



## Homeless Coordinating Council (HCC)

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference Tuesday, July 9, 2024

10:00 am-11:30am

Chair, Maria Wolfe, City of Albuquerque  
Vice Chair, VACANT

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 Rogers, City of Albuquerque, President Garnett S. Stokes, The University of New Mexico, Dr. Douglas M. Ziedonis, The University of New Mexico

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## Minutes

- 1. Call to Order** – Chair Maria Wolfe called to order at 10:05
- 2. Review & Approve July 9, 2024 Agenda** – Request to defer the UNM Substance Use Treatment Update. Deferring Item #8

**Motion to approve amended agenda:** Commissioner Barboa

**2nd:** Councilor Rogers

### 3. Introductions and Announcements

- Maria Wolfe, Chair, COA – Gateway First Responder Receiving Center is open 8pm – 6am. Only ACS for now, but gradual rollout to other agencies. COA has completed the purchase for the Young Adult Housing Navigation Center and we are currently working on the renovations. For the WEHC, both the Operator and Service Provider RFPs are out and will close at the end of this week; and there are 2 more dorms being updated, anticipating completion by the end of the week.
- Adriann Barboa, Bernalillo County Commissioner – County Manager Julie Morgas Baca has retired; they are in the process of hiring a new County Manager. Also, Dr. Wayne Lindstrom is the new Deputy County Manager for the new Behavioral Health division for Bernalillo County
- Wayne Lindstrom, Bernalillo County – Clarify the new Behavioral Health Division is actually the Behavioral Health Authority. Main focus this FY is around the creation of the strategic plan, and the spending, of the Opioid Settlement funds.

- Rodney McNeese, UNM – The Crisis Triage Center opened on June 25th. They saw 145 people the first week and had 6 that were admitted to stay at the CTC. Even stronger numbers the 2nd week!
- Dr. Doug Ziedonis, UNM – UNM & the VA just had a partnership meeting with the new Director of the VA. New College of Nursing Dean, Rosario Medina, started on June 3rd. Wants to ask that the Community Solutions meetings are more visible going forward.
- Councilor Nichole Rogers, COA – Summer of Non-Violence series of events happening throughout the City throughout the summer; focusing on youth.
- Councilor Renee Grout, COA – no announcements
- Camila Lopez, VA – Homeless Veterans Stand-down, planned & hosted by the NMVIC and located at the Rock at Noonday, is October 18th. Would welcome any assistance or support that anyone could offer.
- Acting Associate Director Matthew McGahran, VA – The new Director is not here today due to currently in the process of relocating his home to Albuquerque. He is very supportive of the homeless and homeless programs in the area.
- Julie Ann Baca, Bernalillo County – 100% capacity in Tiny Homes Village. CARES Campus has announced the permanent Director, Jessica Jaramillo. Announced the new Operations Manager, Stephanie Avila.
- Remaining panel introduced themselves.

#### **4. Review and Approve June 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Commissioner Adriann Barboa

**2nd:** Rodney McNeese

**5. Public Comment:** Peter Cubra spoke about the letter to the NM Human Services Department and asked to move forward. Chair Wolfe called for the HCC members to weigh in on whether or not to continue with the letter going through the council or if the idea of the subgroup would be best. Dr. Ziedonis suggested a conversation with the NM Human Services Department, but having a subgroup would be best to prepare for this so that we are prepared for the inevitable follow-up questions. Commissioner Barboa would like to be on the subgroup. Chair Wolfe attempted to clarify – the subgroup would be tasked with getting the letter out as well as identifying other strategies for getting the information out and clarifying information that’s needed to help support these efforts. Dr. Ziedonis said to create the group where they review the information from Peter Cubra so all are educated and aware of the possible from Medicaid. Councilor Nichole Rogers commented that the Governor’s Office has funds to spend to align service providers specifically for the homeless. They are talking with them and have an opportunity right now to express to the Governor’s Office that this is how we would like to spend this money.

**Motion:** Dr. Doug Ziedonis

**2nd:** Commissioner Adriann Barboa

#### **6. Homeless Coordinating Council Leadership – nominations and elections for officers**

Dr. Ziedonis said that from his experiences, the term used to end in September.

**Nomination:** Commissioner Adriann Barboa nominated Matthew McGahran, VA, for the Vice Chair for the remainder of this term, then to be the chair elect for next term.

**Nomination:** Commissioner Adriann Barboa nominated Councilor Nichole Rogers, COA to be the Vice Chair Elect for next term.

- 7. Street Outreach and Coordination** – Randy John & Lindsay Fox prepared a presentation that was given regarding the Street Outreach Coordinator - Key aspects of work include ACS partnering – recognizing that people need to be met on the street because they may not get to a clinic. Outreach Teams recognize that they need to coordinate, support each other, partner and connect people with help they need. Randy said that he is continuously out on the streets working hands-on with the public and those in need. Lindsey Fox with the Street Outreach Medical does pop-up clinics to keep the power in the hands of those most vulnerable.

Commissioner Barboa asked if there was a way to scale to increase effectiveness and how to replicate? Lindsey Fox replied that they have worked with Street medicine Institute and have been working out how to build the scale up. We have a Downtown team and a SE team. People know them and have a rapport with them. We partner with APD to help coordinate. We can expand.

Commissioner Barboa asked about the structure and subcommittees – One that was during COVID, there were groups meeting regularly, they had a coordinating effort to bring together all the providers. Is there a coordinating body to pull together all the providers? Randy John responded with they are trying to work more with Faith Based Organizations as well. First Nations, Healthcare for the Homeless, Pop-ups, BCSO, the CARES Campus area, Jennifer and Amy help and ask for Hot Spots. They partner with ACS for ongoing casework and safer interaction.

Councilor Renee Grout said that we need to multiply Randy, we need more people who get things done; we need more Lindsay Foxes, more Jodie Jepsens- we need more people who can help. Can you use volunteers? Randy said yes, the Quakers have been helping as volunteers. Can we get help coordinating for more volunteers? Chair Wolfe said that we have a Volunteer Coordinator here in HHH that might be able to assist and she will get back to us about it.

Councilor Rogers asked can we get people hired in addition to more volunteers? How do we need to fund or advocate for this what is the barriers that you see to getting the additional manpower? Lindsay replied that ACS is committed to helping train more outreach people for our partners and part-time providers. Randy said that we need more funding to give our people in the field and the social workers good wages, and the non-profits need to give raises as well.

- 8. UNM Substance Use Treatment** – Deferred as still being curated.

- 9. Dual-Diagnosis Training Conference Committee – updates & actions needed**

Chenoa said the Dual Diagnosis Summit planning has moved forward and they have the agenda 90% completed. CEUs and EMUs require us to confirm. The invitations will be going out to dignitaries a little later this month.

- 10. Update Community Solutions Built for Zero Program -**

Will be the top of the agenda next time, will be sure to get an in-depth update.

## **11. Subcommittee Update- Native American Homelessness**

Will have update at the next meeting

## **12. Next HCC Meeting -**

- August 13, 2024 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

## **13. Adjourn Meeting:**

**Motion to adjourn:** Commissioner Barboa

**2nd:** Councilor Nichole Rogers