

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE BERNALILLO COUNTY  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**

Thursday, November 15, 2018

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Second Judicial District Court, Third Floor Conference Room  
Lomas NW, Albuquerque

**I. Introductions and Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Chief Judge Nan Nash, Vice Chair of the BCCJCC, in place of Justice Edward Chavez, Chair of the BCCJCC. A quorum of members was present.

Members present: Chief Judge Nan Nash (SJDC), Adolfo Mendez - proxy for Raúl Torrez (DA's Office), Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins (BernCo), Phil Snedeker (NMPPD), Chief Deputy Sheriff Brian Lindley – proxy for Manuel Gonzales (BCSO), Matthew Coyte (NMCDLA), Captain J.J. Griego – proxy for Chief Geier (APD), Gilbert Ramirez – proxy for Sarita Nair (COA), Judge Vidalia Chavez – proxy for Judge Edward Benavidez (Metro)

Members absent: Justice Edward Chavez (Chair BCCJCC), Jeff Rein (LOPD), Linda Freeman (NMSC), Artie Pepin (AOC).

Other individuals present (according to sign in sheet/introductions): Ken Martinez (BernCo), Chief Judge Stan Whitaker (SJDC), Gabriel Nims (BernCo), Lucy Bartel (SJDA), Kelly Waterfall, Lisa Schatz-Vance (SJDC), Gilbert Jaramillo (SJDC), Zach Grant (BernCo), Joy Willis (SJDC), Sam Howarth (DBHS), Patrick Trujillo (NMAC), Chief Ralph Fernandez (BernCo/MDC), Rosanne Otero (BernCo/MDC), Travis McIntyre (LFC)

**II. New and Ongoing Activities**

**A. Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

Minor amendments were discussed on the draft October 18, 2018 CJCC minutes.

Motion to Approve: Joy Willis; Second: Judge Nash; Approved Unanimously.

**B. Subcommittee Updates**

**a. Working Group**

Gabriel Nims advised members of a delay in distributing the regular MDC population report covering October 2018. Gabriel stated the Working Group subcommittee did not meet this month. There will be a working group meeting in December and members can contact Gabriel about attending the next meeting or to add items for discussion.

Gabriel briefed the council on ISR's ongoing review of Public Safety Assessment (PSA) outcomes. ISR is on track to provide the Phase I analysis of the first full year of implementation of the PSA. ISR will provide an update on the Phase I analysis at the December Working Group meeting.

Gabriel reviewed the County's participation in the national Stepping Up Initiative. The Initiative collects and shares best practices for reducing the number of individuals living with mental illness in local jails. Gabriel described his opportunity to participate in a Peer Exchange event sponsored by Stepping Up. Gabriel joined others from around the country at the event that featured programs and activities happening in Polk County in Des Moines, Ia.

**b. Diversion and Reentry**

Sam Howarth shared the news that Bernalillo County was recently awarded a Safety and Justice Challenge grant under the MacArthur Foundation to support the development and implementation of a local Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program. Funds will allow the County to hire a case manager. Sam updated progress on a MOU between the County, City, District Attorney, Public Defender, among others. Law Enforcement will be trained by a retired Santa Fe PD Captain. Sam also shared news that the County Commission approved use of \$250,000 of Behavioral Health Initiative funds to further support the LEAD program. The LEAD Planning Team under the Diversion and Reentry Subcommittee is developing inclusionary and exclusionary criteria. The initial target area to start LEAD activities will be an APD unit covering the Southeast Heights.

Gabriel briefed the Council on the subcommittee's discussion of the County's Reentry Program and how it is close to implementing a universal release of information to better facilitate the sharing of data on individuals that are identified and assessed at the jail. The program is now completing transition plans for select individuals at MDC prior to their release.

Gabe announced that the County was awarded a federal grant from the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program under the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The 2-year grant is related to the larger Reentry Program and the total reward is \$488,000 with a local match of \$120,000 coming from the County's Behavioral Health Services Department.

**c. Data and Technology**

Zach Grant updated the Council on the discussions at the Data & Technology subcommittee (DTS) meetings. The subcommittee is working through how to share and integrate criminal justice data. One priority is to identify non-controversial recommendations to raise with the Judicial Information Division (JID) and JIFFY such as calendaring, grand jury indictments filed, schedules etc. There will be a February 2019 meeting with JIFFY which will be good time to collectively come together to present the concerns.

### **C. CJCC review of 2019 County Legislative Priorities relating to Criminal Justice**

A draft was provided of the County's listing of Criminal Justice legislative priorities. Travis McIntyre (LFC) advised the group that a set of draft bills offered by the Criminal Justice Reform subcommittee is available on the website. LINK:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts\\_List?CommitteeCode=CJRS&Date=11/13/2018](https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts_List?CommitteeCode=CJRS&Date=11/13/2018)

Judge Nash asked about a bill regarding an appropriation to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to support CJCC's around the state. Travis stated that the LFC did recommend funding to the AOC as well as considering expanding the CJCC around the state. Bernalillo County clarified that it's request of the CJCC on proposed legislative priorities is to collect feedback from stakeholders. Judge Nash mentioned that the county has asked the CJCC to endorse different proposals. Judge Nash remarked that certain bills may impact the Bernalillo County CJCC and suggested members should review those and provide feedback Even if the feedback is not formally given and just discussed at the BCCJCC meetings, it is a good way to for the concerns to be raised.

### **D. Commission Members – Additional Issues of Interest**

Judge Nash raised concerns from the last meeting regarding the timing of releases from jail and asked for an update. Chief Fernandez stated that he and the MDC leadership team have spent recent weeks transitioning into their new roles. Chief Fernandez ensured the CJCC that MDC is committed to moving forward on this issue soon.

Joy Willis mentioned an upcoming change with SJDC release orders moving to e-filing instead of google docs. There is a need to watch if the change causes any delay in the process of getting release orders to MDC. This will be put on the next agenda so it can be monitored and discussed in further detail.

Judge Nash asked if there was anything further that needs discussion.

Matthew Coyte brought up arrests of petty misdemeanors and how there are around 30 or more petty misdemeanor arrests a month. Matthew would like to know if the CJCC can revisit this issue due to inmates sitting in MDC for two or three weeks on a petty misdemeanor when they should be getting released on their own recognizance. Gabe stated that it can be revisited at an upcoming Working Group meeting. Matthew inquired about information that was sent to his office where he would receive the case numbers so he could print the criminal complaints and generate a report. Gabe let Matthew know that he will inquire about generating that report again with ISR. Judge Nash suggested that the issue be added to the Working Group for next agenda.

**III. Next Meeting** – Thursday December 20, 2018, Second Judicial District Court, third-floor conference room, 2:00pm.