



**Homeless Services System
11:00 – 12:30
August 3, 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.

<i>Co-Chairs: Erin Engelbrecht (Mayor’s Office), Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty (Bernalillo County), Rodney McNease (UNM)</i>
<i>Attendees: Erin Engelbrecht (CABQ), Laura Norman (CABQ consultant), Cate Reeves (Presby Med Svcs), Rodney McNease (UNM), Comm Charlene Pyskoty (BernCo), Marit Tully (Near North Valley NA), Melinda Frame (Parkland Hills NA), Doreen McKnight (Wells Park NA), Margarita Chavez Sanchez (BernCo), Steve Johnson (New Day), Reed Russell (AHCH), Mario Cruz (Parkland Hills NA), Brother Nick (Good Shepherd), Christina Apodaca (Martineztown/Santa Barbara NA), Deiandra Cole (Block by Block), Joell Ackerman (Heading Home), Myra Segal (CABQ), Comm Debbie O’Malley (BernCo), James Aranda (CABQ), David Parkinson (CABQ)</i>

Individual:	Discussion/Action
Welcome/Introductions and Approval of Minutes Erin Engelbrecht and Comm Pyskoty	1.)Welcome and agenda review by Erin Engelbrecht. Comm Pyskoty moved into introductions and minutes approval. Motion to approve minutes of 07.06.21 was made by Comm Psykoty, with a 2 nd by Deiandra Cole; motion to approve passed. Erin Engelbrecht provided several answers to questions raised and noted in last minutes: Janet Page Reeves/UNM confirmed that Matthew Schwartz is still on the research team, and his focus is on neighborhood impact. Marit Tully reminded that the Neighborhood Reps asked to receive a draft of operations plan; today and future opportunities being provided today.
Update on Operations Plan and Timeline, Myra Segal	2.) Myra Segal of CABQ FCS , said that there was a meeting last week with District 6 leaders, including some people on this Committee and neighborhood representatives from those adjacent to Gibson Health Hub. Incorporated feedback into a draft. Today will submit the conditional use permit app to the Dept of Planning with draft operations plan. Will post online also the draft ops plan and a survey for people to provide feedback. Two part process – the first part is this bare bones draft, and the second part will be an operations plan with more detail. Submittal w Conditional Use permit does not have the detail. Will be adding detail based on feedback given and

<p>Conditional Use and Zoning Questions, James Aranda</p>	<p>ongoing feedback. Will send invitation today to District 6 group – same that participated last week – to a 8/19 meeting. By this date, will release more details in the “Administrative Policies” document. There are two different but related documents, a two-part process. This document will also be posted with feedback form. Also posting today are notes/Q&A from last week’s meeting. Link to where the documents will be put in Chat box. Marit Tully asked that when surveys are posted that they include a deadline. Chat question asked if other neighborhoods are being included, however the ones closest to the facility and most impacted are the ones that have been included. Erin will put forth the request to FCS as to how to include other Neighborhood Reps from this committee, whether it’s a meeting or the public posting /format and ops plan feedback. Doreen McKnight added that their neighborhoods are slated for potential future gateway shelters and would like to provide input now in anticipation of any future development.</p> <p>3.) James Aranda of CABQ Planning was following up on question for which Marit Tully requested clarification at last meeting: if the conditional use permit for the Gibson Hub (premises) applies to the premises and not the applicants, could multiple tenants or providers located on Gibson Hub operate shelters if they chose? James Aranda confirmed that it would allow for multiple shelters on the hub if it were approved. However, he said it is possible that ZHE could place a condition that limits the number of beds. The ZHE would be cautious on being exclusionary and discriminatory in any limitations.</p> <p>The other follow up question Marit Tully had asked related to RV’s. Before the IDO update, RVs and campgrounds were limited in where they could be located. Now, more places are allowable. How does this change where sanctioned encampments can be? James Aranda said he will check this and provide a response to the Committee.</p>
<p>Presentation and Update on Safe Outdoor Spaces, Comm. O’Malley</p>	<p>4.)Comm OMalley is also a Facilities Comte Co-Chair under HCC. She has visited a safe outdoor space in Las Cruces which has been successful. Interested in this topic for some time. Comm O’Malley shared screen with a presentation from Colorado Village Collaboration on a safe outdoor space she toured in person in Denver. It is run by Park Hill UMC in cooperation with the adjacent neighborhood which is established, affluent. Wanted to see the operational issues, how it functions day-to-day. No walk ups are allowed; people are referred to the program from elsewhere. Wide range of onsite services offered; staff there 24/7. Participants sign a use agreement, there is accountability. She feels it is a viable model. (the link to the presentation shared in the Chat). Tents are not waterproof and fade over time with constant weather exposure. A Pallet Shelter is a step up from tents.</p> <p>The County is awaiting a proposal before any next steps. No locations are being considered until a concrete proposal is provided.</p> <p>The Colorado shelter moved every 6 months, and that is not the intent in ABQ which is why a more sturdy model like pallets is being considered.</p> <p>Question if any zoning changes will be required, to which Comm O’Malley said no not if on church property and part of their mission. Church would need to be a partner in the project.</p>

<p>UNM Update -Medical Respite, Rodney McNease</p> <p>Wrap Up</p>	<p>What were the lessons learned that Colorado shelter shared that would be informing ABQ of selection criteria? They allow couples, pets sometimes, do background checks, no drug-testing but misbehavior on site not allowed, adults only, 24/7 supervision, ask the individuals to create a plan for own behavior.</p> <p>Question on the difference between safe outdoor shelter w/ pallets and Tiny Homes? And how will this new safe outdoor shelter be better utilized, referencing the recent news of Tiny Home Village having few residents. Comm O'Malley said the outdoor shelter w/ pallets is in the middle and an upgrade from a tent; infrastructure costs are much less than Tiny Homes, lower bar for admission than in Tiny Homes. The Denver one that she saw is working well, she believes 24/7 staff is important.</p> <p>What is proximity to other kinds of services, like Noon Day or Healthcare for Homeless, in the Denver model? Comm O'Malley said none nearby that she could see; they bring in services.</p> <p>Chat comment indicated that density of existing services should be taken into account when considering applications for locations.</p> <p>Comm O'Malley said neither the City nor County intend to build a safe outdoor space, rather will look at nonprofit proposals and vet and potentially fund an entity to do.</p> <p>(Conditional Use Ops Plan will be posted today at https://www.cabq.gov/family/services/homeless-services/gateway-center)</p> <p>Did have a discussion UNM/Abq Healthcare for the Homeless/City and will form a smaller workgroup with clinical service staffers to detail a model for Medical Respite.</p> <p>Comm Pyskoty shared that she is stepping down as co-chair for the County, and she is turning the duties over to Margarita Chavez Sanchez. Rodney McNease and Erin Engelbrecht thanked the Commissioner for her service.</p> <p>Heading Home has a presentation this month on medical respite at the Alb. Opportunity Center (in the Chat)</p>
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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