

BERNALILLO COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Engagement with State Administering Agencies (SAA)

Priorities and Strategic Alignment

JMI Presenters- Rey Cheatham Banks



- Communications professional with a lengthy legislative and policy background
- Provides caseload management for multiple court systems
- MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge worked with jurisdiction to address:
 - Pre-trial alternatives to incarceration
 - Disproportionate minority contact
 - Lowering jail populations
 - Pre-trial

JMI Presenters - Aimee Wickman



- Nine years with JMI
- Helped create and coordinate the National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils (NNCJCC)
- Collaborates on MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge to help reduce jail populations
- Work has included caseload management assistance, weighted caseload studies, and multi-site case study of local criminal justice systems.

Introduction

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant in partnership with National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) is offering local technical assistance and training to assist CJCCs in building capacity and obtaining SAA federal pass-through dollars.

Justice Management Institute (JMI)

- A non-profit organization based in Arlington, Virginia
- Provides cutting edge research, education and training programs, and technical assistance in justice policy, planning, and operations.
- Known for innovative approaches and solutions for advancing knowledge and practice in the administration of justice.

National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA)

- A not-for-profit, non-partisan, member association
- Dedicated to assisting criminal justice agencies in the development and implementation of effective criminal justice policy
- Members represent all facets of the criminal and juvenile justice community

JMI's National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils (NNCJCC)

Bernalillo County is one of 30 members

Joined in 2018 through an application process

- **Communication network**
- **Annual meeting of coordinators & CJCC leadership**
- **Lessons learned about effective CJCC operations**

Five Defining Characteristics of High Functioning CJCCs

- 1) A culture of collaboration
- 2) Detailed problem analysis and on-going evaluation of system performance
- 3) Orientation toward solutions and innovation
- 4) Cross-system education
- 5) Integrated system structure

2019 Study of CJCCs

CJCCs with strongest support have:

- ✓ Dedicated Staff

(most often an Executive Director or Coordinator)

- ✓ Executive Committee

- ✓ Standing Committees

- ✓ Funding for Operations

- ✓ Strategic Plan

2019 Member Survey - Bernalillo

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Areas of strength:

- ✓ CJCC has improved cooperation
- ✓ Members feel their opinions matter
- ✓ CJCC has increased efficiency
- ✓ CJCC is working on important issues
- ✓ CJCC has credibility
- ✓ CJCC is expected to play an important role in the criminal justice system in the future

2019 Member Survey - Bernalillo

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Possible areas for improvement:

- Include all the necessary stakeholders
- Increase active participation from all members
- Provide a clear understanding of the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the CJCC

State Funding Opportunities

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (Byrne JAG)

- Federal crime-fighting program
- Enables communities to target resources to
- Supports all violent crime related facets of the criminal justice system
- Provides states funding
- Leverages other resources
- Encourages collaboration

Who are your State Administering Agencies (SAA)?

- The New Mexico Department of Public Safety (NMDPS) – for Office of Justice Programs
- The New Mexico Human Services Department (NMHSD) – for Behavioral Health Service Programs

What Does the SAA Do?

- Provides grant administration for Public Safety throughout the State of New Mexico
- Identifies and research grant opportunities
- Plans initiatives and law enforcement projects
- Coordinates governing boards and stakeholder groups
- Collects performance measure data
- Facilitates federal reporting
- Ensures state and federal compliance of all funding

How can our CJCC Best Position Ourselves for Funding?

- 1. Clearly identify your need and purpose of the funding
- 2. Research grant opportunities
- 3. Begin discussion groups with stakeholders early (3-6 months prior)
- 4. Clearly identify the goals and objectives of the initiative

Examples of Existing Funding

- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
- Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant (AWA)
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant (RSAT)
- National Crime and Statistics Exchange Grant (NCS-X)
- Sexual Assault Kit Initiative-Backlog Grant (SAKI)
- Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN)

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Priorities of the Bernalillo County CJCC

- Bail reform/preventive detention
- Diversion/reentry
- Data sharing/integration

Bernalillo County CJCC Current Successes

- Arnold public safety assessment
- Development and implementation of case management
- Improvement of case processing standards
- Probation violation program and other reforms
- Reduction of jail population by almost 50%

Existing Alignments

NMDPS	Bernalillo CJCC
Law Enforcement	Bail reform/preventive detention
Prevention and Education	Diversion/reentry Data sharing/integration

Engagement Strategies

- Establish contact with the CJCC representative
- Join listserv or mailing lists
- Schedule regular meetings to discuss CJCC funding initiatives
- Invite the SAA representatives to CJCC meetings
- Leverage existing funding to align with SAA funding

Engagement Strategies continued

- Engage other New Mexico CJCCs or those being created following the state mandate
- Seek partnerships with local faith-based, universities, and other non-profits
- Take full advantage of the National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils (NNCJCC)
- Incorporate SAA engagement into your strategic plan and consider the results of the member survey

Connect with New Mexico CJCCs

- 12th Judicial District CJCC (Lincoln & Otero Counties)

Katina Watson (Court Executive Officer)

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- San Juan County CJCC

Hon. Karen Townsend (Chief Judge)

JMI CJCC Resources

- Visit JMI's website for CJCC resources and publications:
www.jmijustice.org
- Check in with Gabe to connect through your CJCC's access to the shared library of resources through the NNCJCC membership

Q & A

Audience Questions