



## Utah Homelessness Council

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Friday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Virtual Only

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### Meeting Minutes

Committee: Wayne Niederhauser, Brian Higgins, Tiffanie Price, Whitney Clayton, Bonnie Kier Herrick, Mayor Jenny Wilson, Mayor Marcus Stevenson, Superintendent Sydnee Dickson, Sophia DiCaro, Gail Miller, Mayor Cherie Wood, Randy Shumway, Stephanie Jones, Erik Barker, Michele Randall, Pamela Atkinson, Rob Wesemann, Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Peggy Green, Tracy Gruber, Nate McDonald, Heather Hogue

Excused/Absent: Mayor Mike Caldwell, Senator Jacob Anderegg, Representative Steve Eliason, Kim Dieter

Support Staff: Jennifer Merchant

OHS Staff: Tricia Davis, Russell Goodman, Joseph Jensen, Kellie Koester, Sarah Nielson, Michelle Walton, Shaylee Tulane, Lily Ward

Interested Parties and Guests: Andrew Johnston, Duncan Evans, Jeff Ojeda, Matt Dahl, Elliot Clark, James Combs, Debbie Mayo, NBernard, Mike Giles, Bridget Hilts, Michelle Flynn, Jason Wessel, Krysta Niemczyk, Lisa Spencer, Katie Zimmerman, Charly Swett, SLC Conference, Stacey Estes, Tarra McFadden, Robert Vernon, Ivana Martinez, Kash, Weber Prosperity Center of Excellence, Jean Hill, Dominic Kej, Chris Stitt, Dave, Robert N., Christina Davis, Emily Means, Pam Liston, Molly Wheeler, Nick Tarbet, CCPC, Jake Sube, Carol Hollowell, Andi Beadles, Kate Combs (Salvation Army), Annika Cowing, Shirlayne Quayle, Amy Fladmo, Captain Spragg (St. George PD), Spencer Teerlink, Esther, Adam Gaus, Laurie Hopkins, Katherine Fife, Christine Simonette, Jeremy Shinoda, Blake Fessler (Outreach Director #4<sup>th</sup> Street Clinic), Emily Willis, Blake Apgar, Ryan Kelly, Camille Winnie, Kimberly Madsen, Allie Brotherton, Ashley Spatafore Mirabelli, Janida Emerson, Kevin Goldthorpe, Lt. Jacob Bratton (The Salvation Army).

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Agenda Item 1: Welcome	1. Chair, Gail Miller, welcomed the Committee and called for attendance.	Whitney Clayton Gail Miller
Agenda Item 2: Roll Call	2. Roll call was taken a. Quorum present	Jenn Merchant
Agenda Item 3	3. Deeply Affordable Housing Funding Recommendation* a. <a href="https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888695.pdf">https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888695.pdf</a> b. <a href="https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888697.pdf">https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888697.pdf</a> - Executive Summary was presented by Russell Goodman. OHS Staff recommends the Council review Attachment A and approve Awards as recommended by the review committee.	Russell Goodman  CHAIR, Gail Miller, called for a motion to approve the report. Bonnier Kier Herrick motioned. Pamela Atkinson seconded. Everyone but one was in favor. Due to the one nay vote, further

	<p>c. Questions and Comments were taken. Pamela Atkinson, Randy Shumway, Jeff Ojeda, Sophia DiCaro, Bonnie Kier Herrick, Tracy Gruber, Wayne Niederhauser, Elliot Clark, Tiffanie Price and Peggy Green all made comments/had questions.</p>	<p>questions and comments were taken. After further consideration of the additional information offered, the nay vote was reversed and the recommendations were approved.</p>
Agenda Item 4	<p>4. OHS Funding Review*</p> <p>a. <a href="https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888691.pdf">https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888691.pdf</a> - Funding Summary was reviewed by Wayne Niederhauser.</p> <p>b. <a href="https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888693.pdf">https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888693.pdf</a> - Executive Summary was presented with the following Staff Recommendations:</p> <p>1. The State Homelessness Coordinator and OHS request authority to commit and contract SFY 2022 unspent funding for the intended purposes of the identified funding sources and in coordination with Local Homeless Councils.</p> <p>2. The office recommends the following for Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation tier-three eligible municipality contracts: a. For existing Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation grantees, no more than 1/3 of the funding allocated will be committed by the municipality for public safety services, with the remaining amount of funding being committed and contracted 2 of 2 by the municipality to the service provider for operations and other services. Operations and other services could include staffing, public sanitation services, transportation, and security for winter overflow. b. For newly participating Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation eligible municipalities, no more than 2/3 of the funding allocated will be committed by the municipality for public safety services, with the remaining amount of funding being committed and contracted by the municipality to the service provider for operations and other services. Operations and other services could include staffing, public sanitation services, transportation, and security for winter overflow.</p>	<p>Wayne Niederhauser</p> <p>CHAIR, Gail Miller, called for a motion to approve the report. Jeff Ojeda motioned. Mayor Michelle Randall seconded. Tiffanie Price made a substitute motion that stated that funds must be used for additional services, adjusting for overflow and cannot be used for existing services and budgetary needs (social work, safety and transportation). Randy Shumway offered a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the substitute motion.</p> <p>A roll call vote was taken on the substitute motion. 5 "yay" votes and 15 "nay" votes, thus the substitute motion did not stand.</p> <p>A roll call vote was taken on the original recommendation, as laid out in the minutes under 4b. 16 "yay" votes and 4 "nay" votes. The motion was carried forward.</p>

	<p>c. Questions and Comments were taken.          Sophia DiCaro, Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Tiffanie Price, Mayor Michelle Randall, Heather Hogue, Superintendent Sydnee Dickson all made comments and/or had questions.</p>	
Agenda Item 5	<p>5. Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Restricted Account - Kellie Koester offered a report on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. FY22 Reporting                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Summary of expenditures</li> <li>ii. Evaluation of effectiveness</li> <li>iii. Evaluation of the progress regarding the outcomes and indicators</li> <li>iv. Proposals for improving the eligible municipality's effectiveness in using account funds that the eligible municipality may receive in future fiscal years</li> <li>v. <a href="https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888699.pdf">https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888699.pdf</a></li> <li>vi. <a href="https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888701.pdf">https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888701.pdf</a></li> <li>vii. Executive Summary:  <a href="https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888719.pdf">https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888719.pdf</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Attachment C: FY24 Application Draft:  <a href="https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888721.pdf">https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888721.pdf</a></p>	<p>Kellie Koester</p> <p>CHAIR, Gail Miller, called for a motion to approve the timeline. Sydnee Dickson motioned. Whitney Clayton seconded. Everyone was in favor. Timeline was approved.</p> <p>CHAIR, Gail Miller, called for a motion to approve the application. Jenny Wilson motioned. Bonnie Kier seconded. Everyone was in favor. Application approved.</p>

b. Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Restricted Account FY24 Application Timeline \*

i. <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888723.pdf>

ii. <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/888725.pdf>

c. Questions and Comments were taken during the process. Whitney Clayton, Bonnier Kier Herrick, Tiffany Price, Wayne Niederhauser and Tricia Davis all had questions and comments.

Agenda Item 6

6. Winter Overflow Plan Update –  
Utah Homelessness Council (UHC) Agenda Item - Executive Summary  
Purpose:  Decision  Informational

Meeting Date: September 9, 2022 Subject: Update on Salt Lake County Winter Emergency Shelter Overflow Submitted by: Office of Homeless Services (OHS) SUMMARY Utah code 35A-16-502 required the Council of Governments (COG) of Salt Lake County, in coordination with the Council of Mayors (COM), and the Local Homeless Council (Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness) to submit an emergency winter overflow plan that would address the shelter needs of individuals experiencing homelessness from October 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023. The plan was required to be submitted to the Office of Homeless Services (office) on or before September 1, 2022. Per Utah code 35A-16-502(2), the overflow plan is required to: a) establish plans for the operation of one or more temporary overflow shelters within the applicable county during the subsequent overflow period; b) ensure that each temporary overflow shelter described in Subsection (2)(a) will meet all local

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zoning requirements before beginning operations; c) provide assurances that individuals experiencing homelessness in the applicable county will have sufficient access to shelter during the subsequent overflow period; and d) be approved by: (i) the conference of mayors of the applicable county; and (ii) the chief executive officer of each municipality located within the applicable county in which a temporary overflow shelter is planned to be located under the overflow plan. The office did receive a “Recommendation from the Council of Mayors to the Council of Governments on the homeless overflow plan for 2022-2023” on August 31, 2022 identifying the Calvin Smith Library located in Millcreek City as an overflow location. However, the office has 2 of 3 determined the recommendation provided by COG is not in compliance with the planning requirements as outlined in 35A-16-502(2). The recommendation is considered non-compliant for the following reasons: a) A site was identified, however it did not “establish plans for the operation” of the site. Operational plans should include the identification of a service provider that would operate the facility, the costs associated with operating the specific facility, and identified funding sources; costs would include staffing, transportation, security, etc. b) No assurances were provided that the identified building would meet all local zoning requirements before beginning operations; c) The Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness had identified that 400 individuals would need sufficient access to shelter during the winter overflow period. The Calvin Smith Library will provide approximately 100-120 beds which is approximately 300 beds less than the identified need. In addition, it was recommended that the state exercise the option to increase the capacity of the current Homeless Resource Centers by 25%. d) (ii) A letter of approval was not provided from the chief executive officer of the municipality where a temporary overflow shelter is recommended to be located. The office wants to recognize the effort and coordination that has taken place over the last few

	<p>months between the COG, COM, and the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness. It has been impressive to see leadership across the county come together to work on addressing the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. RESULTS Per statute, notification of non-compliance has been sent to the Chair of the Council of Governments, Chair of the Council of Mayors, and the Co-Chairs of the Local Homeless Council (Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness). NEXT STEPS The office will work with Salt Lake County and Millcreek City to further explore the viability of the Calvin Smith Library site as recommended by COG and plans to coordinate with Shelter the Homeless, The Road Home, and Volunteers of America on increasing the capacity at three Homeless Resource Centers (HRC) in Salt Lake County. Therefore, notification has been sent to Shelter the Homeless, The Road Home, and Volunteers of America regarding the option to increase capacity up to 25% of the current capacity limit applicable to the HRC, and to submit the operational budget needs for increased capacity at the HRCs.</p>	
Adjournment	<p><u><b>Upcoming Meeting:</b></u>  <b>November 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 12:30 pm</b>  <b>Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 12:30 pm</b></p>	<p>CHAIR, Gail Miller, called for a motion to adjourn. Sydnee Dickson motioned. Jenny Wilson 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:

Topic: Webinar			
Question #	Question	Asker	Answer
1	I am here on behalf of Brian Nielson. Eric Barker	Eric Barker	I have promoted you to panelist
2	I'm here for Superintendent Sydnee Dickson if she is not on the call. - Jeff Ojeda, Utah State Board of Education	Jeff Ojeda	I have promoted you to panelist
3	Will these documents be shared with publicly?	Blake Fessler- Outreach Dir# 4th St. Clinic	Yes. These documents are now available on the public notice website. <a href="https://www.utah.gov/pmn/sitemap/publicbody/7449.html">https://www.utah.gov/pmn/sitemap/publicbody/7449.html</a>
4	This funding is for housing, not shelter.	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
5	Success looks different for each individual person; there would be no way to measure this collectively.	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you for your comment. This will be provided to the council and will help inform what measures are put in place for the projects as a whole.

6	Success is also up to each individual served and can't be universally defined.	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you for your comment. This will be provided to the council and will help inform what measures are put in place for the projects as a whole.
7	As a service provider, restricting allocation to Social Workers, could be problematic. We use case managers in many of the same ways for a fraction of the cost.	Blake Fessler- Outreach Dir# 4th St. Clinic	Thank you for your comment. We will make sure it is provided to the committee and saved in the record.
8	Is there any reason to think providers won't spend the money as intended? Not sure why there seems to be distrust of providers who have run overflow programs successfully on shoestrings for the last 3 years.	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you for your comment. We will make sure it is provided to the committee and saved in the record.
9	This is Jenny Wilson I vote yes	Mayor Jenny Wilson	
10-	I had to step away - was Tiffanie's motion to mandate that funding be used only for additional services, not existing operations approved or denied?	Anonymous Attendee	A copy of the recording meeting will be posted on the public notice website. To summarize the substitute motion that was not passed, the funding would have only been used for additional public safety, social workers, and security.
11	Thank goodness	Anonymous Attendee	