



Minutes

Youth Housing Continuum Committee

4:00 – 5:30 pm

January 6th, 2021

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

Meeting Purposes:

- To bring all meeting participants up to speed with current information with updates**
- 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), Quinn Donnay (FCS), Jennifer Scacco (BernCo Dept. Beh. Health), Nasha Torrez (UNM Dean of Students)</i>
<i>Members: Gilbert Ramirez (FCS-Behavioral Health Dep. Dir), Laura Norman (CABQ consultant), Karla Castaneda (Centro Savila), Diana Lopez (YDI), Kashif Muhammed (BernCo), Cathleen (Caty) Willging (PIRE), Kerry Moriarty (CYFD BHS), Hillari Lipton, (CYFD), Joscelyn Huffmaster (BHI), Madeline Rafferty (CYFD), Penelope Buschardt (APS), Steve Johnson (New Day), Hilary Stim (CYFD), Brooke Tafoya (New Day), Dr. Assata Zerai (UNM), Quinn Donnay (FCS), Jennifer Scacco (BernCo Dept. Beh. Health), Nasha Torrez (UNM Dean of Students)</i>

Agenda Item/Person:	Discussion and Action
1.)Welcome and Intros; Jennifer Scacco	Attendees were welcomed by co-chair Jennifer Scacco; introductions made.
2.)General Refresher of Cmte Actions and Status; Quinn Donnay	Quinn Donnay asked Hilari Lipton if all looked good at her/CYFD end regarding the Needs Assessment of Youth Experiencing Homelessness. Hilari Lipton and Quinn Donnay and Jen Scacco to discuss after this meeting if any City and County support could be added to the project CYFD is funding. There are jurisdiction issues, specifically - a statewide effort isn't a funding focus for City/County.
Youth Housing Needs Assessment; Quinn Donnay, PIRE, Assata Zerai, Nasha Torrez	For the next steps on the Needs Assessment, Quinn Donnay tipped to Catie Willging of PIRE (Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation) for an update. Caty Willging offered two slides which were screen-shared: -Revised and submitted proposal to CYFD/City -Submitted IRB application -Explored organizational self-assessments of provider agencies that serve people struggling with homelessness, including youth. There was little in the peer reviewed literature; existing

<p>How does group more forward; Jen Scacco</p>	<p>assessments focus on nonprofits more generally; potential contributions to the field from this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Need to select members of Needs Assessment Leadership Team, as well as selecting members of Youth Advisory Board -Need to finalize how to operationalize homelessness and housing instability among transition age youth (how will it be defined) -Develop data collection tools (7 tools total) -Submit instruments to IRB for approval <p>Quinn Donnay asked the group for input on how to move forward with creating the leadership team. Catie Willging said that typically the responsibilities are to review protocols, give feedback into processes, review tools, review reports. About 6 to 8 people from this Committee, with not a huge time commitment – mostly when development of tools is underway.</p> <p>Jen Scacco added that this working group/leadership team would report back to this full Committee.</p> <p>Volunteers to serve were Diana Lopez, Brooke Tafoya, Assata Zerrai. The remaining committee members were also encouraged to consider.</p> <p>Quinn Donnay asked the group for input on how to move forward with identifying the youth advisory board. Can existing youth boards be tapped, and what are those? Gilbert Ramirez mentioned the Mayor’s Kids Cabinet which has subgroups such as public safety. Also there is a Mayor’s Youth Advisory Board. Hillari Lipton mentioned that an Andrew has expressed interest; he has attended this committee meeting before. CYFD has a youth leadership board. Centro Savila has a youth board. Important to get kids with lived experience. And Brooke Tafoya suggested targeted recruitment after identified the specific, diverse population wanted. Need to be clear to them what they are doing, and that they will meet 8 times (zoom) for \$25 honorarium each meeting. 8 kids needed; nominations from leadership team. <u>Catie Willging will make a flyer of the particulars</u>. Steve Johnson and others can take to meetings and kids can apply. Want diversity of perspective and experience. Assata Zerai suggested having 2 alternates. The committee will begin seeking out potential youth advisory board candidates with the goal of identifying before the next meeting in 2 weeks.</p> <p>First Leadership Team meeting should occur within 3 weeks, per Catie Willging. <u>Quinn Donnay will send out an email to do initial scheduling to those expressing interest thus far</u> (Assata, Diana, Brooke). Karla Castaneda asked Centro Savila to be included as someone from there will do if not her; same for CYFD. This group will decide its own frequency of meetings.</p> <p>Jen Scacco opened discussion on the next steps for this full committee – are bi-weekly meetings still needed? What are next steps regarding the other high-impact strategies of Young Adult Shelter, Subsidized Housing at UNM, and Housing Vouchers for PSH? Gilbert Ramirez thought there was housing voucher money in the FY2021 city budget already; FY2022 budget is already being done. <u>Quinn Donnay to ask Lisa Huval if there is voucher money, how much, and is there some earmarked for young people. Will report back next meeting.</u></p> <p>Subsidized housing at UNM strategy is still in the matrix but may take a different direction.</p> <p>Quinn Donnay confirmed that the committee can break into small workgroups as choose, and those meetings are not subject to open meeting act (so are easier to manage with no posting deadline, and no staff time for meeting minutes).</p>
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<p>Next steps and closing; Quinn Donnay</p>	<p>The group consensus was that they don't want to lose sight of the young adult shelter. CYFD indicated they would keep coming to regular meetings to keep the focus on this strategy. Steve Johnson mentioned the idea of having focused/theme meetings each time, with a single strategy focus.</p> <p>For the next meeting in 2 weeks, the agenda will be <i>Young Adult Shelter</i>.</p> <p>Penelope Buschardt put a possible leadership team member name/colleague in the chat box direct to Quinn Donnay; and Kashif Muhammad committed to contacting Serenity Mesa and Casa Q to ask them to attend next meeting.</p> <p><u>Quinn Donnay to email the full committee the Open Access article link that Caty Willging put in the chat box.</u></p>
<p>3.)Minutes approval, Quinn Donnay</p>	<p>Minutes from 12.9.20 meeting were approved.</p>

Next Meeting: Jan. 20, 2021, 4:00-5:30 pm