



**Southwest
Community Policing Council
November 3, 2021**

Approximately 21 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and council members.

CPC members present: Teresa Garcia, Andrea Lester Young, Chris Sedillo, Dr. Jonathan Madison, Wanda Harrison, David Raza

CPC members not present: Robbie Vigil, Joseph Kolozsy, Josue Rodriguez, Stephanie Griego

- 1. Call to order – 6:02**
- 2. Approval of Agenda- Approved**
- 3. Approval of October Minutes – Approved**
- 4. SW Area Command Update Commander Timothy Espinosa**
 - Commander will be retiring next month on December 18th.
 - Lt. Rene Barraza will be the acting commander of the SW.
- 5. Sgt Larry Middleton PRT Team**
 - They are focusing on Coors and Ilift, due to the city's uptake on violent crimes near the hotel and motel area. The PRT approach with people in need have a different approach unless the individual committed a violent crime at the time.
 - Are these individuals being moved into the LEAD program?
 - If individuals cannot be in the LEAD program, are they referred to the homeless coalition or hope works?
 - Where can people donate food and blankets?
- 6. Questions directed to Glen St. Onge, Program Manager for the Bernalillo County LEAD Program**
 - Are all PRT officers trained in the LEAD? Does that require special training?
 - Question directed to Glen St. Onge – Did you train the BCSO (Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office) in the LEAD program? Is it the same as the way APD does it?
 - What percentage of arrests have become a part of the diversion program?
 - If Albuquerque has a housing shortage, how is the money spent directed towards getting people into a home?
 - Do you know if Bernalillo has something like the app 75-1?
 - What steps are get taken to change the get out of jail mindset?

- Commander Timothy Espinosa Answered - When APD receives calls about people without a home, is it tracked and who calls APD? Are many of the calls from businesses? Do the calls come in through 911?

7. Chief Development of Communications Officer - Hopeworks

Rachel Rodriguez and LEAD ACES NMCEH Kevin Arthun –answered questions from the council and attendees.

- State of love discusses that race is a factor for homelessness and minorities seem to have a higher percentage of homelessness. Black, indigenous, and people of color are disproportionality represented in the populations experiencing homelessness not just in Albuquerque but also nationally. There is a connection between racism and homelessness.
- What percentage of homeless people in Albuquerque are part of the bypop community? Can you explain why that percentage is high?
- Society seems to be judgmental when it comes to the LGBTQIA+ children are getting pushed out of their homes onto the streets, and landlords are unwilling to rent to them. Have you seen an increase in homeless people who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community?
- Do you have resources with the transgender resource center to help connect individuals connect helpworks or lead programs?
- There are multiple reasons people become unhoused, such as medical bills, addiction, mental illness, injury, or job loss. It appears that additional programs to help the unhoused. Do you think the city or state should provide employees and landlords with a stipend or tax to hire and provide housing to people?
- Is it the matter of not having enough housing in Albuquerque? Is that the problem, or are people selective to whom they rent? How do we find our way out of this problem?
- Do we have data about if people become homeless from getting kicked out of rentals or cannot pay mortgages?
- If there were places for people to sleep safely, they perhaps begin thinking about other things they may want to change in their lives and maybe to stay sober.

8. Glenn St. Onge Program Manager for the Bernalillo County LEAD Program

- The LEAD program is now open to community members. Not just law enforcement, providers, families, and business owners can refer someone to lead if that person wants help in resources and counseling.
- How do we initiate the referrals?
 - Go to the DBHS website for Bernalillo County and electronically fill out the form and send it to the caseworkers.

9. Chief Development of Communications Officer - Hopeworks Rachel Rodriguez

- Hope village – forty-two-unit supportive housing, and people get picked by lottery and get notified to move in the new year.

10. Block Parties hosted by the City of Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion

- They are providing resources to the communities.
- In November, the block parties will be in the SW area.
- Link to Block party schedule
 - <https://www.cabq.gov/office-of-equity-inclusion/community-block-parties>

11. Next meeting on December 8, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

12. Meeting Adjourned – 7:25 PM

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Date: November 3rd, 2021, 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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