

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

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Daniel Bryant-Chief Judge-12th JDC

Chief Judge Daniel Bryant commenced the meeting at 12:06 AM:

Present:

12th JDC: <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> S. Diane Medina, Court Manager, <input type="checkbox"/> Sylvia Zamora, Court Supervisor, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Edwards, Project Manager, <input type="checkbox"/> Maureen Schmittle, Program Manager, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donnell Bryant, Pretrial Supervisor, <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Brittany Aguilar, Court Manager, <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bennett Baur, Chief Public Defender, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dayna Jones, District Public Defender, <input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Cairns, <input type="checkbox"/> Deena Daniel, <input type="checkbox"/> Kacey Taylor, <input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Spaulding, <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Deer, <input type="checkbox"/> Steph Guerra, <input type="checkbox"/> KC Quirk, <input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Ventura, <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Michael Heitz, Chief Deputy District Attorney; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Tighe, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Private Bar: <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Williams (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 type="checkbox"/> Francis Valencia, <input type="checkbox"/> Stefany

1. DISTRICT COURT

- **Updates:**
 - Audrey Hukari: In Atlanta learning more about Pretrial. Coming back with new good information. Gave most updates at the Bench and Bar conference last week.
 - Judge Schneider: Have funding through county for CYFD program coordinator. Putting together a needs assessment survey. Please take time to go through that. Everything in there with intention and purpose of filling in gaps for needed and bettering resources. Hope to have it out this week.
 - ❖ Judge Bryant: Needs survey is coming out in both counties. Have emailed the assessment to all the heads of all LEOs in Lincoln asking them to respond. Had some serious concerns expressed a couple years ago by LEO that we weren't adequately addressing juvenile needs. Hoping to get some robust information from that group of justice partners.
- **REACH Program:**
 - Judge Schneider: Launching REACH Court. 18-24 year olds. Start taking referrals on Oct. 1st and do first staffing on Oct. 15th. If we have referrals at that time. Every other Wednesday will be our Court dates. Reach out with any questions. Will be a regular treatment court. Some different things since specialty court for this age group. Unique population. Hoping with special focus that we get better results. Thank LOPD and DA for support.

2. MAGISTRATE COURT

- **Combining Arraignment Days:**
 - Judge Lund: Had spoken with LEOs about combining our Monday afternoon Arraignments and Tuesday afternoon Traffic Arraignments into one day due to the low numbers. Potential to pick back up after LEOs are off of fire and flood patrol. If that happens will separate them again.
- **Pretrial Conferences:**
 - Judge Greene: Talking about saving time or consolidating in our cases. Talking about getting rid of pretrial conferences on officer prosecution cases.
 - ❖ Dayna Jones: Wanted to clarify, we won't be having PTCs on Officer prosecuted cases, should I feed that out to my team?
 - ❖ Judge Greene: Not certain yet. Trying to come up with either a fillable or maybe spreadsheet that will calculate my different scheduling order dates. Would probably do, even on the cases where PD is entered or demanding a jury trial, would have x number of dates set up after arraignment that I would file a scheduling order. Thought process is will probably lose the same number of cases to discovery issues and LOP, whither we kill at the PTC or later settings. In cases set for jury trial, you guys have a 45d violation, you would need to file a motion. If there is another issue where you were concerned of lack of prosecution, probably going to come up at docket call. That's my though process. Can probably accomplish the same goals and have the same number of resolutions in various different ways with having one less hearing.
 - ❖ Judge Secrest: I will likely continue on with PTCs on Officer prosecuted cases. A lot of times those cases die right then and there. Don't want to continue to carry them on my docket. A lot of time Officers don't show up and we have other issues in regards to it and the case is dismissed without prejudice. If they want to refile they can but a lot of times case dies right then and there so I'm going to continue on with PTCs.
 - ❖ Dayna Jones: Thank you both. I'll just tell the team that it may be something that may be dropped in the future so don't depend on it, especially for that 45d rule. If we see a violation go ahead and file a motion.
 - ❖ Judge Greene: Will for sure let them know if I start doing that.

3. MUNICIPAL COURT

- **Updates:**

- Erin Atkins: No updates. Things are good. If have any concerns let me know or working on warrants and need to touch base, please don't hesitate. Have new attorney, Daryl Mourie. He is the new city attorney that has joined us this summer. Believe he is a month away from being a member of the NM state bar. Happy to have him and he's doing great. If you need help with anything or have concerns please let us know.

4. LOPD

- **Internet Outage:**

- Dayna Jones: Don't have internet right now, using phone. No major updates. Want to thank Erin Atkins for all her work on the bench and bar awards. Two of our attorneys received awards on Friday. Joel lobo got the Don Kiote award and Zoe got the young lawyer of the year award. Made them feel really happy, appreciated and grateful. Wanted to say thank you. Know Erin put a lot of work into that. Everything else is just moving along. Hoping to get internet back. Phones are connected to internet so if hear anything about people trying to call us, its accurate. Can't get through right now. Hoping to get it back. IT is working on it.
 - ❖ Audrey Hukari: Otero District Courthouse is having similar issues. Phones are down. Can call Lincoln County District Court and they can transfer to Otero. Staff can't make calls in or out at Otero.
 - ❖ Rachel Sutherland: Our phones and internet are working.

5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- **Competency Diversion Program:**

- Ryan Suggs: Would like to make a request or at least engage in conversation about the competency division program. Know Jones sent out an email awhile back making an inquiry if non-attorneys could appear rather than LOPD attorney and State attorney in the hearing. They are time consuming. Do see the importance of it but they are every two weeks. Tremendous pool on resources. During the hearing the DA rarely have anything to weight in. From observations, LOPD doesn't have a lot to offer either. Don't want to speak to for Ms. Jones. Most of the talking and engagement comes from Bobbie Shearer and Kimmy Jordan about resources they have been providing. Don't see a reason as long as there's not a due process issue or legal issue going to be discussed and acted upon. Could just have Bobbie Shearer, Kimmy Jordan, Judge and defendant in hearing for status update and have a non-attorney staff member provide notes for us. If there is a substantive hearing that needs to be held, maybe set it off to the side and hold hearing later. Have competency diversion this week with 16 set. Real time commitment away from other duties. Pretty much the norm every two weeks. Would like to at least engage in a discussion. Understanding that elsewhere in the State, non-attorneys are allowed to sit in on those hearings.
 - ❖ Judge Schneider: Programs are supervised locally. AOC is providing oversight to the program in the State. Don't see an issue with that. Need to build that into policy and procedures that the expectation is at those status hearings, the court will not exercise jurisdiction. Think that way we protect any due process concerns. Don't see any problem with that at all. If there is any reason that the court needs to take jurisdiction, can have those hearings noticed in a different way. Judge Vega do you see an issue with that?
 - ❖ Judge Vega: Want to address something. Something brought to my attention that needs sorted out to give direction to the clerks and managers on how to proceed. In the program we have entries of appearance from the DA's office, had an instance where the officer filed a dismissal. Usually when dismissals are filed, at the direction of the manager and court staff, the dismissal is filed and any hearings are vacated. Need better

direction on when an officer files a dismissal and the DA is entered on competency diversion programs.

- ❖ Ryan Suggs: From DA's perspective, if the court could notice the DA's office. If it is a case we are entered on then I would do a motion to strike that dismissal because they don't have the jurisdiction to do that. Then can set it for a hearing.
- ❖ Judge Vega: Thank you for that clarification. That was my direction to the clerk, to file it as correspondence because they have to accept anything that's filed. Then was going to address it at the competency division program.
- ❖ Judge Schneider: Just remember that is why we have our competency diversion stakeholder meetings. To take these issues up. Free to bring anything up in the CJCC but that is why our internal team meets every month and why we have stakeholders' meetings as well to address these things. Think from my perspective, if DA has entered then the officer is no longer the prosecutor on the case. On the other issues of the check in, as long as we have it built into our policies and can put in policy that DA and LOPD will designate a staff member to attend those status hearings. If court intends to exercise jurisdiction then the court can issue a hearing notice for that specific issue. Think that is easily taken care of to ease burden for DA and LOPD. Don't know when our next stakeholder meeting is but let me know if don't like that solution or prefer to table this until we all come back together.
- ❖ Dayna Jones: Think it is a great idea. Support it fully at this point. At the beginning think it was important that we all needed to know what was going on and our roles. Think now we understand that the program is going really well. Agree that it is a lot of time between emails and the actual court hearings. Still think the attorneys on the front end have to navigate who is a good participant. Will still be very involved in the program on an attorney level. May be times that the attorneys will want to show up, think that's going to be communication that is required between offices. A lot of time it is just an update on the participant. Love seeing how well they are doing. Everyone improves who has been a part of this program but does require a lot of time. If we could give it to a social worker. Who is also able to encourage people. Maybe more helpful in some ways. Think that would be a really good fit for our office. Especially since we have two in Alamo and one in Ruidoso. Have more capacity in our social worker realm.
- ❖ Judge Schneider: Appreciate that and agree on the evolution on where we are now. Bobby and I can work on some policy modification to accommodate that. Asked Audrey when next stakeholders meeting was but not finding it on the calendar. Follow up on that and get out a notice. Want to make the program better and better. Not something I would have thought of. Its important dialogue.

6. PRIVATE BAR

- **Bench and Bar Conference:**

- Erin Atkins: Just had a really successful annual bench and bar conference. Want to thank you all of our Judges and everyone on the call that attended. The state of bar update that Audrey worked so hard on. Matt Wade and Judge Gibson Willard worked so hard on the event. Also had amazing awards. Very successful event. Did have a loss in our community. Tom Overstreet lost his wife this month. Very sad, has 60 years in the bar as an attorney. Already had the service. Keep Tom and Judge Overstreet in your thoughts. Private bar is looking at the end of the year to celebrate bar years. Was preferred by his family to hold off.
 - ❖ Bryant: Tried to cast a wider net of participation at the event for this meeting. Audrey lets get together and strategize how we can get more private attorney participation.

7. COUNTY/CITY and VILLAGE

- No parties present.

8. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DETENTION

- Martin Cook (OCDC): No updates.

9. PROBATION

- No parties present

10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- **Kimmy Jordan's Drop-In Center:**

- Denise Williams: Want to give an update on Kimmy's drop-in center. Have had a huge increase of folks coming in. Was able to get construction done on the shower so folks are able to come in and shower. People are still coming in to get food. Able to do laundry. Has been a huge increase. Averaging 15-17 a day now to take a shower and get newer clothes. Has been very successful recently.
 - ❖ Judge Bryant: On the supply side of all those issues, do you need this group doing anything concerning encouraging donations etc.
 - ❖ Denise Williams: Absolutely. That would be wonderful. Was able to go to Ruidoso recently, saw Audrey. Able to pick up donations for some of our participants in the competency diversion program. Currently have 24 participants. Able to get some things for some folks. Always looking for donations, hygiene products, socks, underwear, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush. Anything along those lines. Always going through a lot of that. Most unhoused people in the community don't have a lot of that and if they do people take it so always going through a lot of hygiene items for our folks. And of course, if anyone has extra can goods in their cupboard we use those as well. We provide a hot meal every day. Except donations as far as food too.
 - ❖ Judge Bryant: Ask you to put your email and phone number in the chat so folks can bring donations to you.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 PM