



**Homeless Coordinating Council:
Gateway/Facilities Committee Meeting**
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference
Friday, February 26, 2021, 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 Member Robert Baade, Bernalillo County

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Introductions and Announcements

- i.** Welcome and Introductions

The following members were present: Ike Benton (CABQ), Debbie O'Malley (BernCo), Robert Baade (BernCo) and Lawrence Rael (CABQ).

Other individuals present (on Zoom): Doug Chaplin (CABQ), Alan Varela (CABQ), Quinn Donnay (CABQ), Julie Morgas Baca, David Parkinson (CABQ), Sara Keeney, Dennis Plummer, William Hoffman, Brie Sillery, Edwin Beatty, Marit Tully, and Peter Rice.

New and Ongoing Activities

- i.** Discussion – Facilities Updates
 - i** Gibson Medical Center

The committee members began the conversation by discussing the Gibson Medical Center. Members entered a settlement agreement to purchase Gibson medical center with a closing date of April 30th 2021. Members also hired a contractor to do facility reviews to determine next steps. The zoning issues for the property will require a public hearing and the nearby neighborhood will be notified of the process and planning procedures.

ii Westside Emergency Housing Center (WEHC)

The next agenda item was the Westside facility, the updates included a proposal from an architectural firm for the kitchen renovations, as well as other ADA structures around the building. Staff is also still in conversations to determine the exterior of the building and removing fences and other barriers to create recreational spaces. Committee members stated that for all projects they would like a community first model and use efforts and resources to help community heal from the effects of the pandemic.

iii North Downtown Facility

Committee members discussed potential security requirements and efforts around potential sites. Additionally, members discussed potential opportunities for partnerships with community nonprofits, and the University of New Mexico.

iv Other – Tiny Homes Village, Encampments

The committee members also discussed the Tiny Home Village. They expressed their beliefs that everyone is entitled to dignity in their housing and spaces in which they are living. The Tiny Home Village could include resources such as an occupational therapist and more. Some of the committee members were also able to speak with a professional from Denver, CO that specializes in homelessness and the safe outdoor spaces initiative. They discussed and compared the elements and factors of a tiny home village and tent encampments.

V 2021 Legislative Update

No Legislative update provided but one will be discussed at the upcoming HCC meeting the following Tuesday.

To Confirm: Meeting Schedule – Next Meeting Friday, March 12, 2021 @ 10:00am

The committee concluded and adjourned the meeting at 10:58 am.