

**MINUTES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC) MEETING**

AUGUST 18, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Daniel Bryant-Chief Judge-12th JDC
Co-Chairperson: Audrey Hukari-12th Judicial District Court CEO

Chief Judge Daniel Bryant commenced the meeting at 12:05 PM:

Present:

12th JDC: <input type="checkbox"/> Angie Schneider, District Court Judge, Div. IV, <input type="checkbox"/> Denise LeDoux, TCAA, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Bryant, Chief Judge, Div. III, <input type="checkbox"/> Vicki Moran, TCAA, <input type="checkbox"/> Lori Gibson Willard, District Court Judge, Div. II, <input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Carrillo, TCAA, <input type="checkbox"/> John Sugg, District Court Judge, Div. V, <input type="checkbox"/> Rachel Skinner, TCAA, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Ochoa, District Court Judge, Div. I, <input type="checkbox"/> Kaitlan Ruckel, TCAA, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audrey Hukari, CEO, <input type="checkbox"/> Jane Granier, Hearing Officer, <input type="checkbox"/> S. Diane Medina, Court Manager, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sylvia Zamora, Court Supervisor, <input type="checkbox"/> Amanda Edwards, Project Manager, <input type="checkbox"/> Maureen Schmittle, Program Manager, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donnell Bryant, Pretrial Supervisor, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Hefter, Court Services Manager, <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Domingo, IT Specialist, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bobbie Shearer, Program Manager
Magistrate Court: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brittany Aguilar, Court Manager, <input type="checkbox"/> Katie Lund, Lincoln County Magistrate Judge, Div. II, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melanie Zamora, Court Manager, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Richard Greene, III, Otero County Magistrate Judge, Div. II, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mickie Vega, Lincoln County Magistrate Judge, Div. I, <input type="checkbox"/> John Secrest, Otero County Magistrate Judge, Div. I, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alyssa Orona, Court Manager; <input type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Herrera, Lincoln County Court Clerk
LOPD: <input type="checkbox"/> Bennett Baur, Chief Public Defender, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dayna Jones, District Public Defender, <input type="checkbox"/> Joel Lobo, Otero Managing Attorney, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Sutherland, Lincoln Managing Attorney, <input type="checkbox"/> James Walker, Public Defender, <input type="checkbox"/> Haashir Lakhani, Public Defender, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zoe Psiakis, Public Defender <input type="checkbox"/> Karl Mundt, Public Defender, <input type="checkbox"/> Shane Brill, <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Hailey, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katina Slaughter <input type="checkbox"/> Karina Rodriguez, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Cairns, <input type="checkbox"/> Deena Daniel, <input type="checkbox"/> Kacey Taylor, <input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Spaulding, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Deer, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steph Guerra, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KC Quirk, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Ventura, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindsey Cerny
District Attorney's Office: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Suggs, District Attorney, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hannah Burleson, Office Manager, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Heitz, Chief Deputy District Attorney; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Tighe, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Private Bar: <input type="checkbox"/> Erin Atkins, <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Mitchell, <input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Miller, <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Van Keulen, <input type="checkbox"/> Stacey Haase, <input type="checkbox"/> Todd Holmes
County, City and Village: <input type="checkbox"/> Alan Morel, <input type="checkbox"/> Ira Pearson, <input type="checkbox"/> Pamela Heltner, <input type="checkbox"/> RB Nichols, <input type="checkbox"/> Perry Lawson, <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Freedman, <input type="checkbox"/> Nadia Sikes, <input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Smith, <input type="checkbox"/> Amy Barela
Law Enforcement and Detention: <input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Barela, <input type="checkbox"/> Darren Hooker, Ruidoso Police Department Chief, <input type="checkbox"/> David Black, Otero County Sheriff, <input type="checkbox"/> Geraldine Martinez, Lincoln County Undersheriff, <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Wood, Lincoln County Sheriff, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martin Cook, OCDC, <input type="checkbox"/> Ross Castleton, OCDC, <input type="checkbox"/> Sean Jett, Otero County Undersheriff, <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Colvin, LCDC, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Spear, Capitan Police Department Chief, <input type="checkbox"/> David Kunihiro, Alamogordo Police Department Chief, <input type="checkbox"/> Steven Minner, Ruidoso Police Dept. Cheif
Probation: <input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Casillas, <input type="checkbox"/> S.A. Castro, <input type="checkbox"/> Peter Sanders, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samantha Monroy, <input type="checkbox"/> Sergio Castro, <input type="checkbox"/> Juanita Jaye Arellano, <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew Skinner
Behavioral Health: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeanette Borunda, <input type="checkbox"/> Johnna Arredondo, <input type="checkbox"/> Denise (Kimmie Jordan's Office), <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Bronwyn Neeser (Hive Consulting)
Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Robin Rafkin, <input type="checkbox"/> Darla Goar, <input type="checkbox"/> Genevieve Grant, <input type="checkbox"/> Derek Chin, <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Fletcher, <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew Crecelius, , <input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Goldberg, <input type="checkbox"/> Veronica Gutierrez, <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Garza, <input type="checkbox"/> Violette Cloud, <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Hillis, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Francis Valencia, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stefany

1. DISTRICT COURT

- **PTS Updates:** (Donnell Byrant)
 - 5-403 Alerts: Have started sending out 5-403 alerts to Judges. Those alerts are separate from PTS violations. These are two separate notices.
 - New Bench Warrants: Working with Brandi Red on new Bench Warrant Template for PTS for the Magistrate Court. In communication with LCSO, asking for certain things. Having that conversations with them before we finalize.
- **Specialty Courts:** (Bobbie Shearer)
 - REACH: Expecting to launch on October 1st. Have next status update with the partners on September 3rd.
 - Comp. Diversion Program: Have 21 participants. Appreciate staff over at LOPD. Provide a lot of support to navigators. Have a new navigator coming on, Patrick Fuller. Looking at starting to take some cases were competency has already been raised. Working on how we can establish the order. Would only be able to come in while the evaluation is pending but we think it would be a real benefit to those defendants.

2. MAGISTRATE COURT

- Magistrate Judges Conference: (Judge Greene)
 - Just got back Magistrate Judges Conference. Was good to meet other Magistrate Judges and learn. Judge Secrest and I are now members of the Magistrate Judges Board. May see some more involvement with us down the road. Appreciate the presentation.

3. MUNICIPAL COURT

- No parties present.

4. LOPD

- **Presentation LOPD Social Workers/Case Managers:** (KC Quirk and Steph Guerra)
 - KC Quick: Been a social working for 40 years. Client focused. Focus on Clients needs. Trying to assist people and moving on with their lives that makes sense to them. LOPD has 29 licensed social workers throughout the state. Serve multiple Districts in the state. Do not work with contract attorneys. Those cases are referred to contract social workers to avoid conflicts of interest. Have three case managers in the 12th, Ashley Ventura in Ruidoso, Steph Guerra and Kelly Deer.
 - ❖ Case Managers assist with shelter/housing referrals, obtain vital records/documents, assist clients with filling out applications, ROI's ect. Provide referrals for mental health services, counseling and medical services and refer for substance abuse treatment with includes out-patient, IOP and in-patient.
 - ❖ Social Workers are licensed professionals that research client histories and illuminate mitigating circumstances for sentencing consideration, assess bio/psycho/social needs, develop treatment or service plans and provide competency screening. PD's have to request a social worker through case management system.
 - Steph Guerra: Things requested are sentencing memo, a mitigation report that goes to the court and transportation.
 - ❖ Sentencing Memo: For PD attorneys. Can be time consuming, take up to 30-45 days to get the information from clients to satisfy attorney and how they choose to present the information. Will go to OCDC, come to the office or to their home. Do a social history and gather any info so it can be presented to the court. Identify deficiencies, mental

health, housing, etc. Once info is gathered will be presented to attorney and then attorney can choose to present it to the court.

- ❖ Mitigation Report: Deep dive into client's life. 60-90 days to complete. Taking a deep dive into their personal relations, how do they interact with the community and how the community interacts with them. Very hard for clients to open up about personal trauma. Does go to the Court. Need ample time
- ❖ Transportation: Been very difficult in the 12th. Don't have enough services for clients to see a therapist in Albuquerque even El Paso. Difficult to set up the transport and trying to find client if they are out in the public. Takes two people to transport one person for safety reasons. Heavy burden to have to transport clients. Open to suggestions to get clients to appointments on time.
- ❖ Alternatives to Incarceration: Jones and I came up with an idea on the Reservation. Very limited resources. Set up a lot of community service on the Reservation.
- ❖ Higher Level of Care: Do different evaluations on clients that need different level of care. Consult with attorneys with clients that need a higher level of care. Don't always have those in the 12th. Always looking for places in Santa Fe or Albuquerque to fulfil those needs.
- ❖ Re-Entry: Currently working on. Clients go to a rehab, don't really have a program to get them interrogated back into the community. Currently working on this. Looking at rehabs that offer a step down to help them into housing, benefits, higher levels of care if needed.
- KC Quirk Answer to Question: Have contract legal services as a component of the LOPD. Within contract legal services they have contract social workers that are separate from our unit that contract attorneys have access too.
- **Updates:** (Dayna Jones)
 - Communication: Karl Mundt last day is August 29th and Jen Vancleve last day is September 5th. Will reassign their cases once they leave.
 - Comp. Diversion Program: Really lovely program. Glad we are doing it. Speaks about how well participant is doing. This Court is really helping a population that is difficult to help. Takes a lot of resources and is so productive and helpful.

5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- **Updates:** (Michael Heitz)
 - Armand Velez will be retiring at the end of this month. Starting September 1st will have a new Misdemeanor attorney joining us.

6. PRIVATE BAR

- No parties present.

7. COUNTY/CITY and VILLAGE

- No parties present.

8. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DETENTION

- Nothing to Report

9. PROBATION

- **Unsupervised Orders:** (Samantha Monroy)
 - Wanting to get clarification on doing the unsupervised orders. Times when individuals are sentenced, there is stuff mentioned that probationer can move for unsupervised after a period of time. Wanting clarification if Judges are wanting us to submit those orders or more direction on going about doing that.

- Judge Bryant: Will ask you to send a short email to Audrey. She will circulate that to the Judges and get a response to you.

10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- **Thank You:** (Jeanette Borunda)
 - Want to say thank you to several people that are on this call. Not usual that the Mobile Crisis Team deals with so many different people but have recently had some really complicated cases that we have needed assistance with. Just wanted to say thank you from our side of the team.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.