



Homeless Coordinating Council (HCC)

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference Tuesday, November 14, 2023
10:00 am-11:30am

Chair, Maria Wolfe, City of Albuquerque
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1. Call to Order: 10:08 by Maria Wolfe

2. Review & Approve November 14, 2023 Agenda:

Motion to approve: Julie Morgas Baca

Second: Renee Grout

Approved Unanimously

3. . Introductions and Announcements:

Maria went to each person on her screen to have them introduce themselves.

4. Review and Approve October 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Julie Morgas Baca

Second: Renee Grout

Approved Unanimously

5. Public Comment: See below for instructions for submitting written comments and signing up to provide live comments.

Sara Keeney – Spoke to indicate that she had submitted two questions, in writing, for consideration. She said that she would appreciate a written response post meeting. Please see below for the questions posed:

Good morning Stephanie—

I'd like to bring two points to the attention of the HCC today. A written response from someone who can answer them is what I am hoping for.

1. This was published on Next Door yesterday. There may be more to the story but what is the justification for the ticket?

Nov 13, 2023 posted on Neighborhood Next Door

Good afternoon everyone, I don't know if I should be posting this but here it goes. So me and my husband are here at little ceasers pizza 🍕 on Central and Atrisco and upon me leaving the store there was a homeless man by the business with his German Shepard dog 🐕 they were not panhandling in anyway but they did look hungry, so that being said, I gave him a couple of slices of pizza and some crazy bread and my husband gave him \$10.00 and the man was happy that he went into little ceasers and bought him a pizza and a 2 liter bottle of soda. Case senerio is APD PULLED UP ASKED FOR A DRIVERS LICENSE AND UPON THE OFFICER GIVING US BACK OUR DOCUMENTS HE ALSO GAVE US A TICKET 🚔 FOR FEEDIND THE HOMELESS MAN. I WILL THROW THIS TICKET TO COURT, BECAUSE NOBODY IS GOING TO TELL ME HOW TO SPEND MY MONEY OR WHOM I WANT TO GIVE IT TO!!!!

2. Is the HCC working with Daymon Ely, new appointee in Mayor's office, to design a short term plan to address homelessness? He has put out a proposal and presented it to the Wells Park Neighborhood Association. He is asking for feedback and I see that a lot more input is needed, with many concerns. The Quakers are working on our suggestions. At the same time a short term plan for the next few years while Build to Zero gets going is definitely needed.

6. Updates:

- **City of Albuquerque – HHH Director Carol Pierce –**

We are continuing working with the clients at Gateway with the Housing Navigation Center that we have and have added 35 emergency beds on Nov 1st and they have been full. Working with Albuquerque Community Safety so they have a place to take people. Because that is filling up so fast, we are eager to have additional places for emergency shelter. The Receiving Area, one of the 5 components of the Gateway Center, are working with UNM to have them as a partner. Gateway sobering is slated to open next year. The COA will be

meeting with the contractors for the Respite Center today! We have been working very hard on our emergency bed tracker and we are eager to work with the County and other partners to get their information on the site so the First Responders have a faster, more clear picture of where they can take people and what each location is able to accommodate. The Westside Emergency Housing Center continues to have space available and we have added Lunch services back for the residents. Our joint project with City Councilors for young adult shelters, ages 18-24, is moving forward with an Environmental assessment at San Mateo Inn, not operational yet and many steps to go.

Maria added that we can demonstrate the Emergency Bed Tracker and put it on the agenda next meeting.

- **Bernalillo County – County Manager Julie Morgas Baca -**

Economic Development/Housing

a) Encino Gardens-Final approval of the Project Revenue Bonds for this redevelopment of the senior housing 165 units located at Zuni Valencia. The development is 100% Section 8, a meal site for seniors and people experiencing homelessness.

b) During the 2024 Legislative Session, the Housing Collaborative will ask for \$20 million in capital outlay funding (\$10 M for both the City and County) for funding the development of additional housing.

c) The Housing Collaborative is in the process of onboarding its interim Director to aid in the development of the internal administrative infrastructure for the Collaborative.

Behavioral Health Initiative Housing Update

Contract Updates

Youth Transitional Living Services (YTLS)

- o July: 72 Clients were served by our four YTLS programs.
- o August: 58 Clients were served by our four YTLS programs.
- o September: 58 Clients were served by our four YTLS programs.
- o 188 clients have been served in total for this quarter (July-Sept)

Community Connections Supportive Housing (CCSH)

- o July: 220 Clients were served by our two providers for CCSH.
- o August: 224 Clients were served by our two providers for CCSH.
- o September: 223 Clients were served by our two providers for CCSH
- o 667 clients have been served in total for this quarter (July-Sept)
- o The BHI staff have held quarterly meetings with this program's stakeholders in August and November. The quarterly meeting included service providers, BHI staff, BernCo Housing Department staff, case managers, and CABQ staff.
- o Clients reported having difficulty finding landlords that will accept vouchers. Due to a housing shortage, there is also a limited number of available units in the county.

Single Site Housing

- o HopeWorks' HopeVillage served 39 clients in July, 43 in August, and 43 in September.
- o The BHI team audited the HopeVillage program in September with the contracted clinical auditor, Dr. Helen Tafoya.
- o HopeWorks has started the 4th year of its contract cycle, going through October 2024.

Transitional Housing Vouchers

- o July: 9 motel vouchers were issued to clients.
- o August: 33 motel vouchers were issued to clients.
- o September: 22 motel vouchers were issued to clients.
- o 64 motel vouchers were issued in this quarter (July-Sept). All clients served were offered resources by the BHI's service providers.

- o Service providers are reporting that the demand for vouchers is incredibly high. Most of them continue to issue vouchers quickly and expend their funding rather quickly.

Capital Contracts and One-Time Funding Contracts

- o NM Veterans Integration Center (NMVIC)
 - NM VIC recently broke ground on their transitional housing building. The building's foundation is currently being constructed. The county is funding \$4,166,153.00 in capital funding for the project. The building will have 42 units to house homeless veterans and their families. NM VIC provides wraparound services and other behavioral health supports to their clients.
 - NM VIC has completed its three-year contract of capital/startup services, which piloted a program that provided wraparound services to veterans and their families. BHI issued a one-year contract of \$76k to continue services for an additional year while NM-VIC secures ongoing funding.
- o Crossroads for Women reached the end of their capital/startup contract. The contract was executed in 2020 and provided funds to purchase and renovate a building. The building is located on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Interstate 25. Crossroads serves hundreds of women each year from this site.
- o CYFD Safe House for Sex-Trafficked Youth
 - CYFD continues to work on renovating a building that will eventually serve children exiting sex trafficking. The building's architectural plans have been completed. CYFD has selected YDI as the service provider to operate the program.

Tiny Home Village (THV)

- o As of November 1st, the census is 24 villagers.
- o Four moved into permanent housing in October.
- o BHI will open the window for new applications for one week; we anticipate receiving 150+ applications.
- o THV was featured in 4 media outlets (ABQ Journal, KOB, KOAT, KRQE) in September and October. It has garnered attention from other counties and states that have requested tours or additional information to build a similar model and program.
- o BHI is inserting a new sidewalk around the village house and property to ensure that THV is ADA- compliant.
 - With weather changes, the crusher fine is not packing as it should and has proven to be unsafe for those in wheelchairs and with prosthetic limbs.
- o BHI is searching for a modular building to place on-site for additional office space.
- o BHI is demolishing a county property across from the THV to be used as additional parking space for villagers and staff.
- o BHI is recruiting a program manager for THV and filling three vacancies. Staffing challenges have existed in covering swing and graveyard shifts.
- RRC, in partnership with First Nations Community Health (FNCH), continues to provide motel vouchers to those exiting MDC.
 - o Each voucher is good for seven days. FNCH provides Case Management.
 - o In September, 15 referrals were made to receive vouchers.
- Family Wellness Motel

On 10/24/23, the BCC approved additional funding for the Family Wellness Motel to continue operations for one year. BHI will leverage GRT in FY25 to establish Family Wellness Motel as a recurring program.

- **UNMH/HSC – Dr. Doug Ziedonis – Chenoa Bah as proxy.**
No updates at this time.

- **VA – Lisa Hamilton – Jill Turner presented –**
Calendar year goal to house 266 veterans experiencing homelessness with at least 80% completion. We are on track to meet this goal. End of Sept was 72.9%, and last year they were at 100%. They don't have enough veterans to completely reach their goal, which is a good problem to have. They service most of the state of NM and Southern Colorado and their program has 703 total housing vouchers to use and are currently at 531 utilized with 231 in active case management.

Commissioner Barboa requested a presentation of the model and systems of the VA. The VA agreed to do the presentation at the December meeting.

7. Update & Subcommittee for Community Solutions Built for Zero Program:

Maria Shared information provided by Monet Silva:

- The Albuquerque Built for Zero Initiative has a new coach from Community Solutions that will continue to assist us with next steps and training the System Improvement Lead and Data Manager.
- The BfZ Improvement team met with our coaches from Community Solutions to review the aims that were set, clarification of roles, how we are going to reach our goals and address any concerns and questions.
- The Improvement Team has decided to meet every other week to go over plans and put the plan into place until they feel that the initiative is moving along.
- There are a few key organizations that are not part of the Improvement Team yet. Those organizations are being asked now to be part of this team.
- The Improvement Teams next steps will be to lay out a plan to get the data needed for the By Name List.
- Here you will find the slide deck that was used at the last meeting. These slides are to explain more about who are the key partners on both teams.
- We will have final interviews for the System Improvement Lead next week and hoping to make an offer shortly after that.
- We will start interviews for the Data Manager after the Thanksgiving holiday.

8. Updates Dual-Diagnosis Training Conference - Chenoa Bah Stilwell –

Will send as a separate update.

9. Discussion of Health Equity Summit, December 12, 2023 at the Hispanic Cultural Center Chenoa Bah Stilwell –

Chenoa shared a link for registration and reviewed the agenda. Requested a resource table and any HCC members to volunteer or moderate for the summit. Please let any members of the public know if there are any parts that would benefit them to please attend!

10. Subcommittee Update of Native American Homelessness - Chenoa Bah Stilwell presented information on the Southwest Indigenous Housing Justice Collective:

Their bi-weekly meetings are hybrid on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month. Members present at our meeting today are: Chenoa Bah Stilwell, Dawn Begay, & Terry Sloan. They presented a slide show with emphasis on Human Rights framework: housing is a human right. They presented some past events since beginning in October of 2020 and programs they are working with, including workforce training and workforce pipeline programs for youth that is currently going on. Challenges and needs of the communities include the need to declare the housing crisis as a public health issue as well as the DV shelter/housing need within the tribal areas. They showed some opportunities for connecting to Non-Profit & Government entities for support.

Dawn spoke about racial inequality in housing and shifting the cost burden from the residents. She also discussed shifting from shelters to housing.

Chenoa Bah Stilwell requested that the HCC agree to have the Southwest Indigenous Housing Justice Collective serve as the subcommittee for the Native American Homelessness Subcommittee for the HCC.

Motion: Adriann Barboa
Second: Carol Pierce
Approved Unanimously

11. Legislative Subcommittee Discussion: do we want to resurrect this as an actual committee.

Commissioner Barboa asked if we need it or if we could just bring individual issues as needed? Maria summed it up as we should each bring our individual issues to the committee.

12. Announcement of the next HCC Meeting

December 12, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m

13. Adjourn Meeting: Maria adjourned at 11:34

Public Comment Instructions:

- Written comments: The HCC will take general public comments in written form via email through 5:00 p.m. on Monday before each scheduled meeting. These comments will be distributed to all HCC members for review in advance of the meeting. You can send an email to ssgarcia@cabq.gov
- Live questions/comments: The HCC will take general public comments including agenda items, up to a maximum of 10 people, on a first-come-first-served basis who will be given 1.5 minutes to present. Please send your comments via email to ssgarcia@cabq.gov
- Participants must sign up for public comment with Zoom user name or phone number that you will use to enter the Zoom meeting so speakers can be identified when accessing the meeting. Persons who do not provide this information will not be allowed into the meeting but may still listen in on the meeting.

- The Zoom moderator will move participants who have signed up for comment into the meeting room, one at a time
- With respect to scheduled meeting times and attendees' calendars, all chat functions will be disabled once the public comment period ends.