



## Homeless Coordinating Council

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference  
Tuesday, May 11th, 2021, 9:45 am-11:00am

Chair, Mayor Tim Keller, City of Albuquerque

Commissioner Adriann Barboa, Bernalillo County  
City Council Pat Davis, City of Albuquerque  
City Councilor Isaac Benton, City of Albuquerque  
County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley, Bernalillo County  
County Manager Julie Morgas Baca, Bernalillo County  
President Garnett S. Stokes, The University of New Mexico  
Dr. Douglas Ziedonis, The University of New Mexico

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### Zoom Information:

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## Minutes

### Introductions and Announcements

A. Introductions/Designees

Attendees:

Lawrence Rael, Chief Operations Officer and HCC Designee for Mayor Tim Keller, called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m. A quorum of members was present.

*The following voting members were present:* Mayor Timothy M. Keller, Councilor Isaac Benton (CABQ), County Manager Julie Morgas Baca (BernCo), and, Assata Zerai, Designee for Dr. Douglas Ziedonis (UNM), Commissioner Debbie O'Malley (BernCo), Assata Zerai, Designee for President Garnett Stokes (UNM), Councilor Pat Davis, (CABQ), Commissioner Adriann Barboa (BernCo)

*Voting Members not present:*

*Other individuals present (on Zoom)* Lawrence Rael (CABQ), Carol Pierce (CABQ), Doug Chaplin (CABQ), David Parkinson (CABQ), Debra Bazan (CABQ), Jen Scacco (BernCo), Jessica Dyer, Laura Norman Prescott (CABQ), Lisa Huval (CABQ), Margarita Chavez Sanchez (BernCo), Rodney McNease (UNM), Bobby Sisneros (CABQ), Kinsey Cooper (CABQ), Tom Neale (UNM), Ken Martinez (BernCo), Betty Valdez (BernCo), Christina, Apodaca, David Dixon, Dee Whitfield, Donna Detweiler, Doreen McKnight, Downtown Public Safety Echo, Enrique Cardiel, Mariah Harrison, Mariah Tully, Melinda Frame, Mike Prando, Nob Hill Public Safety ECHO, Peter Kalitsis, Ricardo Guillermo, S Kalitsis, Sienna Wright, Terri Ellis, Vera, and VEW

## **B. Agenda**

No modifications to the agenda.

### **Public Comment:**

A. Please refer to the statement “Special Procedures for the HCC Meeting” posted at

<https://www.cabq.gov/family/partner-resources/meeting-minutes-agendas/homeless-coordinating-council>

B. Ten people may sign up on a first come first serve basis will be given 1.5 minutes to present. Enrique Cardiel, Executive Director of the Equity Health Council signed up for public comment and was present at the meeting and spoke in favor of the gateway center and it’s proposed location. Does not support added policing.

Written comments (attached) from:

Ms. Kay Bounkeua – in support of the gateway center and it’s proposed location. Does not support added policing.

Ms. Sienna Wright – in support of the gateway center and it’s proposed location. Does not support added policing.

Ms. Donna Detweiler – in support of the gateway center and it’s proposed location.

### **Approval of April 13th Meeting Minutes**

County Manager, Julie Morgas Baca, moved to approve the Minutes and Commissioner Debbie O’Malley seconded the motion. There were no objections to the draft minutes and they were approved.

### **Updates: GMC**

Carol Pierce started with sharing the [gatewayinput@cabq.gov](mailto:gatewayinput@cabq.gov) email as a way for community members or partners to have the ability to weigh in or provide comments/questions. The vision for Gibson Medical Center is to continue to be a health hub for the community providing needed health services for all community members. It is important to keep that legacy of GMC as being a place of health hope and healing for the community with our current tenants and hopefully new tenants as well. The existing tenants comprise about 25% of the building. The Gateway will offer services for unhoused neighbors to address their own health and healing.

Doug Chaplin talked about the continued work to get a handle and understanding of the facility, how it operates and to ensure that all systems function properly. There are currently ten tenants and six are healthcare related. Of the six healthcare related services, three are designated hospitals. In addition, two of the tenants, Turquoise Lodge and Haven Behavioral Health, will be joining our Albuquerque System of Care related to our behavioral health work. Medical respite services are needed in the community and will be part of the health hub services offered. As services for the Gateway Center are being developed it is with an eye to connect people who are unhoused to requested services, shelter and safety. Operation plans under development include the staffing (e.g. case managers, peer support specialists) to assist guest to access the services and supports identified in an individualized service plan. The plan includes exit strategies from the shelter.

Lawrence Rael added that there is an architect on contract that is assessing the building and looking at the physical structure of the building to design the shelter portion of the facility to ensure a cohesive operation with the tenants that helps support the community as a whole.

### **Updates: Community Input Plan**

Kinsey Cooper, FCS Public Information Officer provided information on the Community Input Plan starting with an email address to reach out to her directly at [gatewayinput@cabq.gov](mailto:gatewayinput@cabq.gov) – this email address provides the best way to loop into any future input opportunities as well as send comments and questions. Kinsey also highlighted the webpage [www.cabq.gov/unhoused](http://www.cabq.gov/unhoused) . This webpage has information on what the City is doing to address

homelessness as well as a page that is dedicated to this project which will contain any updated information as we move forward with the project. Kinsey reported that the community input has been important from the very beginning of the project. When the City closed on the Gibson property, there was immediate outreach with the neighborhood associations, local businesses, government officials and other stakeholders that surround or are nearby GMC. Planning has begun for the next round of community input meetings. We will have an update on meeting dates, times and locations soon and will send notices through the gateway input email address. Mayor Keller mentioned to the members of HCC to email Kinsey the names of any stakeholders who would like to tour the GMC space.

Lisa Huval provided survey results on the Lived Experience Survey - a total of 59 surveys received. The intent of the survey was to start learning about what those who use shelters would like to see at the Gateway Center and to really continue to learn what creates a safe and welcoming environment. The results of the survey will be posted online as well as shared with the members of the HCC. Lisa also mentioned that this important feedback provided on this survey gives us very helpful information and this is a small step toward learning from people with lived experience.

#### **Updates: UNM Research Interest Institute**

UNM Vice President for Equity and Inclusion, Assata Zerai attended the meeting on behalf of UNM President, Garnett Stokes and Dr. Douglas Ziedonis. Ms. Zerai also serves on the HCC's Youth Housing Continuum Committee. Ms. Zerai shared a summary of the work pertaining to the UNM Research Interest Institute aka Homeless Research Taskforce (HRT). Dr. Janet Page Reeves leads the work and so far UNM has allocated funds to conduct the research outlined in the scope of work. The HRT has identified researchers at UNM in addition to one graduate student to work on the project. The team is also consulting with a research librarian at the Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center and are conducting a systematic literature reviews to provide information on the two research objectives. The team is also in the process of establishing a data use agreement with the NM Coalition to End Homelessness to obtain access to the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) database. Ms. Zerai wanted to note that there are a number of initiatives at UNM surrounding the issue of homelessness in NM. The HIVE network is led by Professor Michael Pride in the school of Architecture and Planning and it's a collaborative across campus and community to address adverse determinants of health with a focus on homelessness and especially provide humanistic sanitation technology to those that are unhoused. UNM is also involved with the Honors College which has conducted a needs assessment on an enumerated our homeless youth at UNM which is at 2% of our student population. This survey is being administered for a second time this spring. Lastly, the HCC Youth Housing Continuum Committee has piloted the service provider survey in addition to the UNM Family & Community Health has hosted an organized Youth Advisory Board in preparation for the unhoused youth needs assessment in Bernalillo County.

#### **Updates:**

- HCC Committees-High Impact Strategies
  - a. Coordinated Street Outreach (CSO)

At the last meeting of the CSO, the committee reviewed draft policies regarding encampments. Commissioner Barboa facilitated and the committee provided excellent feedback as well as community input from other meeting attendees.
  - b. Youth Housing Continuum (YHC)

The youth needs assessment is going along strongly and the youth group continues to meet and has started to train to do the enumeration in the community. This will also address the needs of UNM students as it pertains to young adult shelter. There was also a review of the white paper on the need for a young adult shelter. Carol Pierce asked if the white paper was ready to share with the HCC in which Jennifer Scacco said she felt that everything had been captured and it was ready to share.

There will also be a presentation of the Needs Assessment to the HCC by the end of Summer.

Commissioner Barboa added that the Tiny Home Village could be an option or an ideal place, for those aging out of the youth system. Assata Zerai mentioned if Tiny Village was set up in a way that would also build community, in terms of effectiveness for those aging out of youth services to continue to have a group type living setting to essentially learn from each other.

c. Homeless Services System (HSS)

The HSS has identified and presented five focused areas, including updates on the gateway projects, both at GMC and the HopeWorks locations to assist the City in planning a service array at GMC to ensure that meets the needs of the surrounding community of GMC. In addition, the committee is continuing with updates and information on UNM evaluations as well as conditional use permitting process. At the last meeting, Kinsey Cooper presented on the outreach work FCS is doing with the neighborhood associations and Lisa Huval presented on the Lived Experience Survey results.

d. Affordable Housing (AH)

The AH Committee is focused on developing the affordable housing targets specifically the annual and five-year targets and the different high impact strategies identified such as how many supportive vouchers are needed, how many units of affordable housing need to be preserved, how many new units are needed to create through construction or acquisition rehab. The committee is trying to drill down on the costs it would take to reach these targets. Lisa mentioned that the States 4% tax credit program is an available resource that has not been fully utilized but could be with some strategic planning. The committee has also had guest speakers who presented on market trends and trends among multifamily properties which has been helpful in the committee's planning and thinking.

e. Facilities

The Facilities Committee had a presentation on encampments at the last meeting. Tom Neale had the opportunity to connect with Cuica Montoya in Denver related to how they are working on encampments. Ms. Montoya talked about the work they are doing and how they set up several projects as they relate to services, structure, how the community/neighborhoods reacted to the projects etc... The information shared would give us ideas on how to set up if we move in the same direction. Ms. Montoya also agreed to share their good neighbor agreements they have in place with the neighborhoods there as well as the budget on the cost of running these encampment projects and the services provided within the encampments as a whole. Tom Neale added that the encampment program is very well organized and very thoughtful in the construct. Tom mentioned that this is part of a continuum, the desire of the Colorado Village Collaborative is to move folks from chronically homeless situations by creating steps to permanent housing.

Mayor Keller added that a group of staff visited Camp Hope in Las Cruces about three years ago and echoed how impressive the facility is as well as the wide spectrum of services offered and ways they might be able to be sheltered in one form or another. Mayor feels this is something that we can accomplish with the right partner and because of zoning issues, a faith-based entity would be the best option for this. There is a faith-based candidate and we want to work together with the County who would have jurisdiction with respect to sanctioning. The County has done great on the Tiny Home Village and we are hoping the County can take the lead on this.

Commissioner O'Malley briefly talked about the work done related to Tiny Homes Village. She also spoke about the importance of safe outdoor spaces.

County Manager Morgas Baca said they would be glad to take the lead on the safe outdoor spaces project and will keep everyone posted. She also stated that the County will plan on taking a trip to Denver to take a tour of the site.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.