



**Homeless Coordinating Council:  
Gateway/Facilities Committee Meeting**  
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference  
Friday, April 9, 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:* Nathan Molina (CABQ – Delegate for Ike Benton), Debbie O’Malley (BernCo), Thomas Neale (UNM), Robert Baade (BernCo), and Carol Pierce (CABQ – Delegate for Lawrence Rael).

*Other individuals present (on Zoom):* David Parkinson (CABQ), Quinn Donnay (CABQ), Debra Bazan (CABQ), Sara Keeney, Tina Kachele, and Peter Kalitsis

**New and Ongoing Activities**

- ii. Discussion – Facilities Updates

- i Gibson Medical Center

Committee members began the discussion by focusing on the Gibson Medical Center (GMC). The facility is now in the City's possession and city employees are at the facility working to get it ready for use and doing facility assessments. Staff is working with the security department in order to learn more about the building, surroundings and exit routes. They are also speaking with partners for potential opportunities to collaborate at the facility. One member also brought up the possibility of housing a mobile school-based health center at this facility.

## ii Westside Emergency Housing Center (WEHC)

Members briefly discussed the ongoing work at the WEHC's kitchen, connecting with the Street Food Institute as an economic development opportunity and as a job training opportunity for individuals at the shelter.

## iii North Downtown Facility

Members quickly discussed the environmental assessment and environmental impact reviews are in process.

## iv Other – Tiny Homes Village, Encampments

Committee members discussed the screening process for individuals to be housed at the Tiny Homes Village. The village is modeled off of behavior-based recovery programs so individuals will have to participate in those programs if they are accepted and choose to live there. Committee members stated that while the facility functions as a recovery center, we want to make sure this facility does not operate with a savior mentality but rather that has to be rooted in community. Some community members are already housed there but there needs to be more education for the public around this project.

The members finished the meeting with a discussion around encampments. One of the committee members took a tour of a tent encampment in downtown Denver, deemed a "safe outdoor space" or "SOS". The SOS is an initiative of the not-for-profit organization- Colorado Village Collaborative. This SOS is all staffed by people with lived experiences facing these specific challenges. Having staff with lived experience is key to help building a community and understanding the issues that that these community members encounter. One of the things that they did in Denver that can possibly be used in Albuquerque is that they partnered with the neighborhood associations around the facility and entered into a Good Neighbor Agreement. The agreement would pledge a commitment to help clean up the streets within a three-radius block from

the facility. It was proposed to have the staff from the Colorado Village Collaborative give a presentation at the next committee meeting.

## V 2021 Legislative Recap

No updates.

To Confirm: Meeting Schedule – Next Meeting Friday, April 23, 2021 @ 10:00am

The committee concluded all business and adjourned at 11:04 am.