



City of Albuquerque Domestic Violence Task Force

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 starting at 2:00 pm (MST)

Location: Via Zoom

Task Force Members Present:

Torri Jacobus, Chair
Dawn Begay, Vice-Chair
Vincent Galbiati
Jessica Fierro
Deputy Commander Brett Denison
Sandra Archuleta
Celia Yapita
Linda Stone
Pamelya Herndon
Liza Wolff-Francis
Gail Starr
Gwyn Kaitis
Elena Giacci
AnhDao Bui
Bonnie Escobar
Claudia Medina
Jodie Jaramillo
Valerie Sanchez
Alexandria Taylor

Task Force Members Absent:

Lt. Nicholas Sanders
Commander Dennis Tafoya
Melissa Ewer
Michelle Aldana
Johnny Wilson
Larry Koren
Angel Charley
Kena Chavez Hinojos
David River
Larry Hinojos
Zane Stephens
Susan Vigil
Patricia Gonzales
Nancy Montano on behalf of Councilor Peña

City Staff Present:

Crystal Velarde
Kelsey Barnes
Annette Saiz

Guests

Arianna Velarde
Laura Bassein

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair Jacobus.
- b. Chair Jacobus added Chair/Vice Chair update to the agenda following approval of minutes.

II. Approval of Agenda

- a. Pamelya Herndon moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Vincent Galbiati. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Pamelya Herndon moved to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Claudia Medina. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Chair/Vice-Chair Update

- a. Chair Jacobus shared that she is coordinating with the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer Nair so they can attend the March meeting and discuss the recommendations.
- b. Chair Jacobus and Vice-Chair Begay had several conversations with Family & Community Service (FCS) regarding the \$100,000 emergency housing money. The task force should consider how the funding could be best spent. June 30th is the expiration date to spend the funds. The recommendation cannot be voted on today as it was not on the agenda. Following a poll of the members, this will be reviewed on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 2pm.

V. Subcommittee Recommendations

- a. Chair Jacobus reported that the draft recommendations were sent to the task force and that she plans to review them with the team item by item. Several suggestions were emailed to her that will be incorporated. Chair Jacobus stated there should be a rationale included on each item that states why it would be helpful or why it is needed.
- b. Chair Jacobus informed that an additional recommendation came in today and that Vincent Galbiati and Pamelya Herndon continue to work on evaluating the former Desert Hills project off Coors and Sequoia. A proposal was sent via email separately to everyone. The recommendation requests that the Mayor consider creating a team to evaluate the former Desert Hills project.
 - Discussion included concerns that the proposal is not very clear, what would be the main purpose of this campus, who from the task force is interested in being part of that campus, what would be the role of those organizations. Also, maybe rewording the recommendation for an in-depth analysis, preliminary research and community engagement.
 - Further discussions to clarify some of the confusion that may exist. Organizations are not asked to move their facilities to the location. The facility is set up to help alleviate and to embrace the additional emergency shelter needed. The facility has a place for housing, a place for individual meetings either with doctors or with other individuals or organizations and job training. The proposal is just an outline and details need to be worked out. All the organizations that provide domestic violence services will have input as to what this will look like. The focus of the recommendation is to

secure the property. These are only recommendations and there is no guarantee that anything being proposed will be carried out.

- Chair Jacobus proposed adding this topic to add this to next week's special meeting agenda. A portion of the meeting will be dedicated to discussing this community campus, make a firm decision as a task force, take a vote if this is something that the group wants to proceed with.

VI. Updates on CARES Funding

- a. Vice-Chair Begay conveyed that the grant summary and application are on the Office of Equity & Inclusion (OEI) webpage. A link to the application was sent via email. There is still time to apply for the funding and applications will be accepted until the end of Thursday, December 10, 2020 at midnight. Funding to be allocated evenly among all eligible applicants.
- b. Vince Galbiati asked if looking for specific amounts and if this is just eligibility? Vice-Chair Begay said it is not necessary to include requested amount in application as funds will be distributed evenly among all eligible applicants. Vice-Chair Begay will resend the link to members. The documents required are the City of Albuquerque's modified W9, evidence of non-profit status, and any supporting documents that you think would be helpful in showing that organizations have been impacted by COVID-19.
- c. Claudia Medina asked if a small business owner received monies from the City for the business, is that business eligible to apply for monies through the CARE Act as an individual? Chair Jacobus relayed that this is for non-profits only. If a business is not a non-profit then it is not eligible for this grant. Vice-Chair Begay said non-profits serving survivors of domestic violence or sexual assaults within the city limit, or have at least 51% of their clientele serve residents of Albuquerque are the main qualifiers for this. If there are questions about other grants, please send to Vice-Chair Begay.
- d. Chair Jacobus reported that not many applications have been received and to please submit application by tomorrow evening. It should take no more than half an hour to complete the application. Vice-Chair Begay mentioned some technical issues such as all fields are required to be filled and to be certain all boxes are checked before submitting or it may bounce back. You do not have to provide all services just have to provide one of the three: advocacy, therapeutic services or case management.

VII. Open Discussion/Topics for next meeting

- a. Vice-Chair Begay encourages everyone to submit applications.
- b. Pamela Herndon asked where this group might stand in terms of distribution of Pfizer's vaccine trials to be delivered to the State in the next two weeks if they choose to take the vaccine because of their interactions with survivors of domestic violence? Vice-Chair Begay will follow up with Emergency Operations Center and find out the

plan for the City of Albuquerque in terms of distribution and will provide updated information next week.

VIII. Announcements

- a. There were no announcements

IX. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Jacobus.



Torri Jacobus, Chair

1/13/2021

Date