



Minutes
FINAL
Youth Housing Continuum Committee
4:00 – 5:30
September 30th, 2020

Committee Purpose – To recommend proposed solutions to address the housing needs of young people ages 18-25 in Bernalillo County.

Meeting Purposes:

1. To bring all meeting participants up to speed with current information with updates
2. To address system gaps and unmet needs with high impact strategies within the first 60 days of meeting

Attendees:
<i>Co-chairs: Assata Zerai (UNM), Quinn Donnay (FCS), Jennifer Scacco (BernCo Dept. Beh. Health), Nasha Torres (UNM Dean of Students)</i>
<i>Members: Brooke Tafoya (New Day), Stephen Serrano (Casa Q), Gilbert Ramirez (FCS-Behavioral Health), Hillari Lipton (CYFD), Hillary Stim (CYFD), Yvette Ramirez Ammerman (CABQ consultant), Bill Wagner (Centro Savila), Diana Lopez (YDI), Kashif Muhammed (BernCo), Iyssa Bozack (Hands Across Time), Greg Morris (Hope Works), Andrew Salazar (CYFD Fostering Connections), Alicia Salazar (CYFD)</i>

Agenda Items:	Discussion of Needs/Gaps – HIGH IMPACT STRATEGIES AT THE END -
1) Welcome	All attendees were welcomed by co-chairs, introduced themselves and indicated their organizational affiliation.
2) Quinn	Minutes from 9-2-20 approved
3) Assata Zerai	<p>Co-chair Assata Zerai Shared her screen:</p> <p>Slide 1: Why a NEEDS ASSESSMENT is a top priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, we do not know the total number of homeless youth ages 18-25 in ABQ • We are interested in commissioning a needs assessment of homeless youth in ABQ, with the central purpose of enumerating youth ages *15-25 who are homeless and housing insecure • We have been charged by the Homeless Coordinating Council to identify gaps and high impact strategies • We have attached a Youth Crisis Response System framework that delineates social services agencies supporting youth currently; it is currently our only way to document youth homelessness, but it is has a number of limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data are incomplete • Some youth may be double-counted • Also, “Point-in-Time” estimates do not accurately count youth <p>Slide 2: Office for Community Health – Their Q’s</p>

Art Kaufmann, Janet Page-Reeves, and Francisco Ronquillo at the Office for Community Health at the UNM Health Science Center.

- Approximately how many homeless youth 15-25 are there in ABQ?
 - rough estimate because they want to calculate an incentive of \$10-20
- In addition to enumerating homeless youth and conducting a needs assessment
 - would we like to know: demographic info and why they have become homeless?
- Can we create a data sharing agreement among providers so they can start with the current agency-focused and APS-focused data sources? BTW: YHCC is collecting a list of data sources developed by providers in the Youth Crisis Response System.

Slide 3: Citations

- “In 2019, single adults comprised about 3/4th of the 1,524 homeless persons that were counted in a single night in January.”
- “Each year an estimated 5,615 households experience homelessness.”

Slide 4: At UNM Food and Housing Experience Survey

At UNM Food and Housing Experience Survey enumerated with a stratified random sample reports:) with UNM Office of Analytics provided the *final report* on a survey (2,700 students surveyed).

- 40% of students were housing insecure
- 11% were homeless or unsheltered in the previous year. This compares to NCES which found that 9% of undergraduate students experienced homelessness or a risk of homelessness.
- Out of the 21,238 degree-seeking students enrolled spring 2020 at UNM, estimate approx. 2,300 have experienced homelessness in the last year.
- CNM’s headcount for 2018-2019 was 34,102 students if they has at least 25,000 students last spring how would we estimate their number of housing insecure students?
- NCES Estimates 10% of community college students are housing insecure – so approx. 2,500 students from CNM.

Slide 5: Rough Estimates:

- 4,800 from both Institutions
- HSC researchers should plan to survey 3,000 – 6,000 youths from 18-25.
- A focus group may also be in order.

Side 6: Proposed Scope of Work:

- Creation of an advisory committee of youth
- Secondary data analysis
- Input from youth experiencing homelessness – their perspectives, needs and interests
- Identification of gaps in case management and support services

Slide 7: The partners and Overview of the Proposed Work

- The Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation will:
- Convene youth advisors
- Obtain IRB approval

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct secondary data analysis • Survey youth experiencing homelessness and analyze data • Conduct interviews and focus groups <p>Slide 8: Proposed Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 114,000 Total UNM Request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30,000 OCH Request 65,000 PIRE expenses 95,000 subtotal 19,000 F&A 20% <p>Use broadest possible definition to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD Definition • FISBE definition • McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act • Poppe definition from APS (2017-2018) 818 were unaccompanied without a guardian <p>Integration with Youth Risk and Resiliency Study – should be ongoing, systemic, and state-wide.</p>
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All	<p>1) High Impact Strategies discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Housing Needs Assessment - Need a shelter for 18-25 young adults – 24/7 (Jennifer Scacco/Quinn Donnay) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Are Shelters a “Coordinated Entry Point”? o Size (12 -20 as high as 30), location, dispersion, accessibility, length of stay should be incorporated into survey o System is street outreach, a drop-in center (could turn into shelter at night), youth shelter(s), wrap-around supports for youths who’ve found housing o Staffed with volunteers, community connection, social work students, o Partner with APD, Juvenile Justice, etc. o Address demographic subgroup needs (from previous minutes) o Trauma informed care o Behavioral Health Services o LGBTQ sensitive, safe o Life skills development o Recreational Activities, study area, computer lab, multipurpose room o HOT hand-offs o Women with children? <p>2) Nasha Torres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short-term emergency housing needed - UNM/CNM/New Day/Community-engaged subsidized housing with specially-trained RAs, work with social workers - Question of eligibility? - Requirements/metrics for continued stay? (go to Center for Financial Capability), meet with a professor, join a student organization, etc... - Welcome wagon – students needing more support - What about DACA students? What are their protections? Special consideration for metrics - Lottery scholarship (doesn’t cover student fees, transportation, parking, food etc.)
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- Host homes for older youth? (Hands Across Time). Need to be sensitive to LGBTQ youths. Challenge during COVID
- Faculty are interested in studying model (best models identified)
- Food Insecurity (380 students used in first year)
- Build it and they will come!! Possible youth shelter on land adjacent to UNM

Quinn will send an email for:

- Funds earmarked for 18-25 for Permanent Supportive Housing Vouchers (tough to qualify under current HUD standards and documentation requirements) Especially for early onset mental health issues. They often age-out at 22.
- Low barrier housing first model

Report due October 15th to HCC.

3) From previous minutes:

- Specific funding for 18-25 for eviction prevention (inside and outside college system)
- Rapid Re-housing
- Housing maintenance
- Community Connections needs carve-outs for 18-25 year olds (what other programs need to be modified)

Next Meeting: Oct 28th, 4:00-5:30 pm