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## Homeless Coordinating Council Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Chair, Mayor Tim Keller, City of Albuquerque  
Vice-Chair, County Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty, Bernalillo County

City Council President Pat Davis, City of Albuquerque  
City Councilor Isaac Benton, City of Albuquerque  
County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley, Bernalillo County  
County Manager Julie Morgas Baca, Bernalillo County  
President Garnett S. Stokes, The University of New Mexico  
Dr. Douglas Ziedonis, The University of New Mexico

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Introductions and Announcements

#### A. Introductions/Designees

Lawrence Rael (Designee for Mayor Tim Keller, Chair of the HCC) called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m. A quorum of members was present.

*The following voting members were present:* Councilor Isaac Benton (CABQ), Councilor Sean Foran (Designee for Pat Davis (CABQ), County Manager Julie Morgas Baca (BernCo), and, Dr. Douglas Ziedonis (UNM), Commissioner Debbie O'Malley (BernCo), President Garnett Stokes (UNM), Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty (BernCo)

*Voting Members not present:* n/a

*Other individuals present (on Zoom)* Assata Zerai (UNM), Brie Sillery, Carol Pierce (CABQ), Charles Fleddermann, Christina Apodaca, David Dixon, Denise Lin, Dennis Plummer, David Parkinson (CABQ), Debra Bazan (CABQ), Doreen McKnight, Douglas Chaplin (CABQ) Maria Wolfe, Enrico Grade (BernCo), Jen Scacco, Jenny Metzler, Jessica Dyer, Jessie S., Jim Malone, Laura Norman Prescott, Lisa Huval (CABQ), Margarita Chavez (BernCo), Marit Tully, Nasha Torrez, Nathan Molina, Nicole Taylor, Peter Rice, Quinn Donnay (CABQ), Rachel Biggs, Rodney McNease (UNM), Rose Silva-Smith, Sara Keeney, Tina Kachele, and William Hoffman.

Acknowledgment of Designees: Charlie Verploegh (BernCo), Designee for Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty

## **B. Agenda**

No modifications to the agenda.

## **Public Comment:**

### **A. Written comments:**

None received for January 19, 2020 meeting.

### **B. Live Questions/Comments: The following online requests for public comment were received:**

None received for January 19, 2020 meeting.

## **Approval of December 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

### **A. Handout: November 10, 2020 Draft Minutes**

County Manager Julie Morgas Baca, moved to approve the minutes and Lawrence Rael (Designee for Mayor Tim Keller), seconded the motion. There were no objections to the draft minutes and they were so approved.

## **Update: COVID-19 System Status Update**

### **A. System of Care for people without homes**

Director Carol Pierce (CABQ) led by sharing that the system was currently housing 758 individuals in the WEHC and hotel system supported by the City, County and State. Of the 758 people there are 195 children under the age of 18. Families are coming to the wellness hotels and are continuously rapidly filled. Additionally, a Housing Navigator is available to connect them to housing that best meets their needs.

Dr. Douglas Ziedonis (UNM) provided an update regarding UNMH's current COVID-19 related inpatient numbers, other concerns about the virus variants, and the new vaccine locations. Carol Pierce stated the City is working with NMDOH to get a vaccination clinic at the WEHC soon.

## **B. Housing**

### **a. Fast Track for Housing**

Carol Pierce provided a brief overview of the Fast Track for Housing program. In coordination with the UNM Pathway Navigators, Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless, CLN Kids, supportive housing funds are used to assist households to get placed into housing. Lisa Huval provided additional details regarding the process of helping people to exit emergency shelters and into permanent housing. The pathway navigators provides the services coordination and the housing coordinator helps find housing that meets their needs.

### **b. Single Site**

Doug Chaplin provided the update on the joint venture between the City, County, and New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority called the Single Site Supportive Housing project. The construction on the project has begun and it will provide housing and services for 42 individuals. Doug Chaplin provided further detail that the site will be called Hope Village and will be near Hope Works day shelter. The site will be used to house individuals with severe mental illness. The construction would cost around \$9.6 million for the housing units and supportive services office space.

### **c. Tiny Homes**

Commissioner Debbie O'Malley provided an update of the Tiny Homes project. Currently the advisory committee that will provide oversight has been formed. The process is being overseen by the Albuquerque Indian Center and staffers are interviewing individuals to be residents of the core residents of the village. She added that the Tiny Homes project is a low-barrier shelter and is created to help individuals learn to cooperate with one another and receive services from service providers. The village was designed to be a high quality project not only for the individuals but also for the surrounding community and has seen strong support at all levels. County Manager Julie, Morgas Baca provided that the community partnerships and support has been strong and that they were seeing important items donated to the project. Commissioner O'Malley wrapped up her update by describing the location and location benefits that will be accessible for residents.

## **Update: 2021 NM Legislative Capital/Policy (homeless/housing)**

### **A. City**

Carol Pierce provided the City's request from the legislative session, adding that City was requesting \$10 million in capital to assist with the Gateway system multiple entry points. Lisa Huval provided information about the Housing Modernization Act (HB-111) to the council. She added that one of the high impact strategies from the Housing Committee identified was to increase protections for tenants, including prohibiting income discrimination regarding rent payment. The legislation would aim to modernize protections for renters to ensure balanced protections with landlord, expand timeframes for rent payment and eviction notice, access to rental assistance, curing of unpaid rent, prohibiting refusal of lease renewal if a State of Emergency had been declared within 30 days, and also creates a state housing council. She concluded by asking the council members to consider to potentially formally endorsing or supporting the legislation once they've received all the necessary information.

## **B. County**

Country Manager Julie Morgas Baca provided stated the County is working with various nonprofits and state agencies to request capital for assistance with providing various services. Additionally, they the County was focusing securing resources for youth that transitions out of state care between the ages of 16-24.

## **C. UNM**

President Garnett Stokes provided that the university would need to bring back more information to the next meeting regarding their legislative priorities from their government relations staff to better connect with the City and County's legislative work.

## **Update: Coordinated Community-Wide Framework**

### **A. Community Input**

#### **a. Survey**

Quinn Donnay presented a brief overview of the survey's purpose, questions, and results. The survey purpose was to provide community feedback on the direction of each HCC committee. Quinn added that 458 individuals responded with the majority of respondents living in the 87102 and 87108 zip codes. The majority of individuals that responded either strongly agreed or agreed with the direction of each HCC committee. Written comments were provided by community members and Quinn briefly highlighted theme questions, concerns, ideas, and comments. Councilor Benton inquired what the estimated percentage of homeless individuals who are in need of other services like mental healthcare before returning to the workforce. Lawrence Rael responded that they would gather that research for the Councilor and Council.

## **Update: People with lived experience input**

Quinn Donnay informed council members that she was creating an online survey that would include individuals with lived experience to gain their input regarding specifics needs when entering shelter. Partner agencies will also assist in gathering responses to the surveys.

## **Update: Research and Assessment Opportunities**

### **A. Review of existing data to quantify permanent housing needs for different populations (e.g. group homes, scattered site and single site)**

### **B. Evaluate Impacts and Benefits: People Served, Neighborhoods, Community**

### **C. Youth Housing Assessment**

UNM President, Garnett Stokes reminded the HCC that the youth housing assessment was being addressed with an outside consultant.

President Stokes, briefly talked about the impact and benefits pertaining to the review of existing data. There will be UNM and City and County partners involved. Suzanne Reagan, Senior Program Manager with UNM Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Professor Rania Ehrenfeucht who is chair of the Community and Planning Department at UNMs Architecture and Planning. UNM

Health and Sciences Center will stay involved in this as well. Dr. Z is also working with a group to sift through these questions. UNM will work to schedule a meeting with City and County partners to push this research agenda forward.

### **Proposed 2021 Meeting Dates:**

**A. Bi-Weekly through June 2021: January 19, February 2, March 2, March 16, March 30, April 13, April 27, May 11, May 25, June 8**

The committee approved the proposed meeting dates.

**B. No meetings: Day after Presidents Day (Feb. 16). APS Spring Break (Mar. 22-26) & day after Memorial Day (June 1) are not part of regular meeting dates.**

### **Summary of Next Steps**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:45 am-11:00 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:08am.