



Homeless Services System

11:00 – 12:30

September 22ND, 2020

Draft Minutes

Meeting Participation Principles:

- Past Progress – Many diverse, and respected voices have contributed to where we are today.
- Preparation - All background materials, minutes and project updates should be read, prior to meetings.
- Contribution – Every voice is elicited, uninterrupted, and heard.
- Distraction - Mute cell phones, avoid side-conversations, stay on-topic.
- Transparency – Acknowledge mistakes, provide upward feedback, seek differing opinions.

Co-Chairs: Quinn Donnay (DFCS), Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty (Bernalillo County), Rodney McNease (UNM)
Attendees: Steve Johnson (New Day), Carol Pierce (FCS), Lisa Huval (FCS) Yvette Ramirez Ammerman (CABQ consultant), Kashif Muhammed (BernCo), Heather Hoffman (Barrett House), Dennis Plummer (Heading Home), Margarita Chavez (BernCo), Brother Sean, Richard (Reed) Russell (AHCH)
Neighborhood Representatives: Beth Browell, Marit Tully, Christina Apodaca, Doreen McKnight, Kadijah Bottom

Individual:	Discussion/Needs/Gaps
Welcome and Introductions, approval of minutes	1) Commissioner Pyskoty, Rodney McNease and Quinn Donnay opened the meeting by welcoming, thanking the participants for their time. 2) Minutes of the 9.8.20 meeting were moved by Commissioner Pyskoty and seconded by Reed Russell.
Quinn Donnay	3) Quinn noted the quick timeframe for completing the work of this committee, and pulled up a document on the services for each demographic. She noted the 'Point in Time Count is the data which was utilized for this document 4) She shared her screen and members viewed "Homeless Services System Committee Purpose: To develop a Gateway Center(s) that meets core community needs while minimizing impact on surrounding neighborhoods." Document. 5) Homeless Services System - Needs/Gaps: On any given night, at least 1,524 people experience homelessness Single adults: Single adults comprised about three quarters (1,192) of the 1,524 individuals experiencing homelessness, 567 were unsheltered. 327 of those unsheltered were considered chronically homeless. Quinn noted the data for Families with children is unclear: the count had Five (5) households totaling twenty (20) people were unsheltered, yet the 2017-18 APS Data: 4,245 for homeless students shows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 883 unsheltered • 1,997 doubled up, 206 were staying in hotels/motels

- **818** were unaccompanied without a guardian

2018-19 Coordinated Entry System Data: **46%** were sleeping in an emergency shelter, transitional housing, or a motel followed by **33%** were staying in a place not meant for human habitation

Youth and young adults: **45** young people ages 18-24 were unsheltered, yet the data is not clear as young people often experience homelessness different than the chronically homeless adult population and have historically been difficult to count, appearing invisible

- If Albuquerque wanted to provide an emergency shelter bed to every unsheltered homeless person, we would need to increase shelter beds by **463 to 518**
 - This assumes that **90%** would use shelter under the right conditions (i.e. low barrier, culturally accommodating, pets welcome)
 - Shelter for youth ages 18-24 is seen as a need gap as young people experiencing homelessness as they are unwilling to attend adult shelters and often feel unsafe

In the last 2 years the following have also been identified as needs:

- Centrally located shelter beds (not 20 miles outside town)
- 24/7 shelter beds
- First responder drop-off location
- Medical respite
- Case management to link people to supportive services in the community
- Young adult shelter (18-24)

Doreen McKnight: asked for the date of the Point-in-Time counts referenced in Quinn's shared document. Lisa answered, January 2019, Doreen queried if one was done for 2020, Lisa answered that there will not be another one until 2021. Quinn clarified the point-in-time data counts sheltered care and unsheltered care in alternating years.

Doreen continued by asking for clarification about the purpose of this committee, and, did it include input into the location where a future Gateway Shelter facility might be sited? It was noted the eventual location is being examined in another committee.

Considerable discussion ensued, with general consensus on the following items:

- Neighborhoods want to have something to say about what services are located in which neighborhoods
- Significant dismay and frustration with the process was expressed by many of the neighborhood stakeholder members
- Several members stated their voices have not been heeded in several years of discussions
- The expansion of services to 24/7 may be beneficial for individuals experiencing homelessness, but it increases foot traffic, and is disruptive to neighborhoods
- Increase in police presence is required; create a dedicated public safety district around the shelter similar to the current Downtown Public Safety District (size to be determined by result of studies noted above)
- Have public bathrooms that are open, staffed, and maintained 24/7 where large and/or multiple homeless facilities are located.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in human waste and trash pick-up is needed special teams to pick up trash and clean sidewalks, bus stops, store fronts, parks, etc., daily • Facilities should have low impact on the surrounding neighborhood (like Barrett House and the Albuquerque Opportunity Center) • Need impact studies to addresses effects to the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses <p>Quinn Donnay apologized that the committee purpose had changed. Carol Pierce referred to the 5 committee framework approved by the HCC, and re-emphasized that neighborhood voices are important in this committee. It was decided that individuals would provide written testimony back to this committee and/or to the HCC during public comment.</p>
Next Steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals will provide written testimony back to this committee and/or to the HCC during public comment. • Committee members were provided contact information and deadlines for submission of requests for public comment during the HCC next Tuesday. • Next meeting is Tuesday October 6th, 2020

Core Documents:

CABQ: Focus Group – People With Lived Experience, Gateway Center Site Ranking Report, Gateway Center Online Survey Report, Gateway Center Public Input Session, Changing the Story document, Assessing Shelter Capacity Report (Barbara Poppe and Stephen Metreaux report), Gateway Concepts document, Medical Respite Community Needs Assessment

UNM: UNM Hospitals 2020 Community Health Needs Assessment

BernCo: Bernalillo County Healthcare Task Force Recommendations: 2014