

BHI STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2020 3:00 PM
Teleconference

VOTING MEMBERS

Present:	Robert Baade, James Jones, Rick Miera, Catherine Reeves, Verner Westerberg, Juan (Buck) Sanchez, Esperanza Dodge, Joscylyn Huffmaster,
Absent:	
Quorum?	Yes

OTHERS

Present:	Margarita Chavez-Sanchez, Evan Gonzales, Nancy Sanchez, Reina Martinez, Christine Martinez, Jen Scacco, Amber Salazar, Kashif Muhammad, Amber Bonesteel, Ellen Braden, Sam Howarth, Rodney McNease, Amelia Murphy, Paul Guerin, Fran Martinez-Romero,
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1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm by Robert.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Rick motioned for approval. Esperanza seconded. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Rick motioned for approval of the previous meeting minutes. Joscylyn seconded. Motion passed.

4. New Business

- a. BCC / ABCGC Updates
 - a. Margarita reported that no items for the department were on the BCC agenda. ABCGC's last meeting was canceled.
 - b. CARES Grant Update – behavioral health providers and encouraged to apply. The application has the possibility of being re-opened to ensure the community has access to this crucial grant. There is still money remaining from the \$1 million allocation.
 - c. The assistant director, Charlie Verploegh, will be managing all BHI projects, including subcommittees.
 - d. Homeless Coordinating Council – all who have volunteered have been contacted, by the City.
- b. Online Submission Review
 - a. No submissions.

5. Old Business

- a. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. Prevention – no updates.
 - b. Community Supports – no updates.
 - c. Housing – received a presentation from Betty Valdez & Patrizia Lucero from the County Housing Department. The presentation included the project on 6th and Coal and discussed the Veteran population and the housing authority.
- b. BHI Project Status Update

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- a. Margarita showed the UNM Psychiatric Center visuals to the committee. The Crisis Triage Center will give a maximum of 16 beds. It will include a drop-in center and living room model. The timeline is in early discussion and we will revisit in two weeks. The capital investment involved is up to \$20 million, with a match of \$20 million from UNM – this funding is inclusive of CTC and adult psychiatric services. \$1 million is dedicated to Behavioral Health services, but not operations. Services will include peer support workers, counselors, etc.
- b. Single Site collaborative with CABQ and Saint Martins is moving. They are making positive traction.
- c. Margarita will be presenting her quarterly updated to BCC next week. This presentation will include the impact of COVID-19 to gross receipts tax. In order to continue operations as normal, the following projects are on-hold: School based health centers and Peer supports services for aging. We will continue these two projects at a later date, and continue existing services, as normal.
- d. The CARE Campus had a surprise visit from NM Department of Health, and they did an on-site survey of the Crisis Triage Unit. The official license for the Crisis Triage Unit is being processed and mailed.
- e. The CARE Campus has also gone through CARF accreditation – which is a national accreditation organization. They conducted the survey virtually and only had a few minor findings. Pending a few more forms, we will receive a 3 year accreditation – which is a huge milestone for the department.
- f. Reina provided an update on the motel voucher project – 5 families at the Ramada Inn. We will be shifting funding sources away from FEMA.

6. Public Comment

- a. None

7. Next meeting – September 16, 2020 at 3:00 pm

8. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM seconded, motion passed.