



Utah Homelessness Council

Via Zoom Link;

Friday, December 16th 2022

Hybrid (zoom and in person)

10:00 – 12:00pm

140 E. 300 S., Room 211 A and B,

Salt Lake City, UT 841111

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

Audio Link: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/923765.m4a>

Agenda Link: <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/922319.pdf>

Meeting Minutes

Committee: Wayne Niederhauser, Brian Higgins, Whitney Clayton, Gail Miller, Tiffany Price, Bonnie Kier Herrick, Mayor Marcus Stevenson, Mayor Mike Caldwell, Superintendent Sydnee Dickson, Sophia DiCaro, Mayor Cherie Wood, Randy Shumway, Stephanie Jones, Erik Barker dba Brian Nielson, Michele Randall, Pamela Atkinson, Rob Wesemann, Tracy Gruber, Nate McDonald dba Casey Cameron, Heather Hogue, Representative Steve Eliason, Senator Jake Anderegg, Brian Nelson, Jess Anderson, Karen McCandless, Mayor Erin Mendenhall

Excused/Absent: Mayor Jenny Wilson

Support Staff: Jennifer Marchant

OHS Staff: Tricia Davis, Russell Goodman, Joseph Jensen, Kellie Koester, Sarah Nielson, Shaylee Tulane, Lily Ward, William Lindsay, Peggy Green, Libby Hughes, Meredith Vernick

Interested Parties and Guests: Elliot Clark, Nora Breslin, Patrick Wigmore, Katricia Stewart, Jean Field, Katherine Fife, Dennis Faris, Peggy Hostetter, Tarra McFadden, Bob, Andrew Johnston, Sara Strang, Kevin Goldthorpe, Jean Hill, Paul Webster, Koki Cline, Charly Swett, Katie Zimmerman, Kyle Ruhlin, Jordan River Commission, Jessica Potter, Emily Willis, Debbie Mayo, Amy Fladmo, Janida Emerson, Shirlayne Quayle, Laurie Hopkins, Jeffrey Ojeda, Blake Apgar, Michelle Flynn, NBernard, Ashely Spatafore Mirabelli, Jeremy Shinoda, Brook Lockyer, Robert Nutzman

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	<p>2. Roll call was taken</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Quorum present</p>	Jenn Marchant
Agenda Item 3: Strategic Plan	<p>3. Strategic Plan</p> <p>The following slide show was presented: https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/923607.pdf</p> <p>The following documents were discussed and provided to the public to review:</p> <p>Draft Strategic Plan – Utah Plan to Address Homelessness 2022: https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/924069.pdf</p> <p>Draft Implementation Recommendations – Utah Plan to Address Homelessness 2022: https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/923561.pdf</p> <p>Appendices – Utah Plan to Address Homelessness 2022: https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/923563.pdf</p> <p>UHC Exec Summary Provide Public comment for State Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness: https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/923565.pdf</p>	<p>Nora Breslin Patrick Wigmore Wayne Niederhauser</p>

<p>Agenda Item 4: Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>4. Office of Homeless Services</p> <p>a. Homeless to Housing Reform Restricted Account – Use of Funding from 210 South Rio Grande Property *†</p> <p>https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/923569.pdf</p> <p>b. Questions were taken following the presentation.</p> <p>c. Staff recommendations was reviewed:</p> <p>The State Homelessness Coordinator and the Office of Homeless Services recommend using \$3,000,000 from the Homeless to Housing Reform Restricted Account, funding from the sale of the 210 South Rio Grande Street property, to be contracted with Shelter the Homeless for the purchase of a hotel/motel to serve the medically vulnerable population.</p>	<p>Tricia Davis</p> <p>CHAIR, Gail Miller, called for a motion to approve staff recommendations. Mayor Erin Mendenall motioned. Randy Shumway seconded. Everyone was in favor. Staff recommendations were approved unanimously.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 5: Homeless Coordinator</p>	<p>5. Homelessness Coordinator</p> <p>a. Homeless Response Efforts</p> <p>b. Legislative Updates</p> <p>https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/923609.pdf</p>	<p>Wayne Niederhauser</p>

Adjournment	Upcoming Meeting: Feb 9 th 2023 12:30 pm	CHAIR, Gail Miller, called for a motion to adjourn. Senator Jake Anderegg motioned. Wayne Niederhauser seconded. Everyone was in favor. Meeting adjourned.
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*Needs approval

‡ Has corresponding document

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 87853722092			
Question #	Question	Asker	Answer
1	Hi everyone, Jeff Ojeda here for the Utah State Board of Education if there is no other representation.	Jeffrey Ojeda	Syd is online. Thank you.
2	As part of Goal 2, can we please increase trauma informed training for case managers and other agency workers? Also, hire people with lived experience at all levels and include individuals on the council currently experiencing homelessness. As a school social worker, it has been difficult to watch families lose their housing, living in cars and on the streets at times when they needed the most support while facing domestic violence and while having various trauma responses misunderstood as lack of desire to fulfill with agency rules and regulations. Also, there is a need for an	Koki Cline	Thank you for your comment. We will review and provide all comments to the UHC. Just so you are aware, we do have a person on the council who has lived homelessness experience, Brian Higgins.

	improved application and appeal processes, checks and balances for families who will be kicked off housing, including video appointment options, etc.		
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4	I would concur with Randy's comment that messaging around services is so key, and it's not emphasized, or may not come across as equally emphasized, because the term "housing first" is not always understood as housing with services.	Jordan River Commission	Thank you for your comment. The UHC will review all comments.
5	I just wanted to point this out to Pamela, and make it known that every district or charter school has a person who oversees homeless student needs. It is a requirement in public education that this position is present at all districts and charters. Teachers should be contacting their McKinney-Vento liaisons in order to get the student to homeless services that may be available through the school district, charter or be referred to community services that may help.	Jeffrey Ojeda	It sounds like our districts/charters need to ensure their teachers are aware of this liaison. We need to double down on our efforts of awareness.

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7	This is something we will work on. Thank you.	Jeffrey Ojeda	Jeffrey Ojeda
8	Many of these goals and strategies will take several years to implement. As has been pointed out with some comments, we have a sizable unsheltered population that remains very vulnerable — extreme temperature and weather, violence, sexual assault and other forms of abuse, theft, untreated health conditions, and other risks associated with being unsheltered, and issues with the capacity limits of many services. I will dive into the Strategic Plan, but have not seen or heard anything today how we address the needs of this population in the immediate term while we work toward these longer-term solutions?	Jordan River Commission	Thank you for your comment. UHC will review all comments provided. Please consider providing your comment on the google survey link provided in the PowerPoint as well.
9	Thank you! Great meeting	Jeffrey Ojeda	