



Homeless Coordinating Council Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 9:00am-10:00am

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 9:06 am. A quorum of members were present.

The following voting members were present: Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty (BernCo), Dr. Mike Richards (UNM), Councilor Isaac Benton (CABQ), Councilor Pat Davis (CABQ), President Garnett Stokes (UNM), Enrico Gradi (BernCO – Commissioner O'Malley's

Designee) County Manager Julie Morgas Baca (BernCo), and Lawrence Rael (CABQ – Mayor Keller’s Designee)

Voting Members not present: n/a

Other individuals present (on Zoom): Charlie Verploegh (BernCo), Carol Pierce (CABQ), David Parkinson (CABQ), Debra Bazan (CABQ), Dianne Layden, Dorren McKnight, Evan Gonzales (BernCo), Jen Scacco (BernCo), Jim Collie (BernCo), Joe Noriega (BernCo), Lisa Huval (CABQ), Margarita Chavez Sanchez, Mark Childs (UNM), Martha Heard, Nasha Torrez (UNM), Quinn Donnay (CABQ), Peter Rice, Reina Martinez (BernCo), Robert Baade, Rodney McNease (UNM), Xochitl Campos Biggs (CABQ) William Hoffman, Yvette Ammerman (CABQ).

B. Acknowledgment of Designees

Mayor Keller - Lawrence Rael
Commissioner O’Malley– Enrico Gradi

Approval of August 18th Meeting Minutes

A. Handout: August 18th Minutes

Council President Pat Davis moved to approve the minutes. A second was made by President Garnett Stokes. The motion was passed and the minutes were approved.

Discussion: Coordinated Community-Wide Framework

A. Handout: Draft outline of Coordinated Community-Wide Framework

Lawrence Rael briefly talked about completing the coordinated community-wide framework as part of the HCC mission for the next 60 days. Carol Pierce, FCS, briefly explained the purpose of the outline of the coordinated framework of services and housing that advance the solutions for people without homes in our community. The framework includes, needs and gaps, as well as the high impact strategies for services and housing. All committees are providing input to complete the document.

President Stokes asked whether there could be a future research agenda in the various areas to not only help solve the problem for Albuquerque but contribute to what is truly a national issue. Dr. Michael Richards supports the framework and asked about support groups for the various committees like data and analytics. Lawrence Rael suggested that we could have staff share the data and information that relates to the state of our homeless population. Carol Pierce asked if UNM has a suggestion on a group that might provide data support. President Stokes didn’t have an immediate answer but will think about what UNM might be able to offer.

Discussion: Committee Updates and Reports

A. Housing, Co-Chairs: Lisa Huval, Betty Valdez, Mark Childs

Lisa Huval, Mark Childs and Betty Valdez provided a quick update to the HCC. The first Housing Committee meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2020 and will meet every other Wednesday from 1pm – 3pm. The first three committee meetings will be strategic planning sessions to help identify concrete strategies to refine and collectively address housing needs of the vulnerable populations. John Ross, a hired consultant, will help facilitate the first three meetings and will discuss the data from the Urban Institute who did an affordable housing analysis for the City earlier this year.

B. Homeless Service System, Co-Chairs: Quinn Donnay, Commissioner Pyskoty, Rodney McNease

Quinn Donnay, Commissioner Pyskoty and Rodney McNease provided a quick update to the HCC. The first Homeless Service System Committee meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2020. The committee is looking forward to services providers and neighborhood representatives coming together to this committee meeting. Commissioner Pyskoty talked about the importance of letting the public know what is going on and are given the opportunity to listen in, participate and ensure everybody's voice, especially those living in the neighborhoods are heard.

C. Coordinated Street Outreach, Co-Chairs: Xochitl Campos-Biggs, Commissioner Collie, Dr. Denise Lyn

Xochitl Campos Biggs, Commissioner Collie and Dr. Denise Lin provided a quick update to the HCC. The first meeting of the Coordinated Street Outreach occurred on August 27. The first meeting with the street outreach providers helped define what the mission of the next two months. The Committee will identify the needs and gaps for coordinated street outreach and the high level strategies to address them. Next meeting scheduled will happen on September 10, 2020 at 3:30 pm. Commissioner Collie talked about the difficulty of identifying all the outreach teams in the community. He talked about the internal support and connections we currently have, but emphasized there are people who are not at the table and the need to connect with them about the gaps and strategies.

D. Youth Housing Continuum, Co-Chairs: Quinn Donnay, Jennifer Scacco, Assata Zerai and Nasha Torrez

Quinn Donnay, Jennifer Scacco, Assata Zerai and Nasha Torrez provided a quick update to the HCC. The first meeting of the Youth Housing Continuum is scheduled for September 2 at 4:00pm. The committee will focus on the unmet needs and the high impact strategies to leverage funding and support for youth. (ages 18-25).

E. Gateway Facilities, Co-Chairs: Lawrence Rael, Commissioner O'Malley, Tom Neale, and Councilor Isaac Benton.

Lawrence Rael, Councilor Benton, Commissioner O'Malley, and Tom Neele provided a quick update to the HCC. The Gateway Facilities Committee met last Friday, August 28. The City had

conducted an extensive review of the two areas that were going to be considered for placing facilities. One area is north of the downtown area near Coronado Park and the other area was near the old Lovelace facility on the SE side of Albuquerque. The discussion at the meeting included bringing smaller overnight facilities to help mitigate those sleeping at the park and other areas of these communities. The committee discussed bringing community outreach services to those who gather at the park and bringing City security services to bring safety to the area and help curb some of the activities that normally occur at or near the park. The committee also discussed the possibility of acquiring the old Lovelace building on Gibson which will allow for a broader level of services because of the size of the property. This area of Albuquerque already has a large variety of services, including behavioral health services are being provided by state funded agencies.

F. Handout: Homeless Coordinating Council Committees

The Homeless Coordinating Council Committee document shows a list of committees and its members. This list will be updated and shared with the HCC when updates are made.

Discussion: Status of the Op-Ed

The proposed OpEd helps explain to the community exactly what the HCC is doing. The OpEd will be signed by City and County elected officials and UNM President Stokes.

Summary of Next Action Steps

Proposed OpEd will be emailed to all HCC members.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020 9:00am-10:00 a.m.