



Utah Homelessness Council
Via Zoom Link;

Wednesday, June 22, 2022
Big Cottonwood Room
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: <https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/87853722092>

Meeting Minutes

Committee: Wayne Niederhauser, Rob Wesemann, Brian Higgins, Mayor Jenny Wilson, Whitney Clayton, Gail Miller, Tiffany Price, Mayor Marcus Stevenson, Eric Barker DBA Brian Nielson, Nate McDonald DBA Casey Cameron, Duncan Evans DBA Sophia Dicaro.

Committee Attending Virtually: Stefanie Jones, Michele Randall, Pamela Atkinson, Representative Steve Eliason, Bonnie Kier, Peggy Green, Tracy Gruber, Kim Dieter, Superintendent Sydney Dickson, Mayor Cherie Wood, Heather Hogue, Nate Checketts, Randy Shumway.

Excused/Absent: Mayor Mike Caldwell, Senator Jake Anderegg, Mayor Erin Mendenhall

Support Staff: Jennifer Marchant

OHS Staff: Tricia Davis, Russell Goodman, Joseph Jensen, Kellie Koester, Michelle Walton, Zach Guthrie, Shaylee Tulane, Hayley Hinckley

Interested Parties and Guests: Krysta Niemczyk, Michelle Eining, Jeremy Torgesen, Laurie Hopkins, Kathy Bary, Andi Beadles, Michelle Flynn, Dennis Faris, Jen Campbell, Emily Means, Charly Swett, Tarra McFadden, Christopher Boone, Christina Davis, Molly Wheeler, Allie Brotherton, Jean Hill, Andrew Johnston, Tara Rollins, Yehemy Zavala Orozco, Sarah Nielson, Soren Simonsen, Robert Nutzman, Jeff Ojeda, Sarah Strang, Wendy Garvin, Rachel Boe, Erin Litvack, Jeff Stowell, Summer Rohwer, Brooke Lockyer, Katherine Fife, Kimberly Madsen, Alex Smith, Katie McKellar, CCPC, Shirlanyne Quayle.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Agenda Item 1: Welcome	a. Chair, Gail Miller, welcomed the Committee and called for attendance.	
Agenda Item 2: Roll Call	a. Roll call was taken	Gail Miller
Agenda Item 3	a. Approval of Minutes 1. May 12, 2022*	Whitney Clayton Gail Miller Gail Miller called for a motion to approve the 5/12/2022 minutes. Rob Wesemann motioned.

		Bonnie Kier-Herrick seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes approved.
Agenda Item 4	<p>a. Presentation on Future Housing and Services Model</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wayne shared a slide labeled, 3 Buckets Housing. He talked about housing and support going together and the importance of the relationship between the two with respects to helping individuals who have been living on the streets for years. This concept will play an important role in providing individualized support. He raised the question of how do we get more housing and went into further detail on next steps. This model, which has also been referred to as the 3 legged stool, includes rent flow. He brought up Medicaid expansion and that we are still learning what Medicaid will pay for with respects to services. He is not asking for approval from the council, however, would like to get support as we move into the next legislative session. One of the problem areas that has been identified is “rent flow” and so he is focused on asking the legislature for funding, which he has labeled “housing opportunity grants.” He offered a breakdown of funds and what amount of money this would take to accomplish the goals set forth in the idea. He opened it up to comments and questions. Q/C1: Mayor Jenny Wilson: asked a question re: units/grant requirements. Wayne responded, stating that it has not been defined yet. This is still a work in progress with the vision of going to the legislature with a proposal. Q/C2: Pamela Atkinson – suggested highlighting the individual centered aspect of support, as each individual will request, need, and want different things. Wayne responded to the request and recommendation and bringing the individual centered into focus on the list by moving it to the top to highlight its importance. Q/C3: Representative Steve Eliason: Expressed his high level of interest in this idea. Has met w/those who administer section 8. Has been perplexed as to why there is not a state level or program that mimics section 8. There has been feedback that priority be given to those with mental health and/or IDD. Q/C4: Tiffany Price: Suggested that we bring some efficiency and effectiveness to this by being thoughtful about where we place these units (consider the area and price) in order to serve as many people as possible (she brought up the Magnolia project as an example of an overpriced area). Q/C5: Bonnie Kier-Herrick: brought up the longevity of this and how to build in cost of living increases. Lytek funding will only be issued with a 15 year guarantee of funds, so this funding would be continuous. Wayne responded 	Wayne Niederhauser

by agreeing, emphasizing working with housing authorities, nonprofits, so this will work across all needs. . **Q/C6: Mayor Jenny Wilson:** Stated that she had read the executive summary and that she wanted to highlight some positive news. Shared that with great collaboration Shelter the Homeless will not be hamstrung by the debt, and that she has many to thank for the efforts to come together to work on that and felt that it needed to be mentioned and celebrated.

Agenda Item 5

- a. Office of Homeless Services Deeply Affordable Housing Fund RFGA*
 - 1. Last meeting the council moved to approve pending a few details being worked on.
 - 2. The RFGA document was shared
 - 3. Attachment A was shared
 - 4. The link to the site is:
<https://jobs.utah.gov/department/rfg/ohsdeeply/index.html>
 - 5. Last meeting the funding distribution was approved.
 - 6. Russel presented how the process will go, starting with minimum requirements, which are written into SB238.
 - a. OHS will review minimum requirements.
 - b. From there the applications will go to an allocation committee
 - i. The allocation committee will oversee that the documents have been submitted and provide scoring.
 - ii. From there the applications will be brought back to the council in August to consider awarding.
 - 7. Russel presented some of the details about funding, highlighting that this is funded by ARPA dollars. On page 6 in attachment A the funding is broken down further, and Russel provided an overview of that funding.
 - 8. Russel highlighted some of the submission requirements.
 - 9. **OHS recommend the following and is seeking approval:**

Wayne Niederhauser
Russell Goodman

Gail Miller called for a motion to approve **Agenda Item 5, a, 9a and b, as listed in the minutes.** Mayor Jenny Wilson motioned. Mayor Marcus Stevenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously following conversation regarding addendum that staff will add some additional language re: case management expectations and that in an upcoming meeting we will have a presentation re: case management.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To publish Attachment A as written, and proceed with the application process as outlined.* b. To authorize Wayne Niederhauser to coordinate with UHC chairs to select appropriate members for the RFGA scoring and review committee. Information from that committee will be presented in the August UHC meeting for consideration and vote by the Council. * <p>10. A conversation regarding case management, the different types, the needs of clients, requirement for documenting outcomes, client requests for changing service providers (case managers) if needed and requirements to document and follow such in the proposals and plans was brought up by Pamela Atkinson and Tiffany Price.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Russel Goodman, Wayne Niederhauser, Tracy Gruber, Nate McDonald, and Tricia Davis all offered feedback regarding this process, some of the framework that does exist, plans to monitor and steps that can be taken for this council's discussion on case management. 	
<p>Agenda Item 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. State of Utah Annual Data Report on Homelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wayne Niederhauser introduced the report and thanked those who helped put the report together. 2. Joseph Jensen reviewed the report. Summarized where the data is gathered from, the orientation of the report and highlighted some of the key findings. He mentioned that that data had been broken down on a Continuum of Care (CoC), State, Local Homeless Councils (LHC) and county levels. The data comes from System Performance Measures (SPM), Point-in-Time Count (PIT), and the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). 3. The link to this report is: https://jobs.utah.gov/homelessness/homelessnessreport.pdf 4. Q/C1: Pamela Atkinson – asked about those mentioned in the report who had experienced homelessness for the first time and if there was prevention work done. Joseph Jensen responded, talked about some of the efforts provided by Covid-19 relief funds, however, still wanting to understand the relationship between the two. Q/C2: Pamela Atkinson – Asked if we can pinpoint the barriers of those that are staying longer in shelters. Joseph Jensen responded, highlighted pg. 16 of the report and again, mentioned wanting to further understand the barriers and the relationship between that and length of time. Q/C3: Pamela Atkinson – made comment about those working in the field and the shortage of staff. 	<p>Wayne Niederhauser Joseph Jensen</p>

	<p>Joseph validated her concerns, expressed similar concerns and wanting to look further into recruitment and retention for those who work in the field. Tricia Davis mentioned the need to be looking at all of the data and varying factors, including the Emergency Solutions Grant, which will be ending shortly. Q/C4: Tiffany Price –offered some thoughts on why she believes that some individuals go back and forth between living situations (i.e. from the shelter to camping) as well as staffing barriers and challenges in the field. Q/C5: Mayor Jenny Wilson – Referenced the report and brought attention to page 22, where it gave numbers of those with domestic violence (DV) situations facing homelessness and stated that we do not talk about DV enough and she would like more information. Joseph Jensen, Tricia Davis and Tiffany Price all commented. It was brought up that there are some good conversations that are happening with the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition (UDVC), and that the UDVC would be a great resource to this council. Tricia went on to highlight the companion relationship between the HIC and the PIT. Joseph offered to run further reports for those who requested them.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item 7</p>	<p>a. Office of homeless Services and Homeless Coordination State Structure – PowerPoint Link: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1dKHAhycBgB4ZdPzcs5aeHMzAo9W2bi7H/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=100206896106730522185&rtpof=true&sd=true 1. Tricia gave an overview of the PowerPoint, which one of the council members had requested to review at the May UHC meeting.</p>	<p>Tricia Davis</p>
<p>Agenda Item 8</p>	<p>a. FY23 Office of Homeless Services Allocation Plan 1. Wayne Niederhauser and Tricia Davis gave an overview of the money currently available, made note of where some of it was going, what had been spent and why. 2. Mayor Marcus Stevenson had a question regarding the availability of some of the funds. Kellie Koester responded to his question.</p>	<p>Wayne Niederhauser Tricia Davis</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Upcoming Meeting: August 11th 12:30 pm November 10th 2022 12:30 pm Feb 9th 2023 12:30 pm</p>	<p>CHAIR, Gail Miller, called for a motion to adjourn. Rob Wesemann motioned. Tiffany Price seconded. Everyone was in favor. Meeting adjourned.</p>

*Needs approval

As this was a hybrid webinar, set up with attendees and participants, there was a Question and Answer (Q &A) portion which was made available to all online attendees and Office of Homeless Services (OHS) staff provided responses to the Q&A during the meeting while consulting with our legal counsel for any portion that needed to be made aware to the council:

Question #	Question	Asker	Answer
1	I am online. I don't know if I'm supposed to be elevated as a member.	Tracy Gruber	live answered
2	I am also online and can hear or raise my hand but don't see that I am a participant.	Sydnee Dickson	Thanks Sydnee. Sorry it took a moment to get you promoted.
3	My question back to Mayor Ramsey about Magnolia is what would folks do for services, if we don't put the housing in downtown?	Wendy Garvin (she/her)	
4	It is a percentage of the total vouchers they have, not by building.	Tara Rollins UHC	Thank you Tara. We will inform Bonnie and the Council
5	One of the issues we gave in the state is finding housing for unaccompanied minors. Will this provide for youth in that type of situation?	Jeff Ojeda (USB E)	Thanks Jeff. We can make sure that is part of future, more detailed discussions
6	Wouldn't it be better to provide a minimum of case management care? This way the service provided can go above that's minimum?	Jeff Ojeda (USB E)	Thank you Jeff. We will consider this feedback as OHS staff

7	That is not a true statement Tiffany. Please do not speak to The Road Home programs with incorrect information.	Michelle Flynn (she# her# hers)	Thank you Michelle. I will let Tiffany know this information and convey it to the council chairs. -Russell
8	Can you put a link to the report in Q & A, Thank you	Can you put a link to the report in Q & A, Thank you	It will be posted on the public notice website today, and we will get it up on our website very soon.
9	Can you put a link to the report in Q & A, Thank you	Can you put a link to the report in Q & A, Thank you	I was mistaken - it is on the website now at: https://jobs.utah.gov/homelessness/homelessnessreport.pdf
10	OK thank you	Tara Rollins UHC	

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