



Homeless Coordinating Council(HCC)

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference Tuesday, September 9th, 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** – Co-Chair Councilor Rogers at 10:04
2. **Review & Approve Agenda for Sept 9th, 2025, and to Review and Approve August 12th, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Councilor Rogers

2nd: Councilor Grout

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

Camila Lopez, Healthcare for Homeless Veterans, New Mexico VA

Jennifer McDonald, proxy for 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

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

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

4. Public Comment:

No Public Comment

5. Gateway West shelter – Christopher Sanchez, Dr. Azka Naru, Stacy Herrera

There has been a lot of work going on since 2020, including a full renovation of the HAVC systems which included approximately 22 units that were replaced. Six new ADA ramps were added to the facility on both east and west sides of the facility. In 2023 the kitchen was upgraded, with new appliances as well as the roof was upgraded as it was also at its end of life. In 2024 10 pods were upgraded with new flooring, paint, lighting, showers and some were made ADA compliant. Councilor Rogers asked about the outdoor space, there are plans to have shade structures as well as dog tracks. Mr. Sanchez confirmed all those have been put in and that they are working on getting the shades up soon. The last two pods will be renovated by the end of January.

Dr. Naru explained that right now the shelter is trying to bring the senior age population to the front of the facility and those who are medically vulnerable since the front of the facility is where the first aid station and EMT's are located. Currently the shelter has enrolled UNM nursing school students, and they are doing their clinical rotation at the shelter as their community clinical sites. The students are there Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and they will be there until the end of the year.

Dr. Naru shared a few current pictures of the facility, from the dorms to the common areas. The shelter can serve up to 660 people per night and it became a 24/7 shelter in 2021. It also provides case management, transportation to appointments and medical checkups. Councilor Rogers asked how they were dealing with hospitals releasing unhoused clients with gaping wounds, etc. Dr. Naru says that they have try to take them in and help as much as they can and try to get them to respite Gateway.

6. Veterans' Homelessness Update

Ms. Camila Lopez continues to work with the public housing authorities to see if they can get more housing vouchers for veterans. Right now, at the VA, there are some staffing shortages as well as the housing authorities having staffing and funding shortages. Working diligently to help the current veterans who are eligible, but we can't find housing vouchers for veterans. Meeting with the housing authorities so reconcile housing vouchers that are not being used due to the veteran leaving the state, passing away, or just not using the voucher. Currently there are 68, statewide veterans, with no vouchers and will increase as the year goes by.

7. Native American Homeless update

No updates

8. African American Homelessness Update

There is a lot of outreach taking place, especially with organizations within the Black community. Presentations have been done to pastors to include the Baptist Ministers Alliance. The churches were very open into helping and possibly providing land so they can put boxables and house the senior homeless population.

9. Re-Entry updates

No updates

10. Homelessness Prevention update

The group met on August 15th with Ms. Abigail Stiles, who presented on the tenant/landlord resource center the city is standing up. Ms. Deanna Creighton, deputy director of community school innovation and strategic partner and county manager, spoke about the vision related to zero homeless for children and families in the next five years.

11. New Business

Councilor Rogers proposed to plan large scale outreach event in Albuquerque from Central to the “state” street names. Closing between Central and Chico and having different resources in each street like hygiene, mental health, showers, substance abuse service, housing services and clear warrants. The proposed date would be during January. Ms. Chavez would like to have groups and have a direction per group of what resources can be brought to the table. Ms. Camila Lopez offered her support from VA to assist as much as possible. Mr. McNease recommended to do it on early March instead of January. Outline drafted will be presented in the next meeting.

12. Next HCC Meeting -

- October 14th, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

13. Adjourn Meeting –

Motion: Councilor Rogers

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am

Meeting Recorded Video Link:

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