Voting Members not present:*

Dr. Mike Richards (UNM), Garnett Stokes (UNM)

*Other individuals present (on Zoom):* Enrico Gradi (BernCo), Betty Valdez (BernCo), Carol Pierce (CABQ), David Parkinson (CABQ), Debra Bazan (CABQ), Jim Collie (BernCo), Lisa Huval (CABQ), Quinn Donnay (CABQ), Peter Dan Rice, Rodney McNease (UNM), Xochitl Campos Biggs (CABQ) William Hoffman, Yvette Ammerman, Leon Espinoza (CABQ), Douglas Chaplin (CABQ), Kate Breitbart, Kelly Sanchez (BernCo), Sarah Malone (Abq Friends), Arias Foster, Brie Sillery, Debbie Johnson, Dennis Plummer, Gillam Kerley, Ilsebiel, Jennifer Scacco, Jenny Metzler, John Ames, Ken Martinez, Margarita Chavez, Marit Tully, Mark Childs, Nicole Taylor, Tina Kachele, Catherine Mexal, Tom Neale, Asatta Zerai, Nasha Ynez Torrez, 265-1711, xxx-4553, xxx-2725, Anna Jones

## Acknowledgment of Designees

Mayor Keller - Lawrence Rael

Dr. Mike Richards (UNM) – Chamiza Pacheco de Alas

President Garnet Stokes (UNM) - Terry Babbitt

## B. Agenda

No modifications to the agenda.

## Public Comment:

A. Written comments: Written comment from Ralph DePalma was received and presented to the committee prior to this meeting.

In order to provide more time for the public to request public comments, Carol Pierce, FCS Director provided a Westside Emergency Housing Center (WEHC) COVID update. There has been a rise in positive cases at the WEHC. The staff continue to screen and monitor those who enter the facility. There are non-congregate settings at the facility, however, the shelter will remain (temporarily) closed to any new people needing emergency shelter. Please call 768-HELP for other emergency sheltering being provided by community partner agencies.

B. Live Questions/Comments: No online requests for public comment received for this meeting, however Ms. Sarah Malone, ABQ Friends requested through the Zoomchat and was allowed to speak at the meeting. *“As a faith community we are doing all we can to provide some water and some very minimal support to the unhoused people also encouraging them not to stay on the grounds overnight, because we know it's against zoning. However, it's very difficult when we*

*know the Westside shelter is now closed and individuals have told us from the beginning that they are wary of going there, even before these outbreaks. With the onset of winter, in particular, we're wondering can vouchers be made available? Where do we suggest people go? We're very concerned about their safety, particularly in the Winter. We've been cited for having people can't even one with us them not to people still do sometimes do. So even though we now have an onsite resident. So, we're concerned about their safety. We're also wanting to follow the rules that you're setting, to the best of our ability. But are very concerned about the welfare of the unhoused people."*

Carol Pierce, FCS Director, referred back to 768-HELP and mentioned partner agencies who are able to connect those who need housing to the appropriate resources based on individual needs.

## **Approval of September 29 Meeting Minutes**

### **A. Handout: September 29 Draft Minutes**

Julie Morgas Baca, County Manager, moved to approve the minutes and Bernalillo County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley seconded the motion.

Roll call was then given to approve the minutes. Lawrence Rael, Commissioner Pyskoty, Councilor Davis, Councilor Benton, Commissioner O'Malley, County Manager Morgas Baca, Terry Babbitt and Chamiza Pacheco de Alas all motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was passed and the minutes were approved.

## **Discussion:**

### **A. Coordinated Community-Wide Framework**

Lawrence Rael briefly talked about the draft framework document and asked the HCC that during the conversation, the need to identify where we want to go with this moving forward, looking at our needs and gaps, high impact strategies and then adopt this as the framework as we move forward. Carol Pierce highlighted introductions to frame and provide context to the high impact strategies identified by the five committees. The agreement that each organization signed asked for a coordinated community-wide framework of services. Ms. Pierce briefly talked about capacity challenges in terms of the number of behavioral health providers or the infrastructure within the community to administer additional housing vouchers, affordable housing units, as

well as non-profit providers to administer additional emergency beds. Ms. Pierce asked the HCC to provide guidance on a timeframe to detail out the high impact strategies, to include some dollars and timeframes to administer that, as well as acknowledge gaps in the community that might prevent them from being administered. Commissioner O'Malley said that it is important to recognize there is a capacity issue, that it is not inexpensive, and asked how long it would take to get to the capacity needed. Ms. Pierce then highlighted each of the five committees. The next step would be to prioritize the high impact strategies, estimate operational costs, capacity issues and targeted date. There was back and forth acknowledgement and appreciation for all the hard work and for all the moving pieces of the document presented to the HCC.

#### B. Neighborhoods/Outreach

Lawrence Rael reminded all that the conversation at the last meeting of the HCC, was about the next steps after solidifying the Coordinated Housing and Services Framework document. We are now beginning to have the conversations with neighborhoods and community as a whole. It has been stressed and made clear that we include the community and have the ability to provide input as it relates to the matters that have not been touched on. Mr. Rael indicated that he would like to have the report adopted by the HCC at the next scheduled HCC meeting of October 27. Expectations of the community will be identified and conversations with the community about the report will follow.

### **Other Discussion:**

#### A. City Housing Vouchers

Director Pierce mentioned that the Mayors Homeless Advisory Council was established two years ago and will meet again this

coming Thursday. Deputy Huval, FCS will be discussing the draft document that was reviewed today.

## **Summary of Next Action Steps**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 27th, 2020 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**