





# Homeless Coordinating Council: Gateway/Facilities Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference Friday, September 11, 2020, 10:00am-11:00am

City Councilor Isaac Benton, City of Albuquerque County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley, Bernalillo County Director Thomas Neale, The University of New Mexico Chief Operations Officer Lawrence Rael, City of Albuquerque BHI Steering Committee Chair Robert Baade, Bernalillo County

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# **MEETING MINUTES**

### I. Introductions and Announcements

1. Welcome and Introductions

The following members were present: Councilor Isaac Benton (CABQ), Director Thomas Neale (UNM), Commissioner Debbie O'Malley (BernCo), COO Lawrence Rael (CABQ), BHI Steering Committee Chair Robert Baade (BernCo).

Other individuals present (on Zoom): David Parkinson (CABQ), Kelly Sanchez (BernCo), Peter Rice, and Doug Small (CABQ).

## II. New and Ongoing Activities

1. Discussion – Facilities Updates

The committee began the discussion with an overview of the Westside Shelter's expenses, condition, providers and challenges. Committee members discussed possibly visiting the shelter in the near future. They also offered their thoughts and ideas to adapt the facility to more than an overnight shelter that could include services such as a GED program or Job Corps.

Committee members also expressed their interest in exploring other options such as sanctioned tent camps. Members discussed other cities facing similar issues like Las Cruces that are currently operating tent camps, how they are approaching security challenges, and the importance of having that security for the individuals experiencing homelessness. The committee all shared an interest in setting up a future conversation with these cities and their respective staffers that administer these programs on Zoom. The committee is working on creating a draft framework that would include an outline with all potential facilities including sanctioned tent camps and tiny homes.

### III. To Confirm:

i. Meeting Schedule – Next Meeting September 25, 2020