



Minutes
Youth Housing Continuum Committee
4:00 – 5:30 pm
August 4 2021

Committee Purpose – To recommend proposed solutions to address the housing needs of young people ages 18-25 in Bernalillo County.

Meeting Purposes:

1. To bring all meeting participants up to speed with current information with updates
2. To address system gaps and unmet needs with high impact strategies within the first 60 days of meeting

Attendees:
<i>Co-chairs: Dr. Assata Zerai (UNM), Jennifer Scacco (BernCo Dept. Beh. Health), Nasha Torrez (UNM Dean of Students)</i>
<i>Attending - Dr. Assata Zerai (UNM), Laura Norman (CABQ consultant), Steve Johnson (New Day), Catie Willging (PIRE-Evaluator), BeAnna Chavez (CYFD), Diana Lopez (YDI), Kerry Moriarty (CYFD), Jennifer Scacco (BernCo)</i>

Agenda Item/Person:	Discussion and Action
1.)Welcome and Intros and Approval of Minutes; Jennifer Scacco	Jennifer Scacco welcomed committee members, introductions were made. Steve Johnson announced that Brooke Tafoya will begin attending for New Day, as he is retiring as CEO. Motion to approve minutes of June was made by Steve Johnson. Seconded by BeAnna Chavez. Motion to approve passed.
2.) Continued conversation on the need for Emerg Housing for UNM Students, Assata Zerai	Assata Zerai shared that Nasha Torrez is leading the effort and has the most information on Emergency Housing needs for UNM students; however, she was unable to attend today. Updates from Assata Zerai included: she met with Stephanie McGyver head of Student Health and Counseling at UNM who shared that they have a social worker who has been working with Covid positive UNM students. This staff member has processes established that may be helpful relative to student housing. Might be possible to share time with this person/position. Will continue to keep this item on the agenda, with Nasha Torrez reporting next.
3.)Update from Researchers; Catie Willging	Catie Willging reported that 7 youth and 8 UNM representatives were trained to implement the Youth Count survey which kicks off tomorrow. There will be 3 count periods, 3 weeks apart. Youth receive \$10 for participating in survey. Doing first at Roosevelt Park, Friday, 4 to 7 pm with entertainment. Will be going to other parks over next 3 days, but without the entertainment. Also will be going to service agency locations. Repeat 3 weeks from now on a Thurs/Fri/Sat. Please 'like' the FB and IG accounts. More robust ads for the next 2 surveys.

<p>4.) Additional Support from City for YHC, Assata Zerai</p>	<p>Piloting interview guides for interviews with youth; will get more in-depth qualitative perspective. On the organizational side of the project, expecting to receive more than 80% of surveys returned. Completed system level interviews. Started focus groups with staff in service organizations too. Flyers will be available in advance of the next 2 counts – she can provide to anyone who requests, and she asked for committee members to continue to promote to youth. Surveys and ads in Spanish and English.</p> <p>Assata Zerai reported that since Quinn Donnay left the City and is no longer working with the committee as City liaison, the committee is requesting a new advocate. As move into the academic year, 2 of the co-chairs will be stretched and less available to support this vital work. Lisa Huval was unable to attend today’s meeting. HCC will be meeting again soon, next week, per Jennifer Scacco. Her understanding was that City was to hire positions to support Committee work. Final report target date with research is October per Catie Willging. Will really be good to have a counterpart with the City by then to help drive this work forward. What will be done with the information that researchers are working so hard to gather?, asked Steve Johnson. Should align with some high-level strategies. CYFD planning to work with Quinn Donnay to do something with the findings there, per Catie Willging.</p>
<p>5.) Next steps, agency updates, closing</p>	<p>Assata Zerai circled back to the topic of focus groups this fall, saying that the same group that did the needs assessment on UNM housing and food insecurity will again be surveyed. After get this committee’s October research report, if there are lingering questions, they are willing to add to that survey.</p> <p>Assata Zerai and Jennifer Scacco will reach out to Lisa Huval of the City to discuss Committee management and advocate assignment.</p> <p>Committee members were asked to reach out to those not here today and encourage attendance next month.</p> <p>Assata Zerai said the young adult shelter presentation was well received by the HCC, but she is not aware of what follow-up has been done. And she said that Comm Barboa expressed interest in this Committee’s work along with a concern that a young adult shelter might be redundant; invite her to next meeting. Steve Johnson congratulated on his retirement!</p>

Next Meeting: Sept 1, 2021, 4:00-5:30 pm