

# City of Albuquerque

## Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

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Anna M. Sanchez, Director

DSA Advisory Council Meeting  
Zoom Meeting  
September 21, 2020

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### Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Evan Thompson – 12:07 pm
  - a. Present: Evan Thompson, Bobbi Carmona-Young, Louis Carlentine, Greg Lopez, Lucy Lopez, Allison Weber and Joie Glenn
  - b. Absent: Onastine Jaramillo, Richard Garcia, and Steve Borbas
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Evan motions, Greg seconds, July Minutes approved.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Evan motions, Greg seconds, September Agenda approved.
- IV. Public Participation
  - a. No public present during this Zoom meeting.
- V. Administrative Reports
  - a. Social Services Division – Agnes Vallejos
    - a. Agnes reported that the HEATS ON project is scheduled for October 17, 2020. This project involves volunteers from UA Local 412 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union and DSA Home Services teaming up to switch over from cooling to heating in the homes of Albuquerque seniors.
    - b. Agnes also shared a letter she received from a Care Coordination client talking about the much-needed services he received from our Case Management team and how much of a positive impact that had on him. He felt they went above and beyond to get him the proper help he needed.
  - b. Nutrition/Transportation Division – Tim Martinez
    - a. Tim reported that the food production continues to grow daily. They are averaging around 1500 home delivered meals a day and 1500 at the grab and go lunch sites. Anna added that delivering emergency home delivered meals has allowed the department to further assess folks and show them all the services we have to offer. We are following up with folks to see if they still need the emergency home delivered meals and if so, allow us to transition them to regular meal delivery. We are in constant recalibration and recalculation mode thinking about how this will work in the coming months.
  - c. Deputy Director – Deby Brinkley
    - a. Deb went over the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) daily report. To date, there has been 367,608 meals served at 7 locations. Currently, we are providing meals to 3 hotels that are housing COVID patients who need to segregate from their families.

They are also housing 13 senior residents that were displaced from the Encino Terrace building fire.

d. Director – Anna Sanchez

- a. Anna reported that AAA released their monitoring report from their visit in February and we have been working to address concerns and observations from their findings. Anna will ask Michelle Briscoe, AAA Services Manager to attend an upcoming meeting to answer questions.
- b. Anna reported that next week is the budget hearing for the department and we have been discussing the current budget and what it might look like next year due to the impacts of COVID on City Services. DSA was successful in receiving CARES funds and we have been working on how best to spend those funds. For instance, Agnes is working on a food bag program with Silver Horizons to deliver fresh groceries to seniors. Tim is working on adding additional snacks to meals.
- c. Anna reported that we have been using this time to prepare to get things moving again when the time comes, with 14 additional meal routes added that is 150% increase in our daily meals served. City Council wanted to know what support they can offer during this time so we are looking at possibilities there. For now, we are working on cleanliness of the facilities, how to maintain social distancing and keeping group capacity to a certain number.
- d. Anna has asked the council members for their feedback regarding the Thanksgiving Meal; every year, one facility hosts Thanksgiving for seniors and their families who would like to attend and eat Thanksgiving lunch and enjoy live entertainment. We have been discussing our options for this year given the current pandemic and Anna provided 3 options that could work, although key details need to be ironed out such as wellness checks, mandatory masks, and contact tracing should it be needed. Greg stated that where he works, he has experienced folks not wanting to wear their masks and them having to enforce it has been a challenge. We will have to find a way to manage the individuals that don't want to comply. He also stated that soon flu season will be coming and temp checks may not be an indicator of anything other than being sick. Joie is concerned about what is happening to the seniors that are so dependent on the Centers being open and how are they coping right now. She stated wearing a mask is a requirement right now all over the place so it might now be such a shock to those folks that really want to attend. She stated that we can reopen safely with the use of plexiglass, reminding folks of the risks, encourage them to get a flu shot, etc. Evan asked how we would monitor capacity of folks in the Centers. Anna answered that we have thought about taking reservations and that we could not necessarily have an "open door" welcoming at this time.

VI. Council Reports

- a. Greg reported that Bear Canyon received their accreditation and has no doubt all other facilities going through the process will too.

VII. Advisory Council Business

- a. None at this time.

VIII. Old/New Business

- a. None at this time.

IX. Announcements: Upcoming Events, Etc.

- a. None at this time.

X. Adjournment – Evan calls for motion to adjourn, Greg seconds. Meeting was adjourned at 1:06pm.