



## Homeless Coordinating Council (HCC)

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
10:00 am-11:30am

Chair, Maria Wolfe, City of Albuquerque  
Vice Chair, Julie Morgas Baca, Bernalillo County

Commissioner Steven Michael Quezada, Bernalillo County, Commissioner Adriann Barboa, Bernalillo County, County Manager Julie Morgas Baca, Bernalillo County, Mayor Tim Keller, City of Albuquerque, Councilor Renee Grout, City of Albuquerque, Councilor Nichole Rogers, City of Albuquerque, President Garnett S. Stokes, The University of New Mexico, Dr. Douglas M. Ziedonis, The University of New Mexico

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## Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** Maria called to order at 10:09am
- 2. Introductions and Announcements:** Maria adjusted the agenda. to start with introductions, then approve agenda and minutes.
- 3. Review & Approve February 13, 2024 Agenda**  
**Motion: Councilor Renee Grout**  
**Second: Commissioner Adriann Barboa**  
**Approved Unanimously**
- 4. Review & Approve January 9, 2024 Minutes**  
**Motion: Councilor Renee Grout**  
**Second: Commissioner Adriann Barboa**  
**Approved Unanimously**
- 5. Public Comment:**

Rudolph Serrano, who is researching homelessness and PTSD has built the “PTSD Cruiser Project” and is looking for support. He will be Contact HCC members. His contact info is: [rudolphserrano47@gmail.com](mailto:rudolphserrano47@gmail.com).

## 6. Updates:

### **UNMH/HSC – Dr. Ziedonis & Dr. Chenoa Bah**

- Legislative Session – hoping for new resources, especially in workforce development, to assist students throughout the health professions
- Planning to develop a comprehensive Substance Use Center
- Hosted successful Health Equity Summit
- Looking at creating a Center for Hispanic and Latino Health, a Center for Rural Health and an Office for Health Equity.
- UNM has the MDC contract for Health and the Recovery Addiction Services there. Hoping that this will help the homeless and the addicted who go into that facility.
- There was a session during the Health Equity Summit focused on the retention of students. Some of the main points are regarding food insecurity and housing insecurity for students.
- Commissioner Barboa wanted to know more about the comprehensive substance use services discussed in a UNM Regents meeting – Dr. Ziedonis said that there will be a working group to go more in-depth regarding what was presented to their Regents. They want to also have a City/County perspective as well as other groups to work together. This may be included in the summit.

### **Veteran’s Affairs – Camila Lopez**

- Matthew McGahran – Associate Director, introduced himself.
- The VA is working nationwide to expand their work with Aging Services, and vouchering services with HUD. This would be for aging veterans who might need help, but not to the extent of assisted living.
- Commissioner Barboa would like to add an agenda item in the future for senior housing needs.

### **City of Albuquerque – Maria Wolfe, Homeless Innovations Officer**

- Hoping for legislative funding for the City’s priorities
- Working on increasing the Housing Navigation Center spaces at Gateway
- The Family Housing Navigation Center is fully staffed and are celebrating that we have housed over 1,000 people.
- Sobering Center and Medical Respite Center are both under construction and are looking at opening next winter.
- First Responder Receiving Area – this is completed and the contract for operation is in negotiation. . We are hoping to partner with UNM.
- The Winter Shelter at Gateway has been at capacity each night, though we try to hold some spots for ACS to have a place in town to bring people. We are seeing the highest numbers at our Westside Emergency Housing Center each night and large numbers staying each day and not returning to town.
- Councilor Grout asked when the first responder Receiving Area would be ready? Maria responded there isn’t a specific date but we would let everyone know as soon the information is available.

- The City and County are working hard on the Opioid funding issues and medically assisted treatment
- The City Housing Division is working on the funding needed for their goal of 5,000 housing-units in 5 years.
- Regarding the first responder Receiving Area, Councilor Rogers said that even though these are long processes, please ask for help and leverage the relationships from this table to help move things along

## **7. Updates Dual-Diagnosis Training Conference- Dr. Ziedonis**

Dr. Ziedonis shared a high-level overview regarding their vision/planning thus far for the Dual-diagnosis Training Conference of how the event should go. (He forwarded his document to the entire HCC immediately following the meeting).

Things for the planning group to consider: Name - Conference vs. Summit? Time-Frame – Work-day vs. Weekend? Length of Conference? Location – someplace big enough to hold everyone with possible break-out spaces. Key Target Audience? Continuing Ed credits? Possible topics – what would we like to see covered? Food? Cost – overall budget?

It was decided that September would be a good time to have this event as it is also Recovery Month. The dates should be proposed by the planning group.

People who would like to help coordinate:

Abigail Stiles – COA

Anastacia Romero – UNM

Adriann Barboa – BernCo

Anami Dass – Harm Reduction Media Director

Pam Acosta – BernCo & BHI team

VA would like to have someone as well, name to come

Maria Wolfe

## **8. Update Community Solutions built for Zero Program**

They are continuing to move forward with their new staff. They will resume in-person along with zoom meetings to continue to efforts and build partnering.

## **9. Subcommittee Update- Native American Homelessness – Dr. Chenoa Bah**

- Will provide an update next meeting.

## **10. Announcement of the next HCC Meeting**

- March 12, 2024 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

## **11. Adjourn Meeting – Maria Adjourned at 11:31am**