



**Minutes**  
**Youth Housing Continuum Committee**  
**4:00 – 5:30 pm**  
**October 6, 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

<b>Attendees:</b>
<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), Catie Willging (PIRE-Evaluator), Diana Lopez (YDI), Kerry Moriarty (CYFD), Jennifer Scacco (BernCo), Hilary Stim (CYFD), Nasha Torrez (UNM), Steven Serrano (Casa Q), Kashif Muhammad (BernCo), Bee Chavez (CYFD), Marisol Atkins and Kristin Carmichael – guest presenters</i>

<b>Agenda Item/Person:</b>	<b>Discussion and Action</b>
1.) Welcome and Intros and Approval of Minutes; Jennifer Scacco	Jennifer Scacco welcomed committee members, introductions were made. Minutes from last meeting were shared on the screen. Motion to approve September minutes was made by Diana Lopez. Seconded by Hillary Stim. Motion to approve passed.
2.) Research update, Catie Willging	Catie Willging offered update on the needs assessment of youth/young adults experiencing homelessness, shared screen of a presentation summarizing project results to-date: there is both a system and an organizational assessment, which are complete. 27 interviews and 9 focus groups within the provider community. For the youth count, a capture/recapture method was used – should have results of the three, 3-day counts done during Aug/Sept tomorrow. 397 surveys of youth who may be experiencing housing instability. Workforce survey had a 83% participation rate (150 of 181 invited), and organization survey had 82% participation (32 of 39 agencies invited). The invitees were identified by the project leadership team of this Committee. Committee discussed the results, specifically that housing assistance ranked as top priority then expanding mental health/behavioral health needs, then basic needs assistance, then case management. More to come when project is complete and report issued
3.) Guest presenters on projects with	Marisol Atkins presented information on 1 of 2 projects doing for/with CYFD. “Youth /Young Adult Housing Solutions Project Plan.” Its goals are to create awareness regarding youth/young

<p>CYFD; Marisol Atkins of Luz del Sol, and Kristin Carmichael of Carmichael Consultants</p>	<p>adult homelessness, promote coordinated approaches, develop strategic priorities all within CYFD.</p> <p>Kristin Carmichael presented information on the second project, “Landlord Collaboration Program” which was termed a landlord risk mitigation program but goes beyond that. Includes social strategies such as help when there are problems with tenants, which was of particular interest to landlords.</p>
<p>4.) Young Adult Shelter - Resources, Jennifer Scacco</p>	<p>As was discussed at last committee meeting, Comm Barboa suggested that the committee think about more budgetary details relative to the Young Adult Shelter. Need to do some work outside of this meeting, to think about it structurally and financially; Jennifer Scacco recommended that she and Diana Lopez do this and bring back to the committee.</p>
<p>5.) Gateway Center Conditional Use Hearing</p>	<p>Assata Zerai attended the recent Gateway Center Conditional Use Hearing; committee members were asked to attend in support, so she did. However, she is unclear how the resources are planned to flow. This committee has always focused on a separate Young Adult Shelter. How would it be funded, and what is this committee’s perspective, and how will the funding flow? None of the committee members in attendance today were at this hearing. Assata Zerai’s questions, shared by Diana Lopez, does this committee have a position on the Gateway, and specifically, are we advocating for a separate space for youth? Diana Lopez believes that these are two separate things. Jennifer Scacco has heard that two tracks have been discussed, and the committee should recommend whether a young adult shelter could be part of the Gateway or whether it should be separate. The committee consensus was that the young adult shelter should be separate, community-based at this meeting; will have it as an agenda item for next month’s meeting to finalize. Bee Chavez offered to prepare pros/cons for next meeting.</p>

**Next Meeting: Nov 3, 2021, 4:00-5:30 pm**