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Homeless Coordinating Council: Gateway/Facilities Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference
Friday, September 25, 2020, 10:00am-11:00am

City Councilor Isaac Benton, City of Albuquerque
County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley, Bernalillo County
Director Thomas Neale, The University of New Mexico
Chief Operations Officer Lawrence Rael, City of Albuquerque
BHI Steering Committee Chair Robert Baade, Bernalillo County

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MEETING MINUTES

- I. Introductions and Announcements
 - i. Welcome and Introductions

The following members were present: Director Thomas Neale (UNM), Commissioner Debbie O'Malley (BernCo), COO Lawrence Rael (CABQ), BHI Steering Committee Chair Robert Baade (BernCo), and Nicole Taylor (CABQ) in for Councilor Isaac Benton.

Other individuals present (on Zoom): Doug Chaplin (CABQ), Leon Espinoza (CABQ), Doreen McKnight, David Parkinson (CABQ), Peter Rice, and Marit Tully.

II. New and Ongoing Activities

i. Discussion – Facilities Updates

The committee began the discussion by focusing on a draft document that analyzed the needs/gaps & high impact strategies related to facilities. The document was screen shared with all committee members and viewers. The draft document identified the Needs/Gaps as a 24/7 facility with emergency beds, trauma informed spaces, is appropriately sized and designed for the needs of the community, outdoor space/courtyard, pet space, triage space, and a drop-off space for 1st responders. Committee members provided additional needs/gaps to the document: education, workforce housing, gardening/greenhouse, other supportive services, improvements to security in areas around facilities, and a sanctioned secure area for an outdoor facility.

The Committee moved to discuss each High Impact Strategies section of the document, beginning with the Gibson Medical Center (Lovelace). Due to the large size of the location it is potentially well suited as the following: a health center, emergency shelter beds, triage, medical respite, sober center, on site support services, non-profit space, case management, with the possibility of some services being available within a year. Committee members provided that income support services would be an additional High Impact Strategy. The next High Impact Strategy discussion topic was the Westside Emergency Housing Center. Current strategies being applied at the facility are on-site medical directors and a registered nurse, providers (UNMH, First Nations, ABQ Health Care), behavioral health case management, APS Title 1 Support, meals, and transportation. The committee discussed the option of keeping this facility open for the long term.

The next High Impact Strategy discussion topic was the North Downtown Facility. The high impact strategies for this facility are: possibly operating as a small emergency shelter, potentially offering medical respite, triage, case management, and supportive services. The committee highlighted the location's close proximity to already existing providers, and the importance of coordinating these supportive services. Additionally, the committee added "Neighborhood Security" as a High Impact Strategy to encompass all efforts to provide various forms of security to neighborhoods. This High Impact Strategy was then added to all of the previous sections.

The final High Impact Strategy discussions focused on the potential facilities for Women/Children/ Young Adult, Providers, and Tiny Homes/Sanctioned Encampments. The discussion concluded with a draft of the Needs/Gaps & High Impact Strategies document, which is being sent to each committee member to make further edits to share at the next Homeless Coordinating Council meeting on the following Tuesday.

III. To Confirm:

i. Meeting Schedule – Next Meeting Friday, October 9, 2020

The committee will also be visiting the Westside Emergency Housing Center for their next committee meeting on Friday, October 9, 2020. The meeting concluded with an announcement that at the next HCC meeting there is a public comment section at the beginning of the meeting. The committee concluded at 11:20am.

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