



### Homeless Services System

11:00 – 12:30

March 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: Laura Norman (CABQ consultant), Cate Reeves (NMPCA), Deiandra Cole (Downtown Block by Block Ambassadors), Margarita Chavez Sanchez (BernCo), Christina Apodaca (Santa Barbara Martineztown NA), Steve Johnson (New Day), Quinn Donnay (DFCS), Rodney McNease (UNM), Comm Charlene Pyskoty (BernCo), Dennis Plummer (Heading Home), Khadijah Bottom (South San Pedro NA), Reed Russell (AHCH)*

Individual:	Discussion/Action
Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Minutes, Rodney McNease	1) Welcome, and introductions were made. Rodney McNease referenced the minutes of 2/9/21 which were sent out in advance; hearing no objections, the minutes are approved.
Updates, Quinn Donnay	2) <i>Quinn Donnay provided update on Gibson Medical Center (GMC):</i> City is moving forward with purchase; legal dispute with sellers is over; should close by end of April. Looking at serving 3 populations (Single Men, Single Women, Families) for emergency shelter, with the specific numbers and capacities still to be determined. Need to identify what services. Considering medical respite too. There are many design issues to work out. Some services being discussed are on-site peers, housing navigation, case management and SOAR reps. Dennis Plummer said that public has supported City’s move to smaller shelter sites, so hopeful that shelter here is 100 beds are fewer. Quinn Donnay reiterated the capacities are not yet identified. Deiandra Cole asked if there will be sheltering for evening for sleep only, and will medical guardianship assessments/other need assessments be a service there. Quinn Donnay said these are among the details that need to be defined. Rodney McNease asked for clarification regarding intent of City to contract with providers for services; Quinn Donnay confirmed City will go to RFP for others to create and operate programs. The recommendations of

<p>Wrap up and next steps, Commissioner Pyskoty</p>	<p>this committee will be included in the RFP for providers. The County/City working together on a system gaps analysis now, and information from this should be helpful. Margarita Chavez Sanchez suggested the parameters/expectations be clear in RFP and that problem-based procurement be done. Dennis Plummer asked if design will allow for separate entrance/exit and living spaces for the different populations, and Quinn Donnay confirmed that this is part of trauma-informed design planning. Also important is to take into account GMCS's current tenants, such as Haven and Turquoise Lodge. Architect is already on board. Deiandra Cole enquired about transportation plan, as this area doesn't have as much as other areas. Quinn Donnay said that a possibility is to build on current transport system offered for those going to and from WEHC. Steve Johnson reminded committee that New Day has significant presence in that area of City. It is typical to keep youth services separated from adult services; Bullhead Park near New Day services and GMC and may be impacted.</p> <p>3.) <i>Research Updates:</i> UNM has created a homeless research committee to coordinate university research. They will focus on 2 things, one of which came from this committee. Evaluate impacts and benefits of services provided in neighborhoods. Their timeline is present research findings by 1/1/22; should start in May. In addition to that, the Affordable Housing Committee will be reviewing existing data to quantify PSH needs. Rodney McNease added that UNM is setting up its research framework now, then a smaller team of researchers will more the work forward. Neighborhood representative contact information was provided, and these committee members should expect to be contacted. This research is more about impact of services on neighborhoods, not about needs of people served.</p> <p>4.) <i>Legislative Updates:</i> The Housing Modernization Act passed the House, but with several concessions. Brie Sillery of NM Coalition to End Homelessness offered insight that current bill includes extending timeframes for evictions, but source of income discrimination was removed as was requirement to establish statewide housing council (a commitment was made to do this by housing partners, without it being in law). Brie Sillery can share information of how people can support as bill now in Senate; email her to be added to her list serve.</p> <p>Steve Johnson said that he has been looking for apartment complex to house young people emerging from foster care; it is hard. Expect increases in community rents, due to shortage of rental units. Reed Russell confirmed this challenge and he understands it is taking up to 80 days to house someone lately (used to take about 20), due to the scarcity.</p> <p>5.) Comm Pyskoty shared that Bernalillo County is rolling out its Emergency Rental Assistance Program at County website; City will be doing its similar program soon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kinsey Cooper joined the meeting and shared that the City is rolling out a Community Engagement Plan related to the Gibson Medical Center project. Community input has been critical up to this point, and will continue to be. Still in the drafting phase; more information to come.</li> <li>- Christina Apodaca expressed appreciation to 311 for action taken from her calls requesting clean up. How do contact someone to clean under the</li> </ul>
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	<p>Interstate bridge? Quinn Donnay shared that there is a partnership with NMDOT and the City for under Interstate, so call 311 for more information.</p> <p>Comm Pyskoty said that the HCC requested a report from this committee at its next meeting. Might be considering a date/time change for this HSS committee meeting; if so, more information would be forthcoming. Tonight at County Commission meeting, updates on behavioral health services will be provided and all are welcome to tune in to live stream.</p>
<p>Next Meeting (now monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of mth)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>April 13, 2021</b></li> </ul>

**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