



**One Albuquerque Homeless Advisory Council**  
**January 16, 2019**  
**Minutes**

In attendance: Reverend Amani Malaika (NM Center for Spiritual Living), Jenny Metzler (Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless), Anthony Fairley (Title 1 APS Homelessness Project), Connie Chavez (Barrett Foundation), Samantha Sengel (CNM), Gilbert Ramirez (City of Albuquerque), Lisa Huval (City of Albuquerque), Dan Buehler (Creamland Dairies), Rowan Wymark (Downtown Neighborhood Association), Linda Son Stone (First Nations), Tom Antram (French Family Funerals), Terri Cole (Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce), Dennis Plummer (Heading Home), Greg Morris (HopeWorks), Gina Naomi Dennis (District 6 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations), Reverend Trey Hammond (La Mesa Presbyterian Church), Dr. Jennifer Denetdale (Navajo Human Rights Commission), Marit Tully (Near North Valley Neighborhood Association), Pastor Richard Mansfield (New Beginnings Church), Steve Johnson (New Day Youth & Family Services), Bishop David Cooper (New Hope Church), Lisa Maury (NM Coalition to End Homelessness), John Gozigian (NM Brewers Guild), Bobby Ehrig (Veterans Integration Center), Danny Whatley (The Rock), Pastor Brian Alarid (NM Prays), Christina Apodaca (Santa Barbara/Martineztown Neighborhood Association), Kelly Ortman (Silver Street Market), Donna Orozco-Geist (South San Pedro Neighborhood Association), Pastor John Hill (Steelbridge), Beth Brownell, Jimmy Lujan (AHCH), Skye Devore (Tractor Brewing), Joanne Landry (Trumbull Neighborhood Association), Doreen McKnight (Wells Park Neighborhood Association), Will Hoffman (North Valley Coalition), Evelyn Kuhn, Mahbooba Pannah (NM Asian Family Center), Carol Pierce (City of Albuquerque), Sarita Nair (City of Albuquerque), Lawrence Rael (City of Albuquerque.)

**Welcome and Introductions**

Mayor Keller welcomed the Council members. Council members introduced themselves, and shared one thing they hoped would come from the Homeless Advisory Council.

- Meaningful services to support housing
- Understand City of Albuquerque plan to address homelessness; is focus on scattered or centralized services
- Housing first model for City of Albuquerque
- Collaboration around efforts to address homelessness
- Increase understanding of everyone working on homelessness; increase drop off/pick up locations for the Westside shelter, particularly in NE area (God's Warehouse is an option)
- Build mutual respect and understanding for all doing work
- Increase collaboration of all City partners
- Link CNM to work being done
- Take action, create a plan, hold everyone accountable
- Find common ground, gain public support
- Identify strategies / funding / plan for strategic areas of concentration.
- Impact of concentrated services on areas
- Learn about available resources
- Address needs in Northeast Albuquerque, identify all services to coordinate
- Talk across stakeholder groups to address homelessness



- Coordinated effort, develop plan to successfully impact issue
- Address housing needs, landlords, neighborhood relations
- Needs to be housed / landlord / neighborhood relations to be a part of community
- To bridge the gaps from a lived experience. Housing is the first factor. Trauma informed approach.
- Three stage strategy – address underlying issues of homelessness (BH)
- Understand why homelessness has increased in the
- Be a part of solution, help identify needs.
- Reduce duplication, increase collaboration and not implement anything that will duplicate
- A lot is currently happening / collaboration is happening. Efforts to reduce duplication happens. Increase communication and not implement anything that will duplicate.
- Recognize a lot of work is happening, but is there a better way to address it? Can we explore this?
- Develop longer term solutions
- Develop a more transparent / democratic process to regarding efforts, funding, decisions to address homelessness.
- Identify and address services needs for youth, including youth who are being trafficked.
- More concerted effort to help avoid duplication
- Establish a City/County Public Health Initiative, more detox services and transportation
- Achieve goal of downtown transformation by addressing homelessness services; services must meet people where they are. There is a need for a 24/7 place center place that law enforcement can take people in need
- Be part of collective to address efforts, be part of the solutions
- Address needs of Native American population.

### **City Strategies**

Lisa Huval provided a brief overview of the City's strategies for addressing homelessness:

- West Side Emergency Housing Center – Formally called the winter shelter, this facility will remain open year round, with extended hours on the weekend, until new shelter beds are constructed in town
- Centrally located emergency shelter – Lisa shared a summary of the City's state capital outlay request for funding to plan, design and build a new centrally located shelter
- Supportive housing vouchers – In order to reduce homelessness, we must increase the supply of affordable housing. The City recently launched the One ABQ Housing Fund as a way to increase private support for housing vouchers
- Coordinated street outreach – We must increase the coordination of street outreach efforts, including those of established nonprofits and faith based groups, to help those living on the streets connect to housing and services
- Homeless Advisory Council
- Effectiveness, coordination and accountability of DFCS contracts

Discussion was focused mainly on the centrally located emergency shelter. Some Council members expressed concern about one larger shelter, and expressed a preference for several smaller scale shelters because they felt this would better for neighborhoods and would better meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness.



## **Workgroups**

The Council will need to create a workgroup structure to be effective. Lisa Huval presented three workgroups focused on:

- The centrally located shelter
- Coordinated street outreach
- Neighborhood impact

Council members indicated that it would be helpful to have a better understanding of what everyone does, and to make sure that we are not duplicating other collaborative efforts in these areas. Some council members also indicated the need for a workgroup with a broader focus on prevention and keeping people housed, and one focused on political action. .