



Homeless Coordinating Council (HCC)

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference Tuesday, May 14, 2024

10:00 am-11:30am

Chair, Maria Wolfe, City of Albuquerque
Vice Chair, Julie Morgas Baca, Bernalillo County

Commissioner Steven Michael Quezada, Bernalillo County, Commissioner Adriann Barboa, Bernalillo County, County Manager Julie Morgas Baca, Bernalillo County, Mayor Tim Keller, City of Albuquerque, Councilor Renee Grout, City of Albuquerque, Councilor Nichole Rodgers, City of Albuquerque, President Garnett S. Stokes, The University of New Mexico, Dr. Douglas M. Ziedonis, The University of New Mexico

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Quorum difficulties, full quorum reached at approximately 10:17am
2. **Introductions and Announcements ******
3. **Updates: ******

City of Albuquerque – Maria Wolfe, Homeless Innovations Officer

- Working on our budget process, anticipate City Council to move forward and getting the budget approvals.
- The City Council approved \$4.5million dollars for the Westside Emergency Housing Center as part of a \$22million dollar improvement fund that will improve things within law enforcement, the railyards, Gateway, and a number of other things throughout the City.

4. **Review & Approve May 14, 2024 Agenda**

Motion: Commissioner Adriann Barboa
2nd: Rodney McNeese

5. **Review and Approve April 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Commissioner Adriann Barboa
2nd: Commissioner Steven Quesada

6. **Public Comment: ******

- Anami Dass spoke to the committee regarding questions heard while speaking with local non-profit agencies regarding how they can push back against certain local government policies while not stepping on anyone's toes or risking their funding or any retaliation in any kind of way. She would like to express that this might be stopping certain advocates from advocating to their fullest.

7. Updates: Continued ****

Bernalillo County – Pamela Acosta

Economic Development/Housing May 2024

- Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative:
 - Agenda items include:
 - At the last meeting the 5th Commissioner was appointed.
 - Requesting FY25 \$2 million earmark from the remainder of the Federal Delegation (already submitted one for Heinrich) for a 60-unit multifamily site that will provide housing to low- and moderate-income families and senior citizens. The housing project is located on Bernalillo County-owned land at 6th Street and Coal Avenue in Downtown Albuquerque. The county will also add this project to its GO Bond program for consideration.
- Casitas del Camino
 - Single-family, and low-rise multi-family residential units at 60th Street NW and Knotts Landing
 - Project \$16.5M multifamily tax exemption bond financing for acquisition/rehab of existing forty-two (42) units and new construction of an additional forty-six (46) units on a 3.5 acre parcel.
 - Estimated 75% of subcontractors will be local and bring private investment salaries totaling \$10,289,840.
 - Anticipated completion date February 2026.

BHI Housing Updates May 2024

*****Only numbers from March are reported as April performance reports haven't been received at the time of sending this report *****

- **Youth Transitional Living Services (YTLS)**
 - 52 young people were served in March.
 - New Day, Serenity Mesa, and YDI are all being refunded for fiscal year 2025.
- **Community Connections Supportive Housing (CCSH)**
 - 205 individuals were housed and receiving services through this program in March.
- **Single Site Housing-Hope Village**
 - There were 36 individuals housed at HopeVillage in March. There are six vacant units due to clients discharged from the program.
- **Transitional Housing Vouchers**
 - 27 motel vouchers were issued in March. All clients served received case management services and were offered resources by BHI service providers (First Nations, Enlace, and Hope Works are the providers).
 - The Resource Reentry Center, in partnership with First Nations Community Healthsource, provided 28 motel voucher referral in March.

- The HopeWorks Motel Voucher contract ended on March 21st, 2024. They submitted an annual report and indicated 205 vouchers were issued, and 27 participants were transitioned into permanent housing during the reporting period.
- **Capital Contracts and One-Time Funding Contracts**
 - NM Veterans Integration Center is making progress on its transitional housing facility. They reported a completion date of June 30th.
 - NM VIC is requesting an additional \$2,900,000 from Bernalillo County. \$400,000 for phase one which will go toward additional unanticipated expenses. The remaining \$2,500,000 is being requested for phase two of the transitional housing facility which includes an 8,000-square-foot building. These requests are currently being heard at the subcommittee and steering committee level. If recommended to move forward, they will be presented to the Bernalillo County Commission in June 2024.
- **Tiny Home Village (THV)**
 - As of this meeting the current census is 27 homes of 30 are filled. Interviews are being conducted weekly
 - THV is converting the ADA units to twin size beds instead of queen beds to allow for mobility in the home.
 - Bernalillo County HR began the Employability Training course with 8 participants.

Commissioner Barboa would like to see a better way to do the updates that shows how we collaborate together, like how many vouchers we each gave out and how it impacts the other HCC partners; how it overlaps. Maria said that since she will be out in June, she will try to have some type of update process improvement in the works for the July meeting.

City of Albuquerque – Maria Wolfe, Homeless Innovations Officer - Cont.

- In regards to the question from Monet Silva regarding the \$5million that was cut from supportive housing; our department requested the same funding level for housing vouchers of \$13 million but based on the estimates of the spend down, that request was adjusted to \$8million. Council is asking questions regarding this and is still considering what to do. This is part of the budget process that we are currently navigating. We want to be very clear that the “rental assistance” is for housing vouchers and “eviction prevention” is for people that are getting evicted. These are very separate funds.

UNMH/HSC – Rodney McNease

- Crisis Triage Center will open on June 25th – that’s when they will take their 1st patient
- Expanding the addition services for the medication assisted treatment clinic at MDC

Veteran’s Affairs – Matthew McGahran

- No updates at this time

8. WEHC Concerns Subcommittee Report

There were many questions that were raised that we tried to talk through. The working document was sent to the committee.

Cleanliness & cleanliness planning

Rules – how are they posted

Space Allocation –how to control how much space each resident has

People not getting the help they need

Jobs being offered / connections being made

Who will be running the Shelter / New RFP

Should the surrounding communities, such as Rio Rancho, be involved with supporting

What about laundry facilities – why aren't there any there

Is there a street plan

There are architectural master plans/conceptual plan that was presented to Council. The capital improvement plans are to bring the shelter up to a standard that makes it acceptable. The City Council has already put \$275,000 into creating this master plan and creating a plan for an outdoor area along with some funding for actualizing some of those outdoor area improvements. The L dorm is the 1st dorm to go through the improvements process. Should be complete this week! We are working on new flooring, plumbing fixtures, new beds, new lighting. There are shower renovations started already as well. Some of the outdoor area improvements will be a pet area, pet walkway, a covered space, shaped space at the front where they wait for the busses. Possibly looking into getting some portable storage areas to have room for residents' belongings. Need to create sidewalk ramps from the outdoor egress ramps to the fire loop road.

The City Procurement team is posting the RFP to contract a new facility operator. We are hoping to have this completed by this coming fall. The City separated out the services for case work, such as case management, job placement and other services.

We are hosting a Job & Resource Fair at the WEHC with approximately 30 vendors.

We have various veterinarian and pet services that have started offering services; we've gotten 40 dogs vaccinated so far!

The City's AAA Elderly Care has increased their services as well.

We have formalized in a clear MOU our volunteer process to bring in more people with the understanding of when they will be there and what services they're providing and to whom and where in the facility this will take place.

We are looking for some funding for helping with the seniors that we have staying there; we don't qualify for grants since we aren't a senior center, but they will be putting this to the Governor's Office to see if they can offer any help. They need some permanent solutions because they are living there long term; this is their only option for a place to live.

There are many medical issues due to the fact that the hospitals are discharging people to the WEHC but the facility is not set up to accommodate some of the medical needs; they need skilled nursing facilities and we need to see how we can get help with proper placement into them.

We still need to figure out where we can put people that might be displaced during the construction if needed.

Dr. Bah brought up an idea of maybe seeing what type of collaboration we might be able to have with Casa Esperanza as a possible place to help the seniors. Maybe provide them funding to expand their accommodations and expand their services in general. Also, what would the seniors be able to access through Medicare or Medicaid?

Pam Acosta said that BernCo has and will have some active contracts to possibly lend support to the seniors and address some of the needs and help where they can. Commissioner Barboa wanted to make sure that we set up a meeting to discuss this in the next few weeks. Maybe invite UNM & ACS? Jill Turner from VA would like to be involved if we can identify some of the seniors that are also veterans.

9. Presentation by Peter Cubra

Peter was unable to join today, will reschedule for the June meeting.

10. Update Community Solutions built for Zero Program – Jazmin Moreno – Lead for Built for Zero

—●— Happy to introduce her team: Priscilla Williams is the data manager and Zoe Rob is the planning analyst —
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to help with program evaluation.

- Case Management tomorrow (2nd meeting) – working on equity, criteria for cases, etc.
- Meeting for leadership & improvement team on June 5 – may need a bigger meeting room than we have available now – please email Jazmin to get on the invite list
- working on migrant families as part of our definition of who we are helping. OEI is having an event June 22 for World Refugee Day.
- Albuquerque Strategic Collaborative meeting on June 13

11.Subcommittee Update- Native American Homelessness – Dawn Begay

- Survey of CABQ Native American Affairs has launched a Native Housing Survey, takes about 10-25 minutes – looking at current housing, household composition, housing experience – this includes displacement and forced relocation, as well as financial and lending experiences. This also includes feelings about Albuquerque and desired housing preferences including structural accessibility. They are looking at community and cultural considerations as well as identity – tribal affiliation and tribal enrollment. This is open until end of month and they have just under 250 responses so far. They are hoping to inform the work and types of housing, size, etc. visit cabq.gov/oei
- National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center – a work group that meets regionally across the country to work on safe housing for DV, SA, Family Violence – stack different types of capital and funding opportunities.

12. Dual-Diagnosis Training Conference Committee Updates

- Chair Wolfe share-screened the save the date flyer that has been approved – has the details
- CEUs and CME credits thanks to ECHO and UNM
- A similar flyer will be going out that has the QR code for the actual registration. UNM has volunteered to take care of the registrations.
- The UNM Team is working on the agenda with the speaker list

13. Announcement of the next HCC Meeting

- June 11, 2024 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Need to figure out a revamp of the way we present the updates.
- Need to figure out if UNM will be able to give their adjusted Regent’s report
- Will need to discuss the plan of succession and leadership for the Homeless Coordinating Council. This will be on the June agenda. Please think of anyone you would like to nominate. Both leadership positions will be open.

- Please be sure to be on time or if you can't be here, please remember to appoint a proxy so we can assure quorum.

14. Adjourn Meeting – Maria Adjourned at 11:32am

***Agenda variation due to not having quorum – quorum reached at 10:17am