



**Homeless Services System
11:00 – 12:30
February 9th, 2021
Minutes**

Meeting Participation Principles:

- Past Progress – Many diverse, and respected voices have contributed to where we are today.
- Preparation - All background materials, minutes and project updates should be read, prior to meetings.
- Contribution – Every voice is elicited, uninterrupted, and heard.
- Distraction - Mute cell phones, avoid side-conversations, stay on-topic.
- Transparency – Acknowledge mistakes, provide upward feedback, seek differing opinions.

Co-Chairs: Quinn Donnay (DFCS), Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty (Bernalillo County), Rodney McNease (UNM)

Attendees: Lisa Huval (FCS), Laura Norman (CABQ consultant), Cate Reeves (NMPCA), Nicole Taylor (CABQ City Council Policy Analyst), Deiandra Cole (Downtown Block by Block Ambassadors), Margarita Chavez Sanchez (BernCo), Christina Apodaca (Santa Barbara Martineztown NA), Beth Brownwell (Stronghurst NA), Steve Johnson (New Day), Quinn Donnay (DFCS), Rodney McNease (UNM), Marit Tully (Near North Valley NA), Sandra Perea (Elder Homestead NA), Joe Noriega (BernCo County Cmsn)

Individual:	Discussion/Action
Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Minutes, Quinn Donnay	1) Welcome, and introductions were made. Then, a motion to approve minutes of 1.12.21 was made by Deiandra Cole, seconded by Cate Reeves. Motion to approve passed.

<p>Updates since last mtg, Quinn Donnay</p>	<p>2.) Quinn Donnay began the meeting with Updates on Gateway Centers: -The City is still in process of purchasing <i>Gibson Medical Center</i>, but there is no acquisition yet.</p> <p>-<i>HopeWorks</i> and the City are still in negotiations/discussions regarding <i>HopeWorks'</i> creation of collaborative shelter for single men and single women on their campus.</p> <p>-<i>WEHC</i> (Westside Emergency Housing Center): City owns and <i>Heading Home</i> operates. The <i>WEHC</i> will remain part of the gateway centers system until can bring on line enough replacement shelter beds in town. Therefore, updates being made to the facility, including 29 new HVAC units and exhaust fans, milling/grading of parking lot, construction of trash enclosure, installation of grinder in plumbing, stairs repaired/ramps installed. All to be completed by summer.</p> <p>-<i>Survey</i> is rolling out with street outreach community partners, <i>WEHC</i> and wellness motel guests, and <i>Friends Meeting House</i> for people with lived experience to get at some of finer design details of emergency shelter, questions such as lockers are important and where, and what elements are important in a courtyard. Also ask why people without homes don't go to shelters now. <i>Survey Monkey</i>, 9 questions.</p> <p>Updates on actions to understand services: -Feasibility study in process regarding a <i>sobering center</i> at <i>Gibson Medical Center</i> site. <i>Lisa Huval</i> shared that this came out of recent budget process, and City Council asked that <i>Family and Community Services Division</i> do this; so a local consultant has been hired.</p> <p>-<i>Behavioral Health gap analysis</i> – Being done with County and City. <i>Margarita Chavez Sanchez</i> said that it is in <i>IGA</i> process but not yet started. Will not actually be a behavioral health systems analysis, rather, it will be a comprehensive systems analysis to include criminal justice, behavioral health, homelessness and more. How do the components fit together? Where are the remaining gaps? Will be entering into agreement for professional services for a two phase process, first to compile/review all the studies and data of recent years. Then engage in any necessary further review providing a comprehensive systems analysis. Target expedited timeline for completion by end of May, or September at the latest.</p> <p>-<i>Youth Needs Assessment</i> – Out of the <i>HCC's Youth Housing Continuum Committee</i>, an assessment is being done to understand the scope of youth/young adult homelessness, ages 15 to 25. This data will be used by both youth and adult providers, because age range dips into both areas. The assessment will also include a service provider review. May be completed by end of June for <i>ABQ</i> area, with a statewide survey being done after that. <i>CYFD</i> is funding project.</p> <p>-<i>Research and Evaluation request to UNM</i>- To understand neighborhood impact at current and proposed gateway center sites, professional evaluation is being requested. Awaiting <i>UNM</i> next steps on this request. Contact information for <i>Neighborhood Association</i> representatives on this committee has been given to <i>UNM</i> so they can be contacted for input.</p>
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	<p>Legislative Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Joe Noriega, representative from Commissioner Pyskoty’s office, shared his screen and a summary of <i>Bernalillo County legislative priorities</i> this session: -2 capital outlay priorities related to behavioral health; \$5 mill to demolish and reconstruct the facility currently occupied by PB&J Family Services, and \$500,000 for updates and upgrades at Serenity Mesa -Support efforts that maximize Medicaid dollars -Create more services and secure housing options for transition age youth 16 to 24 aging out of foster system (clarified later that this priority has broadened to include all youth in this age category, not just system-connected) -Housing, training and employment opportunities for incarcerated individuals re-entering -Health professionals and licensing reciprocity bill, to remove barriers for licensed professionals practicing in NM (counseling, social work, etc) -Amend HB267 from 2019 to include prior year data -Oppose efforts that promote criminal justice inequity -\$100,000 for community engagement teams pilot project which creates behavioral health teams to de-escalate situations -Maintain reimbursement rates for telehealth encounters -Expand CareLink behavioral health homes -Support ongoing \$1.2 million for Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion -Expand Medicaid transportation for behavioral health services, and health service corps program loan repayment in rural NM service -Oppose diminished funding for LDWI -Support recurring funds for Tiny Home Village in ABQ -Tracking and monitoring several other bills <p>Margarita Chavez Sanchez added that this session is unique due to Covid and no in-person opportunities for providers and community members to testify/show support; but there may be requests later.</p> <p>Rodney McNease shared <i>UNM Legislative Priorities</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Many of the same items that County listed -HB133 which appropriates funds to fight student hunger in higher education setting <p><i>City Legislative Priorities</i>, Lisa Huval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Housing Modernization Act which creates better balance of landlord and tenant rights, extends time to get right with payment before eviction, and prohibits source of income discrimination (ie, people who pay rent with vouchers can be declined as tenants now) -Capital outlay request for Gateway Centers in ABQ, for \$10 million <p>Lisa Huval also shared that December 2020 Congressional action awarded \$24 million to the City for Emergency Rental Assistance related to Covid. Awaiting further guidance from the Treasury. County and State also received some funding, so they all will coordinate to avoid duplication. No details yet on how to apply for this particular funding.</p>
Next Meeting (now monthly, 2 nd Tues of mth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 9th, 2021

Core Documents:

CABQ: Focus Group – People With Lived Experience, Gateway Center Site Ranking Report, Gateway Center Online Survey Report, Gateway Center Public Input Session, Changing the Story document, Assessing Shelter Capacity Report (Barbara Poppe and Stephen Metreaux report), Gateway Concepts document, Medical Respite Community Needs Assessment

UNM: UNM Hospitals 2020 Community Health Needs Assessment

BernCo: Bernalillo County Healthcare Task Force Recommendations: 2014