

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

Thursday, September 15, 2019, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Second Judicial District Court, 3rd Floor Conference Room  
400 Lomas Blvd NW, Albuquerque NM

**I. Introductions**

Damon Martinez, Vice Chair of the CJCC, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

The following members were present: Bernalillo County Attorney Ken Martinez – proxy for Commissioner Maggie Hart-Stebbins Chair, Chief Judge Stan Whitaker (SJDC), Chief Judge Sandra Engel (Metro), Jason Greenlee - proxy for Raúl Torrez (SJDA), Jeff Rein (LOPD), Commander Mizel Garcia – proxy for Chief Mike Geier (APD), Phil Snedeker (NMPPD), Kelly Bradford - proxy for Artie Pepin (AOC), Gilbert Ramirez – proxy for Sarita Nair (COA), Megan Mitsunaga (NMCDLA) – proxy for Richard Pugh.

Members Not Present: Manuel Gonzales III (BCSO)

Other individuals present (according to sign in sheet): Pamela Acosta (BernCo), Chief Ralph Fernandez (BernCo), Bryan Ortiz, Julie Baca (BernCo). Retired Chief Judge Nan Nash, (APD), Elise Ferguson (UNM ISR), Tom Thorpe (BernCo), Kelly Villanueva (LOPD), Brittney DuChaussee (NMAG); Ken Martinez (BernCo), Gabriel Nims (BernCo), Robert Padilla (Metro Court), Johnn Osborn (DA), Tony Abeyta (LOPD), Wendy Rehm (NMCD/PPD), Kelly Waterfall (McClendon Counsel), Pat Davis (ABQ City Council), Jennifer Barela (LOPD), Heather LeBlanc (LOPD), Robyn Rose (CABQ), Cheryl Hobbs (NMCD/PPD).

**II. New and Ongoing Activities**

**A. Approval of Minutes From Previous Meeting**

Mr. Martinez makes a motion to approve minutes from the August 19, 2019 meeting. None opposed. Minutes approved.

**B. Subcommittee Updates**

Judge Nan Nash advised members of a draft report produced through the efforts of the CJCC’s Diversion & Reentry Subcommittee. The draft *Analysis of Bernalillo County’s System for Serving People with Behavioral Health Issues and Criminal Justice Involvement* will be sent to members soon. Mr. Nims (Bernco) recognized UNM Project Echo and especially Judy Bartlett who were instrumental in helping organize stakeholders into the subcommittee. Ms. Bartlett and her team collected input from dozens of participants to help inform the System Analysis draft.

With Project Echo’s involvement in the project coming to an end, continuing activities now return

to county/CJCC staff. Mr. Nims and Ms. Bartlett met individually with a number of participants to ensure there is enough buy-in and commitment to move forward on addressing some of the key recommendations outlined in the System Analysis. Participants in the process generally agreed that there is value in the work that has been done so far, and for moving forward to continue dialog and learning around this issue.

Mr. Gilbert Ramirez (CABQ) discussed at-risk juveniles and those in foster care who are transitioning to adulthood (ages 18-24) also deserve some attention, in terms of services and interventions. Mr. Ramirez added that a small percentage of the population with behavioral health disorders who also exhibit violent tendencies need to be addressed, as they too often re-incarcerated without ever receiving appropriate and timely treatment and support in the community. Judge Engel suggested to take the draft System Analysis back to the Subcommittee to review in case they might have other ideas.

Mr. Martinez discussed the first convening of the Law Enforcement Subcommittee occurred last week and it was very productive. The group discussed a FBI initiative dealing with banning the sale of firearms for certain individuals with certain circumstances. Another issue raised involved undercover detectives being noticed to appear at preliminary hearings. The DA's office is working with APD on this. Commander Mizel Garcia (APD) mentioned concerns about the safety and identity of his officers/detectives having to appear repeatedly at preliminary hearings. BCSO may have similar concerns. Commander Garcia discussed the ideas he has and hopes to continue working towards a solution with the DA's office and others.

Mr. Martinez expects the subcommittee to meet once a month.

Mr. Nims discussed the Data & Technology Subcommittee and efforts around the New Mexico Sentencing Commission (NMSC) Data Integration grant program. The County, on behalf of the CJCC, received notice of award of approximately \$77,000 from the NMSC. The NMSC is proposing the County, as awardee, enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement which is currently drafted and under review. Mr. Nims, Judge Nash, and Mr. Jason Weaks discussed where the project is going given the award amount.

### **C. Discussion: Strategic Plan Draft Outline**

Judge Nash described progress developing a draft CJCC strategic plan. Input has been gathered to inform priority areas the Council will address heading forward. A draft of the plan will be shared with members for discussion at the next meeting.

### **D. Council Members-additional issues of interest**

Johnn Osborn (DA's Office) discussed ideas for funding drug testing for their clients involved in pre-prosecution diversion programs. For now, this will focus on individuals charged with possession. Ken Martinez inquired as to the capacity of the program. Mr. Osborn expects to involve up to 300-400 in the program. The DA's will be hiring another attorney to focus on treatment, diversion and rehabilitation efforts.

Jeff Rein and Jennifer Barela voiced their concerns regarding the issue of clients not being able to take cell phones into Metro and District Courts. Judge Engel and Judge Nash expressed the safety concerns with the public taking them into the courtrooms during hearings and also talked about the

lockers being another issue of people losing the keys and how they lost more money with the maintenance of the lockers. A decision was made that they will talk about these issues with working group members at some point.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:40pm.

**Next Meeting: October 17, 2019**, Metropolitan Court, Jury Room, Second Floor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. P. Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Signed Chair or Vice Chair