

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

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

Chairperson: Daniel Bryant-Chief Judge-12th JDC

Chief Judge Daniel Bryant commenced the meeting at 12:10 PM:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Sugg, District Court Judge, Div. V, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Skinner, TCAA, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Ochoa, District Court Judge, Div. I, <input type="checkbox"/> Kaitlan Ruckel, TCAA, <input 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 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 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 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"/> Shane Brill, <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Hailey, <input 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 checked="" 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"/> 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"/> David Black, Otero County Sheriff, <input type="checkbox"/> Geraldine Martinez, Tularosa Police Chief, <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Wood, Lincoln County Sheriff, <input type="checkbox"/> Martin Cook, OCDC, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ross Castleton, LCDC, <input type="checkbox"/> Sean Jett, Otero County Undersheriff, <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Colvin, LCDC, <input type="checkbox"/> Randy Spear, Capitan Police Chief, <input type="checkbox"/> David Kunihiro, Alamogordo Police Chief, <input type="checkbox"/> Steven Minner, Ruidoso Police Chief, <input type="checkbox"/> Ian Daugherty, LCSO Undersheriff, <input type="checkbox"/> LT Orlando Ayers, <input type="checkbox"/> LT Raymond Brown, <input type="checkbox"/> Capt. Jay Blakeney, NM State Police, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCSO, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorena Hemphill, OCDC, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johnna Arredondo, OCDC; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Reyes, OCSO
Probation: <input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Casillas, <input type="checkbox"/> S.A. Castro, <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Jeanette Borunda, <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 checked="" 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

- **REACH COURT:** (Judge Schneider)
 - Moving forward with Young Adult/Reach Court. Finalizing the manuals. Have two potential candidates. Encourage everyone to let us know if you have anyone 18-24 year old range. Able to work up to 25-26 years old. Want the 18-24 at this point because that's the treatment modality that we're using. If want more info talk to me, Bobby Shearer, running the program, and Danny Moya, new Program Specialist. Welcome him aboard. Helping with deep dive of manual. We are close.
- **Strategic Planning Session:** (Judge Schneider)
 - Coming up Jan. 9th for OCJJB. Looking at what services our community has for juvies and families. Preparing a strategic plan going forward. How we want to strengthen those services and supports in the community. Reach out if have any questions.
- **Senate Bill 3 Listening Session:** (Dayna Jones)
 - Alamo Senate Bill 3 listening session is today. Legislature passed Senate Bill 3 this year. Potentially going to be a pretty big financial investment in each of our communities. Goes by judicial district. Lincoln county will be implementing/facilitating the distribution of funds and where they're going. As part of the planning process, Lincoln County manager and Amber from Otero as well, going around to different communities and getting peoples input. The one in alamo is today from 6-8 at the Civic Center. Did Ruidoso/Mescalero over the weekend; Carrizozo was last week, Cloudcroft on 17th at the Village Hall, Tularosa 19th 6-8 at Village Hall. Encourage people to show up. Attended Carrizozo's last week, few people attended. Know the others have had small attendance as well. A lot of needs in our community. We see it and deal with it. Feel it's important to show up and express what those needs are so we get investments in a place that actually helps us.
 - ❖ Judge Bryant: On a state wide level working hard to add licensed and registered counselors all around the state to provide services once the needs are accessed.
 - ❖ Judge Schneider: Messaging is not great. Commissioner Barela reached out to the Otero County Health Counsel and had them do an email blast about the different sessions. It's not getting advertised. Just a handful of people in Lincoln County. That is a disappointment. It is feeling like missed opportunities. Ask if we can get that list to Audrey to send out to this whole group of the upcoming sessions. Maybe we can do more of a push to get as many as we can. The quality of the info that is gathered that is going to be used to bring resources to our communities is hindered when only the same group of people attend, speaking about the same things. Just need to get the word out.

2. MAGISTRATE COURT

- Nothing to report.

3. MUNICIPAL COURT

- No parties from Municipal Court present.

4. LOPD

- **Technical Violations:** (Dayna Jones)
 - Hopeful to get it passed. Technical violations take up time and cause stress. Most of the time know what's going to happen, going back on probation. Being able to streamline that process. Still have the full adjudicatory process for new crimes or more serious violations. Think would be beneficial for everybody. Really supportive of it. If folks have push back this would be a good time to hear about it. While in negotiations and drafting and trying to figure things out. PD and DA spent about 5-6 hours together, line by line, program submitted to the courts. Put a lot of time and thought into this. If need to negotiate further want to do that. Just want to get something developed.
 - ❖ Ryan Suggs: Echo Ms. Jones. Have some time after the holidays to sit down. Take the courts concerns and make some modifications. If any concerns by the stakeholders would be nice to hear those concerns and take them into consideration.

- **Transports: (Dayna Jones)**
 - Had two social workers out at the same time. During that time relying on the transition coordinator at OCDC Johnna to get folks in treatment and beds. Have a lot of mixed messaging on how to do the transport orders. I'm concerned. Speaking with actual facilities, Darren's Place (DP) in particular. Telling me there are bed dates sooner than what our transports are set to be. Only assumption can make is that transport is being arranged around the transport officers schedule at OCDC rather than when the soonest bed date is. If that's the case, would prefer to get at bed date from DP rather than as soon as bed is available or when transport is arranged which is what we have been making the order say. Don't actually have a date on them. Would make sense to have a date certain so we know when transport is going to be. Get our people prepared for transport. As long as its whatever notice the Sheriff's Office needs. Can get them off instead of waiting weeks to be transported. Whatever it is would prefer to be able to tell my team the same thing. Would love to hear from the judges. If different divisions feel like it needs to be different, okay with that but creates confusion. Like to be able to give firm direction. Would prefer to put a date certain in an order. Then can call the facility and arrange it. Would all know what is going on. If not the case I understand. Would really like to hear from the judiciary.
 - ❖ Deputy Reyes: Think dates would help. Right now, have it where OCDC transports most of the DP ones. Think if put dates would run smoother. Understand stuff happens at the last min but think having a date would be beneficial.
 - ❖ Judge Ochoa: Love date certain but told not to by the jail for safety reasons. Disconnect on what the orders are supposed to have and what is easier for everyone involved. Brought to the judges as a safety issue. That's the difficulty. Support date certain because it is easier on the clients and everyone knowing when they are going to get there. But the safety issue is the concern.
 - ❖ Johnna Arrendondo: Not a problem to be able to transport. Problem is lack of timely filing orders. Not in the position I was two years ago where I could contact everybody and get the orders in a timely fashion. Some orders taking more than a month to get filed. Having to schedule a bed date more than a month out. Judge Ochoa you are accurate. If announced in court or they get paperwork that shows that bed date now it's unsafe to transport and we have to change that bed date. Another issue is if we can't get them there on that date scheduled, now we have to wait for a whole new order because that order is now expired. For safety and security reasons prefer not to have bed dates on orders. If we can get the orders in timelier, can get them in a lot faster. Cpl. smith is really good at working with me about getting transports done with the bed dates we have. Its not us not being able to get them there, its us not having the orders in time to get them there. However else you want to arrange it we can do it. Huge concern. Had someone last week that almost had to get rescheduled but was filed in time. Took over a month to get filed.
 - Dayna Jones: Don't know if our office isn't getting them to the court or if the courts not seeing them. Or we are waiting on a J&S. Without knowing exactly where the issue is not sure how to respond to that. Can check with my team.
 - ❖ Johnna Arrendondo: Before the pandemic would get an order from the bench. Doesn't have to be an elaborate order. Just hold until beds available to be transported to. Then have it in hand same day as hearing. Then not having to wait to be filed. If judges would go back to writing it from the bench like they used to there's no issue there. If that's an option.
 - ❖ Judge Sugg: Think depends on if it's a furlough. Furlough means date certain under the case law of when they come back to the facility. That would be the trouble when doing them from the bench. Do mine a little different. Require advanced coordination with whoever is seeking the transport with the detention staff. Once coordination and have a thumbs up from LCDC then the order gets filed. Only thing with Div. V is send in word version because I will probably change it.
 - ❖ Judge Bryant: Going to share same observation. When doing furlough order needs to provide if the individual is not accepted for any reason, then individual to return to

detention center. In furlough environment creates legal barrier to the court being able to take any action if that individual decides not to come back. In the furlough environment that is an issue. Agree with Judge Ochoa. Received request to stop adding date certain because it creates a safety problem. Inmates are able to communicate with family members on when they are going to be moved and creates a security issue for transport folks. That's why wanted to have detention center and SO here.

- ❖ Deputy Reyes: Know that we are talking about the dates. For me it is easier because I keep everything by dates. If I know I have a transport that week can get it scheduled in time. Can we put it in the order later on and not announce it in court? Might be a little easier for Officer Smith. Not here today. For me it helps. Do the transports in the order that they come. It helps in that sense. If we want to do away with putting dates, I understand but think it helps especially when I have so many transports in a month.
- ❖ Judge Ochoa: Spoke with Officer Smith about this topic specifically. Had the explanation that one of the goals of OCDC is if he gets 5 separate orders for 5 different days in the same week that's 5 different transports to get to DP. If he has the flexibility to do it as soon as possible, he contacts DP, figures out who is going to have a bed date, and then he'll take all 5 in one trip on a Friday or Wednesday. DP will work with him to move up or push back a bed date to save resources and cost. Not only is it the safety reason it increases convenience for OCDC. Don't want to speak for them but that's how it was expressed to me and it made sense. With the specific dates, it eliminates ability to make it easier on OCDC. A lot to figure out here. Know it's easier with dates, agree with that, but when explained to me I understood.
- Dayna Jones: Understand the tension. Struggle with seeing how it's a safety concern. Understand the convenience part. If actually really had 5 folks going to DP 5 different days a week that would make sense to me. We could communicate and figure that out. Also think that's rare if ever. Can't think of that ever happening. Could see how hypothetically that would come up. Kinda stuck on the dates, don't see why someone shouldn't be allowed to know when their going to treatment. People know when their court dates are, furlough dates, people get transported with dates. Don't understand why it would be different for treatment. Everyone can plan on it. We can follow up. Still feeling like date certain are a better way to go. If the Judge is telling me not to put a date in there I won't. Have a fellow sentenced to DP at the soonest available bed date. Called DP and they have an open bed but don't even think its on the radar for when he's actually transported. If could just put that in an order and give the SO a few days' notice then could potentially have him there before Christmas. Want that for people. Don't want people to be sitting there in jail because were in a paperwork rut or more is happening behind the scenes that we don't know about. Seems like the atty for the person should be involved in getting them into treatment, getting an order into the court, having a date and working with SO to make that happen. Kinda where I'm at. If the courts disagree, I won't do that. Feel like I'm kinda hearing maybe that Judge Ochoa you prefer for us not to do that. Trying to figure out now so I can tell the team what to do. There is an issue and I'm trying to address the issue.
 - ❖ Judge Ochoa: Pass to Judge Bryant. Told not in charge of security or safety. Get to pass the buck back to my chief. I'll do whatever he says.
 - ❖ Judge Bryant: Going to pass the buck to a subcommittee of Jones, Suggs or somebody from your office and do some word smithing. Hearing two forms of orders. One where it is a furlough one where it is not. Think can address alternate paragraphs for those contingencies. Circulate in the next week or so for everybody to look at. Agree with Judge Sugg, need to send those in a word document. Sometimes something happens, if a judge can just fix it without recirculating an order because something needed to be adjusted or fixed.
 - ❖ Ross Castleton: Thank we have a pretty good process in place with LOPD for LCDC. That security concern is a classic concern we always have. If a detainee knows the exact date their going to be transported then that is no longer a secure transport. It can be

compromised. They could arrange for anything from drug drops to getting picked up, something like that. From a jail standpoint that is a security issue for us, really where it stems from. If we had a date range, don't have a problem with that being in an order. Can do that whenever we get an opportunity as long as it is done prior to an end date. If there was an end date that works better for us, then more secure. If end date was Friday and we decide to do it on Wednesday then that is still considered a secure transport. Just want to illustrate what the security issue is and why we tend not to have specific dates in those transport orders. Happy to answer any questions.

- ❖ Jones: What is an acceptable date range for you?
- ❖ Ross Castleton: Right now, currently doing about a week, only based on our schedules. With our staffing shortages. Usually, can just pick up and do a transport if we need to but having to schedule transports when staffing is adequate. If coming from the courts going to make it happen. Its more convenient for us to have a week to plan that on a date when staffing is adequate.
- Dayna Jones: Think we can do that. Think that's a place we can meet in the middle. Concerns is folks are not getting beds for weeks and that's really why it's on my radar. Feel like if its in the same week that would be okay. Maybe that's a place we can meet in the middle. Judge Bryant, would be happy to draft an order and send it to Suggs or whoever he wants me to send it to and to the courts and get some form of order floating around.
 - ❖ Johnna Arrendondo: I want to clarify. If we get the order before a bed date, we always call the program and try and get them in sooner. Women's at DP had a waitlist of 6 weeks out. Have since resolved that. Ones transporting this week that was the reason why. Do multiple transports in one shot. Had one person for transport and try to combine as much as we can. Agree with you, don't want them in jail, no one wants them in jail longer than they have to. For us the order filing is the main cause of the delay. If can work on that as well. Agree with that comprise. Believe it is fair. If its in the order by a set date that will work.
 - ❖ Judge Bryant: Think that if we have what is a consistent set of perimeters to work from. Court would be happy to generate those at the close of the hearing. Needs to make sure the parties in the hearing can give us the information for any contingencies, what the date range is going to be. Then process right away and everything happens the same day as the hearing. Think that in most instances that is going to work as routine practice. Jones and I, Suggs or someone from your office will get together. Put together one or two drafts, circulate to folks commented today. Hopefully within a couple weeks will have a working starting place.

5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- Nothing to report.

6. PRIVATE BAR

- Nothing to report

7. COUNTY/CITY and VILLAGE

- No parties from the County, City and Village present.

8. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DETENTION

- Nothing to report.

9. PROBATION

- **Unsupervised Probation Order:** (Judge Bryant)
 - Gotten a proposed unsupervised probation order from draft from Monroy after October meeting. November meeting canceled. Has anyone been able to look at her proposed orders? Anyone have anything on that issue?

❖ NO RESPONSES

• **ORP/J&S:** (Samantha Monroy)

- Regarding what Johnna was saying regarding as far as getting ORPs and J&S. Know takes a little bit of time to get those signed and filed. Wanting to know if there would be any resolution to getting them more quickly. More difficult on our end to go over their documentation, conditions and requirements of probation if we don't have the J&S that lists special conditions from the court.
 - ❖ Judge Sugg; if there is ever an issue from Div. V just contact Ms. Skinner and we will set it for a presentment hearing.
 - ❖ Judge Bryant: Going to observe that I think all of us very carefully watch how long it's taking to get a J&S. If we see one that is not coming in when we think it should have we will email counsel and ask for it to be produced. Think that the situation is much better today then it was as covid was wrapping up when the Supreme Court launched on its effect to get same day J&S done which run into a lot of unforeseen road blocks.
 - ❖ Peter Sanders: If the DA can get us the sentencing worksheets. Know its not the J&S but that helps a lot. Helps us open cases faster. Especially for interstate compact transfers. Those have to be done within 7 days if its reporting instructions. Mr. Weary is really good at getting us the sentencing worksheets the same day as sentencing. If can get those at least, probably will help us move faster getting cases open and getting information entered.
 - ❖ Judge Bryant: Only wrinkle with that is the sentencing worksheet has to be agreed upon by both parties and then sent to the clerk's office. Normally then the clerk's office will communicate back that the J&S will not load up because there's something missing or something inconsistent in the worksheet. Not going to say that is a common occurrence but it does happen with some regularly. Does slow the production of the J&S to make sure those issues are resolved and corrected.
 - ❖ Judge Ochoa: Want to make sure all on the same page. As far as I understand. Attorneys get together and draft sentencing worksheet. Goes to the clerk's office. Very quickly they generate a J&S and send back to the attorneys for signature and back to the clerks to be sent to chambers. Pretty quick signature once it gets to our chambers. Think the delay is either with the attorneys agreeing or if there's no communication. Eventually we get them with no approval signature from some attorneys who never respond. As far as I'm concerned once received by me, it gets signed quickly. If anyone thinks that's not happening get with Katie and I'll find out what's going on. I think the delay is outside the judge's ability to make them quicker. Thinks it's on the attorneys. If not getting responses from opposing counsel something to be brought up at this hearing or private meeting with Judge Bryant. Don't know if we can make it go quicker without some specific orders maybe.
 - ❖ Judge Sugg: Have to finish the sentencing worksheet before they leave my courtroom and then they don't get to see it again.
 - ❖ Rachel Sutherland: That's correct. For Div. V I don't sign anything other then physically in the courtroom. For the other judges it's the process that Judge Ochoa described.
 - ❖ Judge Sugg: Food for thought. No one leaves my courtroom until I have the sentencing worksheet. I sign the worksheet and then when the clerk drafts the J&S it's entered. Was having significant delay from the clerks back to the attorneys, back to me. Decided to cut that part out.
 - ❖ Judge Bryant: Would save that one step. Its also a great argument for all sentencings in person but will set into motion a whole lot more issues surrounding delay and travel and trying to get people physically present for all of those hearings. Judge Schneider put in the chat that if there is any kind of issue with a particular document to let Denise know and they would get it fixed. We are attentive to the timeliness of documents and we will do everything we can to get them moving more quickly. Please reach out to us if you are being contacted by a defendant and don't see a J&S for them. For an initial registration with APPO an email to Vicki or I in Div. III will set us to work locating the document and getting it

signed. What I hear is all the judges are doing that. Let's watch this for a month or two and see if you are seeing a continue issue. Would like to know that right away.

10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM