



Homeless Coordinating Council(HCC)

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference Tuesday, July 8th, 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 July 8th, 2025, and to Review and Approve June 10th, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Maria Wolfe

2nd: Alicia Lueras Madonado

Passed Unanimously

3. **Introductions and Announcements**

Maria Wolfe, Homeless Innovations Officer, proxy for City of Albuquerque

Priscilla Williams, Data Manager, Built for Zero

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

Terry Babbitt, Chief of Staff, proxy for University of New Mexico

Rodney McNeese, Senior Executive Director proxy for University of New Mexico

Chenoa Bah, Office of Community Health, UNM Health Sciences Services

Abigail Stiles, Senior Policy Analyst, Albuquerque City Council

Tyson Patterson, proxy for County Commissioner, Bernalillo County

Ziarra Kirksey, proxy for Councilor Rogers

July 9th will be the 5th resource fair at Gateway West, with over 36 organizations scheduled to come and present and offer resources. Open to the public but primarily for the people at the shelter.

UMNH launched their mobile crisis team in Bernalillo County, which is part of a comprehensive community behavioral health center project. They also have open walk-in clinics at the Adult Psych Center in the addiction program and pediatric behavioral health program.

4. Public Comment:

No Public Comment

5. Lindsay Fox – Director for the Center for Inclusion Health at UNM

Ms. Fox discussed the heat-related issues affecting rough sleepers and what communities can do with all environmental emergencies. A heat emergency is defined as a period of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees for at least 2 or 3 days. The extreme heat temperatures are responsible for the highest number of annual deaths among all weather-related hazards. There are four areas which affect the rough sleeping population, heat rash, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and the most severe, heat stroke. Most of the folks we see experience non exertional heat stroke, which is caused by just sitting outside with no shade. Outdoor sleepers have a 100x greater chance of developing heat stroke compared to the population with shelter and water. People with substance abuse are also at high risk of heat stroke/exhaustion. Climate change is also a huge contributor to heat related illnesses. Other contributors include antidepressants, anti-psychotics, insulin, alcohol, as well as heart medications. UNM Mobile Medical Teams help by educating the folks living in the streets about weather changes and prevention. The team also provides water, food, substance abuse treatments and real time treatments such as ED transport, and IV rehydration. We always look for collaborators to be able to provide more resources to the outside sleeper population.

6. Chenoa Bah – Native American Homeless

The Indigenous Housing and Tribal Justice conference was held at APS Berna Facio the first week July and we are grateful for all that attended, it was a two- and half-day conference. In the meeting there was a special exhibit that displayed what home represented culturally in a Pueblo perspective and worldview. Native American Connections presented from Phoenix presented on their innovative permanent stable housing for unsheltered relatives and all the recovery and treatment center housing option available to include families and children. Rachel Lee with the Institute of America Indian Arts, a tribal collage in Santa Fe, shared about tribal artist and their views on what home means for them. These attributes from the exhibits should be taken in consideration by advisory groups when creating shelters/homes in the community. There was also a very comprehensive discussion on housing as a human right. National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, who sponsored the conference, would like to have local leaders and tribal leaders to the models that are currently built in Phoenix, Denver, Portland, and they would pay for part of the lodging and travel. There is an upcoming conference in January at the Isleta Casino on tribal housing and members of this council and invited and encouraged to attend.

7. Subcommittee Update- Re-Entry

Mr. Tyson Patterson on behalf of Commissioner Barboa, had no updates. Right now, they are waiting on some answers for questions from the wardens, the courts, county, and city services. They are still meeting but will have a full report in the future.

8. Subcommittee Update- Homeless Prevention

The committee is focusing and looking at the potential for a roommate program. For people who have too large of a house for themselves or who are struggling to pay the bills by themselves, they would be able to rent the extra rooms. There are a few places that have this program in place such as HomeShare out of Oregon, there are some in Seattle, New York, and California. The program helps people pair together. Looking to collaborate on a housing resource center, to provide warm handoffs where the subcommittee and agencies work side by side.

10. New Business

None.

11. Next HCC Meeting -

- August 12th, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

12. Adjourn Meeting –

Motion: Ms. Alicia Lueras Maldonado

2nd: Ms. Maria Wolfe

Passed Unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am

Meeting Recorded Video Link:

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