



City of Albuquerque

Public Safety Tax Advisory Board

MEETING: October 8, 2024, 5:30 pm, One Civic Plaza Dr NW, Albuquerque NM 87102, 10th Floor DFAS Large Conference Room

CHAIR, Robert: "Bob", Martinez

BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Rodney E Bowe, Mr., Gene Gallegos, Ms. Deborah L Kuidis, Mr. Robert Martinez, Mr. Kenneth J Pascoe, Ph.D,

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE STAFF: Donna Sandoval, DFAS Director, Lawrence Davis, Budget Officer and Deputy Director DFAS, Lisa Lopez Executive Assistant,

GUESTS: Jodi Esquibel, ACS Director, Bridget Long Fiscal Manager APD, Chris Sylvan, Policy Analyst City Council,

Zoom Information: Join Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: 856 2521 6659

<https://cabq.zoom.us/j/85625216659>

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. Chairman Robert Martinez called meeting to order – 5:34 pm
2. INTROCTIONS OF OTHER CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
 - a. Ellen Braden HHH Executive Director
 - b. Jodi Esquibel, ACS Director
 - c. Bridget Long Fiscal Manager APD
 - d. Chris Sylvan, Policy Analyst City Council
 - e. Abigale Stiles Policy Analyst City Council
 - f. Walter Adams, ACS Deputy Director (Zoom)
3. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS
 - a. Introduction of Mr. Gene Gallegos the newest board member of the PSTAB. Mr. Gallegos is retired Fire Chief for the City of Albuquerque.
 - b. All other board members introduced themselves with an explanation of their public safety background and position on the board.
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
 - a. Motion to approve agenda: Ms. Deborah L Kuidis

- b. Second the motion: Mr. Rodney E Bowe
 - c. All board members in favor – Motion Passed
- 5. REVIEW AND APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES
 - a. Prior meeting held on September 17, 2024. – No discussion on the minutes
 - b. Motion to approve agenda: Ms. Deborah L Kuidis
 - c. Second the motion: Mr. Rodney E Bowe
 - d. All board members in favor – Motion Passed
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. No public in attendance – no comments
- 7. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Presentations from recipient departments
 - i. Jodi Esquibel, ACS – See attachment A
 - 1. Average 80,000 calls per year / Approximately 3000 calls per month that would have gone to APD 911 calls.
 - 2. Review of type of calls ACS receives
 - a. Unsheltered individuals
 - b. Disturbances
 - c. Panhandling
 - d. Needle pickup
 - e. Welfare check ups
 - f. Behavior Health Diagnosis
 - g. Suicidal calls
 - 3. Elevate other departments from having to respond to these types of calls.
 - 4. Ms. Kuidis inquired what is the percentage of calls that need police or fire back up? – Ms. Esquibel responded that less than 1% of calls require assistance. Because of good training and call screening at the front end of the call.
 - ii. Bridget Long, APD and Prisoner Transport – See attachment B
 - 1. All PST funds sent to APD are used for salaries.
 - 2. PST funds sent to Prisoner Transport is used for salary and some for operations.
 - 3. Over view of the Albuquerque Police Department statistics on arrests, investigations, field services, murders,
 - 4. Ms. Kuidis inquired what is the number of officers at this time? Ms. Long responded 900 officers.
 - 5. Ms. Kuidis inquired what is the response time for APD emergency calls? Ms. Long Last year – Call type and priority affects the time. He will report back
 - iii. Ellen Braden, HHH – See attachment C (formally FCS - department is split into two areas. Health, Housing and Homelessness and Youth and Family Service)
 - iv. Lawrence Davis, DFAS on behalf of AFR- See attachment D
 - 1. Special attention to the rating of AFR – Less than 1 % of all departments can meet these standards to be ADAPT and HEART and are accredited through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE).

v. Question and Comments on the presentations

1. Mr. Martinez – Inquired about the crime prevention and innovation portion of the requirement of the tax use. – Ms. Long has DC Griego on the phone to answer – This keeps the officers on patrol and able to assist the public rather than just spending time on transport.
2. Mr. Kenneth Pascoe inquired how are the mental health, homelessness, and substance abuse programs different from the ACS similar programs. Ms. Braden responded that ACS programs are for the immediate and short-term needs vs HHH programs are for long term services. There is also a violence intervention portion that ACS deals with that HHH doesn't. Ms. Esquibel added that ACS will assist with connecting individuals to these long-term solutions.
3. Mr. Bowe inquired about success rates or how outcomes are measured of the various programs discussed. – Ms. Braden responded that all HHH social contracts are required to report on a quarterly basis. Provided examples of measures such as long-term housing, employments etc. Contracts are reviewed annually to determine if the programs are needed or out dated.
4. Mr. Martinez inquired what kinds of coordination with ACS, Fire, Police etc.? Ms. Braden said they coordinate with them as well as Bernalillo County to ensure services are not duplicated and programs are successful.
5. Mr. Bowe inquired if there is statistics on numbers of calls in each council district. Ms. Jodi Esquibel and Mr. Gene Gallegos responded they have websites that break down by district the services, numbers, and crime statistics - Websites were provided after the meeting and shared with PSTAB members.
 - a. ACS – Albuquerque Community Service
: <https://www.cabq.gov/acs/transparency>
 - b. APD – Police Department : [Crime Statistics — City of Albuquerque \(cabq.gov\)](#)
 - c. AFR – Albuquerque Fire and Rescue :
https://www.cabq.gov/fire/copy_of_reports
 - d. ACS calls by District.
 - i. District 6 - 830 calls
 - ii. District 2 – 711 calls
 - iii. District 7 – 620 calls
 - iv. District 1- 225 calls
 - v. District 3 – 101 calls
 - vi. District 4 – 209 calls
 - vii. District 5 – 122 calls
 - viii. District 8 – 184 calls
 - ix. District 9 – 182 calls
 - e. ACS budget is \$18m. and has 126 full time employees.

- f. Mr. Davis clarified that crime prevention and intervention portion only applied to the HHH portion of the distribution. Police, Fire and Prisoner Transport are not given that guideline.
 - i. Mr. Martinez clarified that when the ordinance was passed ACS did not exist, duplication of services is not an issue, a recommendation needs to be made by January 1, 2025. Extension is not available for the recommendation – A substantial amount of good information has been provided to the board and time is needed to consider the information.
 - ii. Mr. Davis explained that the PST is included in the General Fund when distributed to the recipient departments. The funds are not in addition to the already approved budgeted amounts. They are included in the amounts. If funds are redistributed there would be a cut to one department / services in order to give to another department.
 - iii. Mr. Gallegos suggested we get a simple document on how funds are used and we could make a recommendation on the uses within each department.
 - iv. Mr. Martinez doesn't feel we have enough information to make a recommendation yet. Doesn't feel it is appropriate to change the percentage of distribution at this time. – Mr. Davis gives overview of the time table of the budget process.
- g. Mr. Martinez asked if ACS had to classify themselves as police, fire or crime prevention and intervention what would they select. ACS – Ms. Esquibel would put them selves in the crime prevention and intervention category if a category had to be chosen.
- h. Mr. Bowe inquired if services have ever had to be stopped or changed due to success. Ms. Braden states that over time community needs have changed and services had to change based off the current needs. – Provided example of a high school equivalency program that is no longer needed due to other programs that are now available that at one time were not.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Internal Audit Report 2019 19-104 dated 6/27/19
 - i. Mr. Davis review of the provided documents – As of 6/28/23 All findings were closed
- b. FY25 Budget – PSTAB amounts
- c. Statistics / Metrics on the demographics on crime in the various districts of the City
 - i. Crime report Jan to June 2024 provided to board members via email.

9. NEXT MEETING

- a. November 12, 2024 5:30 pm

10. ADJOURN MEETING

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting: Mr. Gene Gallegos
- b. Second the motion: Mr. Rodney E Bowe
- c. All board members in favor – Motion Passed
- d. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm