



Homeless Coordinating Council(HCC)

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference Tuesday, August 12th, 2025

10:00 am-11:30am

Chair, Matthew McGahran, NM Veterans Affairs Health Care System Vice Chair,
Councilor Nichole Rogers, City of Albuquerque Commissioner Frank A. Baca -
Bernalillo County; Commissioner Adriann Barboa - Bernalillo County; County Manager
Cindy Chavez - Bernalillo County; Alternate Designee Dr. Wayne Lindstrom –
Bernalillo County; Mayor Tim Keller - City of Albuquerque; Councilor Renee Grout –
City of Albuquerque President Garnett S. Stokes - The University of New Mexico;
Dr. Mike Richards - The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Chair, Matthew McGahran at 10:13.
2. **Review & Approve Agenda for August 12, 2025, and to Review and Approve July 8th, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Councilor Rogers

2nd: Maria Wolfe

Passed Unanimously

3. **Introductions and Announcements**

Nichole Rogers, Councilor District 6, City of Albuquerque

Priscilla Williams, Data Manager, Built for Zero

**Rodney McNeese, Senior Executive Director at University of New Mexico Hospital,
proxy, City of Albuquerque**

Camila Lopez, Healthcare for Homeless Veterans, New Mexico VA

Maria Wolfe, Homeless Innovations Officer, City of Albuquerque

Renee Grout, City Council District 9, City of Albuquerque

Alicia Lueras Maldonado, proxy for Commissioner Frank Baca, District 2

Terry Babbitt, Chief of Staff, University of New Mexico, proxy City of Albuquerque

Monet Silva, Executive Director, New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness

Dr. Wayne Lindstrom, Deputy County Mgr. Behavior Health, Bernalillo County

Kevin Morrow, Deputy Director and General Counsel, City of Albuquerque

Julie Coulloudon, Attorney, City of Albuquerque³

Karla Mcghan, Executive Assistant to Mr. McGahran, New Mexico VA Hospital

Zierra Kirksey, Policy Analyst for Councilor Rogers District 6, City of Albuquerque

Tyson Patterson, proxy for Commissioner Barboa

Ms. Maria Wolfe wanted to make the committee aware that they saw extremely high populations at Gateway West, with records numbers for the summer. Some dorms have been updated, there is case management in place and a provider has also been updated.

Ms. Grout asked if all dorms at Gateway West will be ready for winter and the plan is yes.

Link to newly signed Executive Order by President Trump:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/07/ending-crime-and-disorder-on-americas-streets/>

4. Public Comment:

No Public Comment

5. Heidi Shultz – HopeWorks

After being hired as the CEO she conducted an evaluation of HopeWorks operations, and it came to light that it was spending approximately 73% of the revenue on salary and benefits. Unfortunately, this was not sustainable, which caused layoffs throughout HopeWorks. However, this did not mean that HopeWorks cut programs, all services are still being provided at 100%, from outreach to housing and medical help to all the unhoused population. Councilor Rogers asked what the capacity at HopeWorks and the current numbers are 15K clients, annually. Currently, they have 164 households provided with scattered site housing throughout the community. Mr. McGahran asked where all the funding comes from, and Ms. Shultz explained that because they are a behavioral health agency they are able to bill Medicaid for all the behavioral health services they provide. They also get funding from Bernalillo County, as well as the City of Albuquerque and the state of New Mexico. Currently working on securing more funding and reconnect with the previous donors as HopeWorks have been in a state of severe turnover.

6. Mr. Morrow and Ms. Coulloudon – City of Albuquerque Legal Team

The new executive order regarding homelessness and drug use in the community has many sections but still there is no clear guidance on how this will be implemented. It could affect federal funding due to new guidelines that are changing because of the executive order.

7. Veterans' Homelessness Update

Ms. Camila Lopez stated that they have met with the Albuquerque Housing Authority to talk about any changes affecting the voucher process and right now there is a holding pattern until the changes are concrete. The agency is however, changing to an electronic application and recertification system which is VA is working on a plan on how to help veterans keep their housing because they don't know how to use the new electronic system. VA has started the monthly outreach partnership and would like to thank you to the many partners such as Goodwill, Veterans Integration Center, Albuquerque Community Safety and many others. The first event was in July and the next even will be on August 22nd.

Ms. Grout, Councilor Rogers, and Ms. Monet Silva would like to be invited to the Department Veterans Affairs next outreach event.

8. Native American Homeless update

Dr. Bah stated the Southwest Indigenous Housing Justice Conference was very successful in June. There was much information shared and a lot of garnered support for the indigenous population. Dr. Bah will share highlights of the trainings so if any committee members would like to take the trainings they are more than welcome.

9. African American Homelessness Update

Ms. Khadija Bottom, executive director from Vizionz Sankofa, a nonprofit organization located at Gateway center. They are opening the first floor of the building calling it the Sankofa center, to start working with the seniors at Gateway center. They will work with therapists, case management etc. and get them ready to go to permanent housing from the shelter and hoping to have that all in place by September first.

Mr. Ron Lewis, authorized dealer for Boxables, the project that is on the way is getting 50 seniors out of a shelter and getting them back connected to society and getting them in permanent housing in a quick manner.

10. Homeless Prevention Update

Dr. Lindstrom reported Senate Bill 1 was intended to create a billion-dollar behavioral health investment fund however, only 250 million was invested losing out on 50 million on new monies due to dividends after 3 years and instead only 18 million dollars will be new money after 3 years. Senate Bill 2 was intended to be GAP money for Senate Bill 1 to cover the funding for three years as the dividends come in from the Senate Bill 1 investment. A case statement was issued to advocate for a number of things and the executive committee approved all such as 7 million dollars for grants, peer operated crisis response services, homeless outreach and engagement and many more.

11. New Business

None

12. Next HCC Meeting -

- September 9th, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

13. Adjourn Meeting –

Motion: Councilor Rogers

2nd: Mr. Terry Babbitt

Passed Unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am

Meeting Recorded Video Link:

<https://cabq.zoom.us/rec/share/gQmqO3jCvhlhPmkrzs7zTeRqv74Mgbed37QzkqEIJI3rQ6lRsTumzf5LT1ACNZ7p.Enw1aCbIffiHjZnT>