

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

Thursday, December 19, 2019

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Metropolitan Court, Jury Room, Second Floor
401 Lomas Blvd NW, Albuquerque NM

I. Introductions

Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins, Chair of the CJCC, called the meeting to order at 2:05p.m. A quorum of members was present.

The following members were present: Commissioner Maggie Hart-Stebbins (BernCo) Chair, Vice Chair Damon Martinez, Chief Judge Stan Whitaker (SJDC), Chief Judge Sandra Engel (Metro), Rachel Eagle - proxy for Raúl Torrez (SJDA), Jeff Rein (LOPD), Chief Deputy Ray Chavez – proxy for Sheriff Manuel Gonzales, III (BCSO), Wendy Rehm (NMCD/PPD) – proxy for Cheryl Hobbs, Kelly Bradford - proxy for Artie Pepin (AOC), Gilbert Ramirez – proxy for Sarita Nair (COA), Megan Mitsunaga – proxy for Richard Pugh (NMCCLA),

Members not present: none

Other individuals present (according to sign in sheet): Cory Lee (CW4W), Judge Courtney Weaks (Metro), Elise Ferguson (UNM), Gilbert Jaramillo (SJDC), Marshall Dixon (SJDC), Julie Morgas Baca (BernCo), Jonas Armstrong (COA), Brittany DuChaussee (NMAG), Chris Knight (LOPD), Max Kauffman (LOPD), Jim Collie (BernCo), Joy Willis (SJDC), Tom Thorpe (BernCo), Ken Martinez (BernCo), Bernice Vigil (BernCo), Gabriel Nims (BernCo), Retired Chief Judge Nan Nash, Robert Padilla (Metro), Peter Cubra, Ralph Fernandez (Bernco/MDC), Aaron Martinez (UNMH), Councilor Pat Davis (COA), Cecilia Perry (AOC), Kelly Waterfall, Barron Jones (ACLU), Judge Yvette Gonzales (Metro), Pamela Acosta (BernCo), Jason Weaks (BernCo), Sam Howarth (BernCo); Esteban Aguilar (COA)

II. New and Ongoing Activities

A. Approval of Minutes From Previous Meeting

Chairwoman Maggie Hart Stebbins (BernCo) makes motion to approve minutes from the last meeting held on November 21, 2019. None opposed. Minutes approved.

B. Discussion: Jail Update (MDC)

Chief Fernandez discussed progress being made to reduce the average time it takes to process an individual for release from MDC. Chief Fernandez presented recent data indicating that the

average time to release has dropped by 45 minutes. He attributes the decrease to new attention being placed on the process and to a reduction in the vacancy rate of records technicians. MDC will continue to look for ways to improve the process.

C. Discussion: Diversion & Reentry SC

Judge Courtney Weaks and Ms. Cory Lee, Executive Director of Crossroads for Women, are both members of the executive committee of the Diversion & Reentry subcommittee. Together they presented an overview of progress being made at the Diversion & Reentry subcommittee [presentation will be posted to the CJCC website]. The work of this subcommittee under the CJCC is grounded by Bernalillo County's involvement, by resolution in 2015, in the national Stepping Up Initiative, which places sharp focus on improving services and systems for individuals with mental illness who are involved in the criminal justice system and may experience frequent jail incarcerations. The subcommittee's work over the last year has been driven largely through a federal grant awarded to the County Department of Behavioral Health Services. The grant program required the county to establish a collaborative framework for assessing the landscape of services, supports and areas of opportunity across criminal justice and behavioral health systems.

Some important outputs of the subcommittee's work throughout 2019 included the release of a detailed System Analysis report [available on the CJCC website] and the articulation and adoption of "Strategy 2" within the CJCC's inaugural Strategic Plan.

The presenters then described how the subcommittee is continuing to organize itself to breakdown key recommendations from the *System Analysis* report by forming a set of smaller, issue-specific work groups that will begin meeting in early 2020. In addition, an executive subgroup has formed to provide general direction for the group and keep attention on achieving stated outcomes. Presenters briefly previewed the focus of the three work groups: 1) developing/sharing lists of "high-frequency utilizers"; aligning community services; improving communication and coordination between programs and other supports serving the target population.

Ms. Morgas Baca added that Bernalillo County is further committing to the work of the CJCC by adding criminal justice data analyst position and an administrative officer, who will be partially dedicated to supporting CJCC activities. These additions will be followed by a position to replace the work being done by Lisa Simpson. Additional funding is being sought through grants and other opportunities.

It was also noted that the City of Albuquerque is also supporting the CJCC through the efforts of Councilor Davis. Consistent with strategy 4 of the strategic plan, it is hoped there will be future discussions about diversifying the financial support for the CJCC.

Chair Hart Stebbins complimented and thanked everyone involved in the subcommittee's efforts.

D. Discussion: Update on 2020 Legislative Session

Mr. Jason Weaks provided a general overview of relevant legislation in the works for the upcoming 2020 legislative session that members should keep an eye on. Of particular interest are efforts to secure appropriations to support the Bernalillo County CJCC and CJCCs in other judicial districts, and secure another round of funding to further criminal justice data integration efforts. Bernalillo County/DBHS are also exploring a “reciprocity” bill and rule changes with DMV to remove barriers in (re)obtaining state-issued identification for individuals returning from jail or prison. The change would allow some individuals to use a booking sheet as acceptable documentation for getting a license.

Sam Howarth clarified the booking sheet change would only be for Bernalillo County and MDC and has to be done within 30 days of release.

E. Approval: Addition of City Councilor as CJCC Member

The topic of adding a City Council representative has been discussed at previous meetings and is generally agreeable to membership. Councilor Davis discussed the continuing and growing involvement of the City in the CJCC’s work, through the involvement of APD, Family & Community Services, Mr. Damon Martinez as vice chair, and financial contributions to support CJCC staff.

There were no further discussion for this motion. Commissioner Hart Stebbins moved to add a City Councilor as a CJCC member. Vice Chair Damon Martinez offered a second. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion: Selection of CJCC Officers for 2020

Discussion opened by emphasizing the council is fine taking some time to consider and select new leadership. Judge Nash recommended that due to the short legislative session and possible legislation that may impact the CJCC, the question of selecting new leadership could be addressed following the session’s close. The CJCC can discuss taking nominations in January. There was agreement that the Vice Chair can navigate future meetings until a leadership decision is made.

G. Subcommittee Updates

The MDC population short report covering the month of November has been released. The MDC population dropped again during November, reaching one its lowest points of the year but is still higher overall for the year compared to 2018. A more detailed population snapshot has been published that was discussed at working group and will be loaded to the website. In general, most reports, studies and presentations can be pulled from directly from the CJCC website.

There was a strong turnout for the last working group meeting. The issue of electronic devices in courthouses was discussed.

Chief Judge Engel discussed Metro Court’s new felony division and is looking for avenues to moving the felony pleas that come up in prelims back over to Metro.

Regarding the emerging issue of the use of fines and fees, Judge Nash and Gabriel Nims have a meeting scheduled with Adrienne Turner from LOPD to explore opportunities to build interest in this issue and seek grants to support efforts.

The Working Group also discussed next steps following the release of the PSA evaluation study.

Ms. Joy Willis provided progress on District Court's competency evaluation pilot program involving HSD and Bernalillo County. SJDC will soon employ two masters level clinicians to help with the evaluations and two PHD-level evaluators will be on contract. First step is to assess the approximately 100 case backlog of pending competency evaluations.

The Diversion & Reentry subcommittee work has been encouraging and fulfilling. Work groups are taking shape and scheduled to begin meeting early next year, in addition to the Executive Committee that was referenced earlier. The next full meeting of the Diversion & Reentry subcommittee will be January 21, 2020. The passage of the 2015 Stepping Up resolution represents our local commitment to a national movement. The language in the resolution that was passed by the county commission five/six years ago is a perfect reflection of the direction the Diversion & Reentry subcommittee and the County are trying to go. It is hopeful that we can start to achieve what we are challenged to do. The resolution is attached as an Appendix to the System Analysis report. For those interested in participating or to learn more, please contact Gabriel Nims.

Mr. Weaks gave an update of the developments at the Data & Technology subcommittee. Representatives from the Metropolitan Detention Center and county IT attended the initial meeting with data scientists from NM Tech ICASA program that will be partnering on the grant. The first quarterly grant report was sent to the New Mexico Sentencing Commission and a meeting with NMSC representatives about the direction of the grant also occurred.

Vice Chair Damon Martinez discussed the Law Enforcement subcommittee meeting. Issues included 1) the *Metro 15* initiative that was recently announced by APD and the Mayor's Office and; 2) discussion with a domestic sexual assault survivor who spoke about her experience in the criminal justice system here in Bernalillo County. Purpose was to start conversation and identify any gaps in the system that could be addressed. One example were possible improvements to the information packets that domestic violence victims receive from various law enforcement first responders.

H. Council Members – Additional Issues of Interest

Chief Judge Stan Whitaker discussed preparations underway to manage expungement petitions beginning January 2020. District Court is finalizing a set of forms and instructions for the effort and working on a court administrative order to guide the processing of petitions. Final forms will be available on the court website and noticed in the Bar Bulletin. Judge Whitaker gave appreciation to all individuals who have been putting the program together.

Chairwoman Hart Stebbins was recognized by members and visitors for her dedication and contributions to the CJCC and long service to the community.

III. Next Meeting: January 16, 2020, 2:00-4:00pm at Second Judicial District Court, third-floor conference room.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn R. Hart", is written over a horizontal line.

Signed Chair or Vice Chair