

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

**Thursday, November 21, 2019, 2:00 pm – 4:00pm
Second Judicial District Court, 3rd Floor Conference Room
400 Lomas Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM**

I. Introductions

Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins, Chair of the CJCC, called the meeting to order at 2:07pm. A quorum of members was present.

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

Other individuals present (according to sign in sheet): Katy Banitz (ABQ Journal), Gilbert Jaramillo (SJDC), Larry Koren (BCSO), Peter Cubra, Collin Brennen (NMAG), Mark Probasco (NMAG), Jonathan Gardner (NMAG), Marshall Dixon (SJDC/PTS), Katherine Loewe, Bennett Baur (LOPD) Pamela Acosta (BernCo), Chief Ralph Fernandez (BernCo), Kelly Villanueva (LOPD), Ken Martinez (BernCo), Gabriel Nims (BernCo), Tonie Abeyta (LOPD), Max Kauffman (LOPD), Jason Weaks

II. New and Ongoing Activities

A. Review & Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Commissioner Hart Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Thursday, October 17, 2019 meeting. Mr. Damon Martinez second the motion. Minutes passed unanimously.

B. Jail Update (MDC)

Chief Fernandez (MDC) requested to present a more complete report at the December meeting.

C. Update on 2020 Legislative Session

Mr. Jason Weaks (Bernco) updated the committee regarding the upcoming legislative session starting January 21st through February 20th, 2019. Bill introduction deadline is February 5th. Mr. Weaks stated that a current version of House Bill 564 (2019), sponsored by Rep. Maestas, regarding reforms to Probation & Parole practices, is likely to be introduced again this year. The District Attorney's Offices throughout the state are pursuing a new Criminal Penalty bill for making a threat against public officials. Some Behavioral Health reform bills but mostly behavior health is going to focus on funding for BH programs and expanding funding for those programs. The

Governor's office is hoping to reenergize the Behavioral Health Collaborative. Representative Rehm will seek a bail reform bill that will force Judges to consider the seriousness of suspect charges essentially be amending the PSA. Other possible bills to be introduced include rebuttable presumption bill, a bill dealing with preliminary hearings in Metro court, a "Red Flag" bill concerning gun reform, and a Marijuana legalization. APD & DA are pursuing a fix on requiring evidence to be destroyed after a certain period of time.

Commissioner Hart Stebbins asked if the AOC presented on the consolidated budget. Chief Judge Engel stated it was not going to be a flat and some increases will happen.

Mr. Weaks highlighted the effort to request state appropriations to support the CJCCs. On Monday, November 25th, 2019 @ 2:30 in Santa Fe, Commissioner Hart Stebbins and Mr. Damon Martinez will be presenting to the Court Corrections and Justice legislative subcommittee. They will update the progress made by the CJCC and what we hope to accomplish in the years ahead.

D. Discussion: Review/Release of PSA Reports

Ms. Elise Ferguson (UNM-ISR) gave a short summary of the evaluation of the PSA study. Mr. Gabriel Nims recognized ISR and Ms. Ferguson for the hard work on this important and complicated project. Ms. Joy Willis (SJDC) suggested ISR now has a lot of experience about acquiring and working with available data to study the PSA that can be shared with other districts that are currently working with AOC to implement the PSA and PTS programs. Ms. Kelly Bradford (AOC) stated that work is underway to examine how data goes in to the state system and how easily data can come out, for the purposes of tracking the implementation of the PSA in other districts. UNM ISR's experience in this area will be very helpful.

E. CJCC Strategic Plan 2019-2010

Vice Chair Damon Martinez opened discussion of the Strategic Plan. This has been considered by this Council and the time has come to vote on its adoption. Members recognized Judge Nash for her time and attention to getting the strategic plan together. Commissioner Hart Stebbins motioned for approval, a second from Ms. Joy Willis, 10 in favor and Rachel Eagle (DA) opposed, approval of Strategic Plan passed. Mr. Nims stated that this represents an important milestone for this body. It represents a significant step forward but there are many steps ahead to reaching success.

F. Subcommittee Update

Mr. Martinez updated on the Law Enforcement subcommittee. The group recently discussed the issues of sealing warrants at District Court, ways to reduce the need for UC officers to testify at preliminary hearings, and the complications of SB199 related to the electronic communications privacy act and the retention of video evidence.

Mr. Nims advised that a calendar of CJCC-related meetings for 2020 is included on the agenda. Mr. Nims highlighted a few items from the latest MDC population report. The MDC population over

the last six months has come down since May 2019. Mr. Nims drew attention to page 3 of the monthly report regarding the recidivism information. The Working Group subcommittee met earlier this week and the Diversion & Re-entry subcommittee is meeting regularly. The Data & Technology subcommittee will meet Friday, November 22, 2019, and will be advising everyone on the progress of the Data Integration Grant program.

G. Additional Issues of Interest

Commissioner Hart Stebbins informed members of a recent study about fines and fees by the Brennan Center. Part of the study examines the use of fines and fees in Bernalillo County and finds that the system spends \$1.20 to collect every \$1.00 in fines or fees. The report will be passed to members electronically following the meeting.

III. Next Meeting

Thursday, December 19, 2019, 2-4 pm @ Metro Court Jury Room.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:58 pm.



Signed Chair or Vice Chair