



Homeless Coordinating Council(HCC)

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference Tuesday, March 11, 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; Maria Wolfe, 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 called the meeting to order at 10:05.
- 2. Review & Approve Agenda for March 11, 2025, and to Review and Approve February 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes**
Passed Unanimously
- 3. Introductions and Announcements**
Gina Urias-Sandoval, Chief of Staff, UNM Health Sciences
Dr. Wayne Lindstrom, Deputy County Mgr. Behavior Health, Bernalillo County Dr.
Terry Babbitt, Chief of Staff, University of New Mexico

Rodney McNease, UNMH Senior Executive Director of Governmental Affair
Priscilla Williams, Data Manager, Built for Zero
Zoe Robb, Planning Analyst, Built for Zero
Abigail Stiles, Senior Policy Analyst with Albuquerque City Council
Jill Turner, acting as Proxy for Camila Lopez, NM Veteran Affairs Health Care System

Maria Wolfe, Homeless Innovations Officer, City of Albuquerque

Shanoa Bott, Program Manager, Office of Community Health with UHNM

Ziarra Kirksey, Policy Analyst for Vice-Chair Nichole Rogers, City of Albuquerque

4. Public Comment:

None.

5. Veteran Homelessness Update

Presented by Jill Turner for Camila Lopez. Continuing to partner with Gateway and Gateway West with our outreach social worker and we have arranged for scheduled visits to meet veterans identified by Gateway staff. Our same outreach social worker is partnering with Albuquerque Community Safety to engage in outreach events and connect veterans to supportive services. We also have an on-site resource fair offering connection to multiple community partners.

6. Built 4 Zero Update

Zoe Robb presented the update, reminding the HCC that they will only be presenting every other month because Built 4 Zero is currently in the groundwork phase and monthly updates would not offer much information.

Mr. McGahran reached out to me to identify some of the barriers that we've identified and will be happy to list for council. We're excited to see what progress there has been with the committees and sort of be part of that on the system improvement and data sharing committee.

We had a large gathering at the beginning of January and talked about strategies and some different barriers that we are seeing. Many of them come from listening to providers who attend our case conferencing. Four barriers highlighted that possibly the council would be interested in were Limited access to transportation resources, particularly outreach workers needing transportation workers and the possibility of Uber reimbursement. How is the transportation provided from when trying to get folks to shelter and/or services? Currently reaching out to outreach teams to discuss further and get more detail about what option they have or have had in the past.

Next barrier is just general confusion about voucher programs amongst every level. on how they those operate and how those work. The confusion is among providers administering the vouchers, folks receiving the vouchers, landlords receiving the vouchers as well as people administering the grants. We are working on developing a voucher 101 kind of class training, I think t would be good for those different programs to be streamlined or at least a discussion about what the best way to get information to everybody efficiently.

Next barrier is the large caseload for managers. There is a lot of turnover and lack of training because organocations don't have the capacity. Case managers are thrown in and they are just figuring it out best they can. Also, difficulty maintain contact with clients given lack of phone and movement due to ongoing encampment sweeps. Encampment sweeps make life on the street more difficult and more traumatic than it needs to be. Is this something that the council sees itself as having any role in address or any oversight in terms of the updated encampment policy the city came out with and if the services outlined in the policy are being delivered? Even just basic information like how people get their belongings back if they are taken or if pets are taken, how does that process work.

More updates will be given in the next meeting regarding what our numbers look like.

7. Subcommittee Update- Native American Homelessness

Presented by Shanoa Bott. There is a new board that will be coming in comprised of Laura Harris with Americans for Indian Opportunity and others who will facilitate the bridging of the services for client relatives of Albuquerque Indian Services. The goal is to enhance the services they are already receiving through the continuation of receiving mail. Through the support of Dr. Linda Sunstone, Randy John and many other in the community, as well as Pueblo Action Assistance and Traditional Wellness Program from First Nations Clinic and AIO all came together to provide daily lunch meals to unsheltered relatives. Services provided are going strong and as well as they can be given the circumstances. There will be continuation of support and the full wraparound services that First Nation Clinic provides. All the way from medical, hot fresh lunches and breakfast, behavioral health, free mail, laundry and free showers for unsheltered individuals.

There be a new person added, we will be taking turns on the homeless coordinating council, and we would let the co-chairs know well in advance as well as who would be part of the upcoming homeless coordinating council subcommittee presentation. That is Brandy Ami and Dylan Shahay. Brandy is from Laguna Pueblo; she is now serving in the role of Don Begay as the Native American liaison for the Office of Equity and Inclusion for the city of Albuquerque. Dylan Shahay is Azia Pueblo tribal council member and deputy director under the OEI program for the city of Albuquerque. Both members are incredible advocates and will strengthen the ongoing formal role of Southwest Indigenous Housing Justice Collaborative. In addition, we are planning to have Mass design from Santa Fe provide a community presentation on their results of their Native American Housing survey completed and provided to the community as of January.

We are having it both virtual and in-person, Dyan and I will oversee that, more to come on the dates. We are forming a community bridge with Indian Affairs Department with the state and finalizing the housing position paper on Native American housing and unsheltered relatives to the governor. Working with our members from the collaborative, Winter Torres who has been providing daily updates on housing issues from the state. She advices and works hard to prevent eviction and housing justice issues.

There is a new recovery treatment that just opened in Gallup called the Huizhong center. The name in Navajo means the essence of beauty, strength and resilience. The center is lead my Kien Collins and they support a variety of wellness and personal enhancement and recovering treatment and supportive housing.

8. Subcommittee Update- African American Homelessness

Vice Chair Rogers was not in attendance; Ziarra Kirksey gave the update. The subcommittee has met a couple of times. They have decided to put together a networking event of different African American businesses and community advocates. We are working on having this event on April 26th which is in the month that is dedicated to the unsheltered. The subcommittee meets every two weeks, which is every other Monday.

9. Subcommittee Update- Re-Entry

Commissioner Barboa was not in attendance; Anami Das gave update. Commissioner Barboa organized a group of folks from a few organizations and agencies and met once. Due to the legislative session no follow-up meeting was scheduled. However, the group is scheduled to meet twice a month.

10. Subcommittee Update- Homelessness Prevention

Dr. Lindstrom, no update. However, requesting volunteers that would like to join the Homelessness Prevention subcommittee. Will reach out to individuals to work with from outside the membership council itself. Members did volunteer for the subcommittee.

11. New Items

a. Housing Legislation

Update given by Ziarra Kirksey. There are some house appropriations at the roundhouse in room 307 at 1:30 p.m. or 15 minutes after the floor. There is a zoom link and can be sent out to everyone. Senate/House bills considered for voting as follow: Senate bill 350, the housing support needs and stabilization, Senate Bill 351, the Correctional re-entry Workforce Program and house bill 462, the nonpayment of rent notice, House Bill 325 the housing construction tax credit, House bill 571, the building housing communities. Information will be put in chat.

Next HCC Meeting -

- April 8th, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

14. Adjourn Meeting –

Motion: Maria Wolfe

2nd: Gina Urias Sandoval

Passed Unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am

Meeting Recorded Video Link:

https://cabq.zoom.us/rec/play/2qA4qQEDJaEcmrhLkWdiPSjzDZZBzPQA8MjvDXG1Z3n3PsWrJRRvovNFxQFUfizuWP3TEipPH42y39o.xYB7XafUZeVPzkgY?accessLevel=meeting&canPlayFromShare=true&from=share_recording_detail&continueMode=true&componentName=rec-play&originRequestUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fcabq.zoom.us%2Frec%2Fshare%2FdYQgRMNlrfKi4dy0cEv1DgrPkeiL_WhGfQm0Zcs2BnAv7pb2OuR_XvCMz7niASQB.htY0RQZjy4V0XJ36

