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## Homeless Coordinating Council

### Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference

Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 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. Introductions/Designees

Mayor Tim Keller, Chair of the HCC, called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m. A quorum of members was present.

*The following voting members were present:* Mayor Tim Keller (CABQ), Councilor Isaac Benton (CABQ), Councilor Pat Davis (CABQ), County Manager Julie Morgas Baca (BernCo), and, Mike Richards (UNM), Commissioner Debbie O'Malley (BernCo), President Garnett Stokes (UNM), Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty (BernCo)

*Voting Members not present:* n/a

*Other individuals present (on Zoom):* Lawrence Rael (CABQ), Enrico Grade (BernCo), Betty Valdez (BernCo), Carol Pierce (CABQ), David Parkinson (CABQ), Debra Bazan (CABQ), Jim Collie (BernCo), Lisa Huval (CABQ), Quinn Donnay (CABQ), Margarita Chavez (BernCo), Peter Dan Rice, Rodney McNease (UNM), Xochitl Campos Biggs (CABQ) William Hoffman, Douglas Chaplin (CABQ), Brie Sillery, Jennifer Scacco (BernCo), Marit Tully, Tina Kachele, Tom Neale (UNM), Alicia Manzano (CABQ), Bobby Sisneros (CABQ), Felice Garcia, Jessica Dyer, Laura Norman Prescott, Doreen McKnight, Ilse Biel, David Silverman, Joe Noriega, Ralph DiPalma, Abq Friends, Heather Hoffman, Thaddeus Lucero, Meredith Dixon, Nicole Taylor, David, Robyn Hill, Kelly Sanchez, Doug Simon, Chris Baca, Douglas Heller, NMCEH, xxx-1711,

Acknowledgment of Designees: Charlie Verploegh (BernCo), Designee for Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty

## **B. Agenda**

No modifications to the agenda.

## **Public Comment:**

### **A. Written comments:**

None received for December 8, 2020 meeting.

**B. Live Questions/Comments:** The following online requests for public comment were received: David Silverman, present for public comment; Ralph DiPalma, present for public comment.

## **Approval of November 10th Meeting Minutes**

### **A. Handout: November 10, 2020 Draft Minutes**

Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty, BernCo. moved to approve the minutes and City Councilor, Isaac Benton, seconded the motion. There were no objections to the draft minutes and they were so approved.

## **Update: COVID-19 System Status Update**

### **A. Gibson Medical Center – Care for High Risk People**

Carol Pierce, Family & Community Services Director, provided the Systems status update which included an update on the Gibson Medical Center. With the help of the State, County, City and our nonprofit partners, we are providing emergency shelter for about 634 people at either the WEHC, the two COVID positive hotels as well as three wellness hotels for vulnerable people and families. This number includes about 90 children of which about 60 are school age. With the leadership of UNM and the State, Gibson Medical Center is also a really important part of this system response. High risk hospitalized individuals who cannot

go home discharged from hospitals are taken care of at Gibson Medical Center. This is an important resource for not only those high risk people but potentially people without homes.

## **Discussion: Research and Assessment Opportunities**

### **A. Review of existing data to quantify permanent housing needs for different populations (e.g. group homes, scattered site and single site)**

Lisa Huval, Deputy Director, Family & Community Services, gave a brief review of the need for more permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness in our community. This is the best practice for helping those experiencing chronic homelessness who have significant underlying disabilities or health issues. Permanent supportive housing is not only effective but is highly cost effective and less expensive than providing emergency shelter or other kinds of emergency care. There is a small subset of folks who do not succeed in scattered site permanent housing and need a different model, including single site permanent supportive housing, group homes and other similar models. To get more precise estimates of population needs, a review of our existing data is needed to determine who would benefit in scattered sites, group homes and/or single site locations or other any other types of permanent supportive housing models out there.

### **B. Evaluate Impacts and Benefits: People Served, Neighborhoods, Community**

Quinn Donnay, Gateway Coordinator, Family & Community Services gave an overview of the work being done in the Services Committee and one of which is how to mitigate neighborhood impact wherever the gateway(s) are located. This includes the need to evaluate the site selection and its impacts on neighborhoods and not just proposed services but also existing services as well. Vice Chair, Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty added that the committee is really nailing down who the responsible entities would be for each piece of services that would be offered. The group had really focused on a continuum of care and looking at the system for the neighborhood that would be impacted as well as the residents of the gateway centers. Lawrence Rael added that this would be a good way for UNM to help support the work of the HCC. A meeting time will be set up with UNM and the City to talk about doing the research on these topic items. Terry Babbitt, UNM agreed to meet to organize a planning meeting for this work. Councilor Benton added that we should include COA Planning Department to help map an actual analysis of patterns and routes of where people need to go when they are unhoused and subsequently patterns of when they are housed in supportive housing.

### **C. Youth Housing Assessment**

Quinn Donnay, presented on Youth Housing Assessment as part of the Youth Housing Committee. One of the top needs identified was to get a true count on the numbers of young people ages 15 to 25 experiencing homelessness. One of the high impact strategies is to conduct a youth housing needs assessment. The Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (PIRE) has been working with the committee and has proposed a scope of work and budget in which CYFD has agreed to take on the costs for this project. This will be reviewed at the next Youth Housing Committee meeting. PIRE will conduct a comprehensive assessment on

ten agencies and look at their agency practices and values and how things are working and how young people feel about these agencies. There will also be a youth count and survey to get solid data on youth homelessness. The comprehensive timeline is six months to complete this very important work. The outcomes of this assessment will provide recommendations from needs of substance abuse beds or the needs for housing for our homeless youth.

## **Facilities Update:**

Prior to the Facilities update, Mayor Keller, Chair, welcomed and introduced a new member to the HCC from UNM, Douglas M Ziedonis, Executive Vice President for Health Science and CEO for the UNM Health System.

### **A. Gibson Medical Center**

Mayor Keller provided a brief overview on the Gibson Medical Center that included details on making the move to purchase the building. The cost to purchase this location is at about \$10 million plus. This is a real estate purchase that is currently in negotiation and this is not a done deal but the City is putting in an offer to see if it holds up. Mayor Keller talked about the analysis and research early on and the need for a gateway of places and a network of places where people can get services on a 24/7 basis. This was supported by the voters. A multi-site approach is important and the need to have at least one place that is open 24/7 with no barriers where people can get help no matter their situation. Having the option to use an existing building provides an advantage over having to build a new facility. It speaks to the urgency of the challenges we are seeing around homelessness, behavioral health and mental health. Mayor identified a list of uses for the space that included tenant rental income, drop off site for first responders, onsite medical and behavioral health services and a short-term emergency shelter.

Lawrence Rael provided an overview of making an official offer. The building is 572,000 plus square ft. facility and sits on almost 27 acres of land with several buildings that are not attached to the “hospital”. This campus provides opportunities for a lot of great services to address the gaps in the system of care including health and behavioral health services, space for existing non profit provider and emergency shelter. Currently there are some legal issues being addressed. The offer is right in line with the appraisal if not even a little better than the appraisal. An update will be provided as more information comes through the real estate process.

### **B. Westside Emergency Housing Center (WEHC)**

Lawrence Rael provided an update the WEHC. The WEHC will have some upcoming improvements to the HVAC system, bathroom areas and other general updates to keep the facility operational. The WEHC will continue to serve as a component of the emergency shelter system. It may eventually serve as a backup in case of an emergency.

### **C. North Downtown Facility**

Lawrence Rael stated that continued conversations, reviewing of appraisals of several parcels of land are occurring with the Facilities Committee. Looking at how we can continue to work with

providers (HCH and HopeWorks) located in the north Downtown area to build a facility that would provide respite beds and some overnight shelter options.

Mr. Rael ended by thanking the County Manager and Commissioners for the great partnership and shared that the County agreed to provide \$1 million to help the City with the Gateway facility.

## **Committee Workplan Outline**

Carol Pierce started by acknowledging the continued hard work from each of the five HCC committees. The Committees are identifying lead organizations to address, budget and timeframes for the high impact strategies identified in the Coordinated Community Framework.

## **Summary of Next Action Steps**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec 22nd, 2020 9:45 am-11:00 a.m.**

Mayor reminded all listening in that the HCC is established by the County, County and UNM and those who want to join in and participate should join one of the Committees of the HCC. This information on participating can be found on the City's HCC website.

Meeting adjourned – 11:00 a.m.