



**Homeless Services System**

**11:00 – 12:30**

**January 12th, 2021**

**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: Lisa Huval (FCS), Laura Norman (CABQ consultant), Cate Reeves (NMPCA), Nicole Taylor (CABQ City Council Policy Analyst), Deandra Cole (Downtown Block by Block Ambassadors), Margarita Chavez Sanchez (BernCo), Christina Apodaca (Santa Barbara Martineztown NA), Beth Brownwell (Stronghurst NA), Doreen McKnight (Wells Park NA), Mike Prando (Wells Park NA), Reed Russell (AHCH), Brother Nick (Good Shepherd Ctr), Greg Morris (HopeWorks), Steve Johnson (New Day), Quinn Donnay (DFCS), Rodney McNease (UNM)*

<b>Individual:</b>	<b>Discussion/Action</b>
Welcome and Introductions, Quinn Donnay	1) Introductions were made.
Updates and refresher since last mtg, Quinn Donnay	<p>2.) Quinn Donnay provided overview and update on committee status since last meeting of 12.15. This committee’s main charge is to identify service gaps and needs in the system; focusing on shelter strategies/services and mitigation of neighborhood impact strategies. It was announced last meeting that HopeWorks had approached the City about collaborating for a shelter for single men and single women; that is still in the early stages of conversation. Also, the City has moved to purchase Gibson Medical Center building. There is some delay with sellers in a disagreement among themselves, so it is unclear what is next/timing.</p> <p>Marit Tully asked for more detail on the City’s new property/building on 4<sup>th</sup> and Coronado Park and if there is any relation between the building and park. (The building is The Annex). Follow-up question regarding future utilization of Coronado Park, and whether there will be more drop-offs and pick-ups at the park, and even a potential tent city. The Facilities Committee under the HCC structure was exploring</p>

How would this committee like to proceed?

sanctioned encampments, but it is not something the City's Division of Family and Community Services has actively explored. Lisa Huval said while there is no timeframe for ceasing using Coronado Park for pick-ups and drop-offs for WEHC, the vision is instead to use gateway centers for this when established. A long-term vision is for Parks and Recs Dept to renovate Coronado Park.

Question on status of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Menaul site (old Stronghurst School) and what the city is currently doing with this. City or County reps were not aware of anything moving forward there at this time.

Doreen McKnight asked for clarification on The Annex current uses. Quinn Donnay answered the Violence Intervention Program which helps people affected by gun violence and run by APD; the City's outreach program offices, but team is mostly mobile; and Centro Savila which is contracted with City to provide case management and therapy. Right now, access to the building is limited and by appointment only, due to Covid.

Question on very small bed limitations/capacity mentioned in the media for Gibson; Quinn Donnay confirmed that this information was not accurate.

Question on timeline for getting the City's gateway centers/shelters open and where the money will come from? Quinn Donnay confirmed that concurrent projects can be going on; no need to be one at a time. In terms of timeline, it is variable – for example the Gibson Center will need a conditional use permit, after the building purchase closes hopefully in March. Lisa Huval addressed the issue of funds saying a mix of funds for two shelters is being developed simultaneously.

Follow-up question as to whether the City is still pursuing development of other sites (1<sup>st</sup> St, 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 3<sup>rd</sup> St). Quinn Donnay said that the 3<sup>rd</sup> St and Mountain makes most sense to look at now because of discussions with HopeWorks. It is closest to their current building and would potentially create campus environment that may minimize foot traffic.

3.) Next – how do we move forward on this committee in terms of meeting frequency? Quinn Donnay reported that committee has met the HCC charge at this point, and it is difficult to delve into specifics of services without knowing the final gateway center locations. Rodney McNease added that clarity on location and timeline important for next steps. What if made this group went "ad hoc" until then; and when get more information, pull the group back together?

Marit Tully pointed out that committee still needed to identify potential funds and timeline within the strategies matrix. Committee has a two-pronged approach and hasn't gotten the mitigation strategies for existing services done yet. Rodney McNease suggested a catalog of things that are site-neutral, mitigation techniques. Financial/funding projections are hard to do without knowing definite sites. Quinn Donnay mentioned a letter of request sent to UNM President Stokes recently asking how research of impact by current and proposed services can fit into HCC work. Quinn to share a copy of the research request letter with the committee.

Next Steps	<p>A joint meeting between this committee and Facilities is still the intention but no feel for timeline. Quinn Donnay is awaiting that from the Facilities committee chair and will let this Committee know when she hears.</p> <p>Christina Apodaca said she did not think that this committee’s meetings needed to be suspended; there are issues with current services and community issues to be addressed.</p> <p>Rodney McNease suggested that, as committee awaits confirmation of the gateway center sites in progress, the focus of the meetings could shift from service component to neighborhood mitigation strategies.</p> <p>Commissioner Pyskoty shared that she thinks of this group as related to the gateway center issues primarily. Neighborhood reps felt the committee charge is broader. And Lisa Huval added that the HCC charge was for the City/County/UNM collaboration to work together to develop long-term solutions – even broader than the gateway centers. However, she wondered whether this committee was the right structure to address the mitigation strategies moving forward. <u>Committee consensus was that moving away from every 2 weeks right now, to monthly, was good.</u> But they also shared that staying under the HCC umbrella was important, as was maintaining momentum.</p> <p>Quinn Donnay shared that it is still the intention to have the project architect gather insight on mitigation strategies, feedback and design from the committee, but aren’t quite ready for that yet.</p> <p>Suggestion for the City to broaden Neighborhood Rep invitations to ensure community voice, specifically around the Gibson Medical Center area.</p> <p>Question on the status of the City taking community input on framework document and whether it has changed/been updated since last put out a month or so ago. The time for public comment is closed; Quinn Donnay is working on a summary from the 472 respondents. <u>Will send summary to committee when complete.</u></p> <p><b>4.)The January 26 committee meeting will be cancelled, with the next meeting being Feb 9. The focus will be Neighborhood Impact Mitigation, to include creating an inventory of site-neutral mitigation techniques. <u>Before this meeting, a broader group of neighborhood reps in the Gibson area will be invited; Marit Tully will let Quinn Donnay know if there are any in her area that have been missed. And, Quinn Donnay will check with the Facilities Committee to see about the next steps and scheduling of a joint committee meeting.</u></b></p> <p>Commissioner Pyskoty thanked everyone for their input and expressed appreciation for the plan going forward.</p> <p>Quinn Donnay asked for approval of minutes from December 15, 2020 meeting; they were approved.</p>
Next Meeting:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Feb 9th, 2021</b></li> </ul>

**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