

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

AUGUST 17, 2026 AT 12:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Daniel Bryant-Chief District Judge-12th JDC

Honorable Daniel Bryant commenced the meeting at 12:07 PM:

Present:

12th JDC: ☒ Angie Schneider, District Court Judge, Div. IV, ☐ Denise LeDoux, TCAA, ☒ Daniel Bryant, Chief Judge, Div. III, ☐ Vicki Moran, TCAA, ☐ Lori Gibson Willard, District Court Judge, Div. II, ☐ Andrea Carrillo, TCAA, ☐ John Sugg, District Court Judge, Div. V, ☒ Rachel Skinner, TCAA, ☒ Stephen Ochoa, District Court Judge, Div. I, ☐ Kaitlan Ruckel-Thompson, TCAA, ☒ Audrey Hukari, CEO, ☐ Jane Granier, Hearing Officer, ☒ S. Diane Medina, Court Manager, ☐ Sylvia Zamora, Court Supervisor, ☐ Amanda Edwards, Project Manager, ☒ Maureen Schmittle, Program Manager, ☒ Donnell Bryant, Pretrial Supervisor, ☒ Phil Hefter, Court Services Manager, ☐ Jeremy Domingo, IT Specialist, ☒ Bobbie Shearer, Program Manager
Magistrate Court: ☒ Brittany Aguilar, Court Manager, ☒ Katie Lund, Lincoln County Magistrate Judge, Div. II, ☐ Melanie Zamora, Court Manager, ☐ A. Richard Greene, III, Otero County Magistrate Judge, Div. II, ☐ Mickie Vega, Lincoln County Magistrate Judge, Div. I, ☐ John Secrest, Otero County Magistrate Judge, Div. I, ☐ Elizabeth Sheele, Court Manager; ☐ Cynthia Herrera, Lincoln County Court Clerk
LOPD: ☒ Bennett Baur, Chief Public Defender, ☒ Dayna Jones, District Public Defender, ☒ Joel Lobo, Otero Managing Attorney, ☒ Rachel Sutherland, Lincoln Managing Attorney, ☐ James Walker, Public Defender, ☐ Haashir Lakhani, Public Defender, ☐ Zoe Psiakis, Public Defender ☐ Shane Brill, ☐ Michelle Hailey, ☐ Katina Slaughter ☐ Karina Rodriguez, ☒ Cynthia Cairns, ☐ Deena Daniel, ☐ Kacey Taylor, ☐ Anthony Spaulding, ☐ Kelly Deer, ☐ Steph Guerra, ☐ KC Quirk, ☐ Ashley Ventura, ☐ Lindsey Cerny, ☐ Stefany Foreman, ☐ Jessica Navarro, ☒ Elizabeth Zellhart
District Attorney's Office: ☐ Ryan Suggs, District Attorney, ☒ Hannah Burleson, Office Manager, ☒ Michael Heitz, Chief Deputy District Attorney; ☐ Michael Tighe, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Private Bar: ☐ Erin Atkins, ☐ Gary Mitchell, ☐ Jonathan Miller, ☐ Jeff Van Keulen, ☐ Todd Holmes
County, City and Village: ☐ Alan Morel, ☐ Ira Pearson, ☐ Pamela Heltner, ☐ RB Nichols, ☐ Perry Lawson, ☐ Gary Freedman, ☐ Nadia Sikes, ☐ Ashley Smith, ☐ Amy Barela
Law Enforcement and Detention: ☐ David Black, Otero County Sheriff, ☐ Geraldine Martinez, Tularosa Police Chief, ☐ Michael Wood, Lincoln County Sheriff, ☐ Martin Cook, OCDC, ☐ William Smith, OCDC, ☐ Ross Castleton, LCDC, ☐ Sean Jett, Otero County Undersheriff, ☐ Scott Colvin, LCDC, ☐ Randy Spear, Capitán Police Chief, ☐ David Kunihiro, Alamogordo Police Chief, ☐ Steven Minner, Ruidoso Police Chief, ☐ Ian Daugherty, LCSO Undersheriff, ☐ LT Orlando Ayers, ☐ LT Raymond Brown, ☐ Capt. Jay Blakeney, NM State Police, ☐ OCSO, ☐ Lorena Hemphill, OCDC, ☐ Johnna Arredondo, OCDC; ☐ Deputy Reyes, OCSO
Probation: ☐ Carolyn Casillas, ☐ S.A. Castro, ☐ Peter Sanders, ☒ Samantha Monroy, ☒ Sergio Castro, ☐ Juanita Jaye Arellano, ☐ Matthew Skinner, ☒ Joseph Cutts
Behavioral Health: ☐ Jeanette Borunda, ☐ Denise Williams (Kimmie Jordan's Office), ☐ Dr. Bronwyn Neeser (Hive Consulting)
Other: ☒ Briana Elizondo, ☒ Carlos Gonzales-AOC, ☒ Erik Holland, ☒ Faustino Miranda, ☒ Manuel Blackmon

1. DISTRICT COURT

- **Introductions:** (Judge Bryant)
 - Carlos Gonzales is our statewide program manager with the Therapeutic Justice Support Program with AOC. Joined AOC in 2021 and manages treatment courts as well as alumni and peer initiatives for treatment court programs. Provides support directly to treatment court programs statewide. Unique in the respect that he graduated from the 1st Judicial District Court's Adult Court Program in 2021. Has been serving as an alumni leader and mentor. Certified peer support worker and licensed adult drug and alcohol counselor by the State of NM. Provides advice and brain storming on how to best support current treatment court participants and approaches that through a peer perspective. Honored to have you. Recently inducted to the Stanly Goldstein Treatment Court Hall of Fame at the All Rise 2026 conference in Nashville. First treatment court graduate to receive that honor from All Rise. Think that recognition is well deserved and emblematic of the passion, skill and expertise that you bring to the table.
 - ❖ Carlos Gonzales: Here to tell you this, the one thing we have to embrace is that the work we do in NM leads the nation. We lead the nation in everything we do including alumni. We are the only state that has this kind of alumni program. The individuals that are about to speak to you are leaders on a national scale. We as New Mexicans lead the country. People are trying to figure out how we do what we do. Can't pick it up as fast as we picked it up. When I came to them about this idea about setting up an alumni program, people were ready to do it. They did it for free, voluntarily. A lot of them still do. Want you guys to know that I've got all these wonderful things behind my name but it's because I'm able to serve you as a community all of you as an alumnus. Gave me an opportunity to bring my service to you and accepted it and allowed me to continue to do it so I thank you for that. If you ever have a question about how powerful our treatment courts are and alumni are, please reach out. Happy to have that conversation. It's the best and only one. Anyone who tries to reproduce it will never have what we have.
 - Judge Bryant: Erik Holland, Manuel Blackmon and Faustino Miranda got to go represent NM as alumni leaders at the All Rise national summit, earlier this year. Shining examples. Help demonstrate that NM really is at the fore front of alumni programming and services and the successes those bring in the lives of the people who come through treatment court and successfully graduate. Want to turn the floor over to you.

Treatment Court Presentation by Erik Holland, Manuel Blackmon and Faustino Miranda

- **Pro Bono Events:** (Rachel Skinner)
 - Ruidoso Legal Fair is going to be September 26th at Eastern NM University. The Alamogordo one will be on November 7th at the Courthouse. Only updates I have at this time.
 - Audrey Hukari: Those dates are set in stone now. Everyone mark them down in your calendars. Hopefully we can get a good group of attendees and volunteers out there. You and Judge Sugg keep us posted as plans develop further.
- **Pretrial Services:** (Donnell Bryant)
 - Wanted to give everyone a heads up. Middle of November, AOC Pretrial Services will be down doing a site visit. Hopefully later this week will be setting up meetings with our stakeholders. Wanted to make all the Judges and Attorneys aware that the Alamogordo Police Department has changed their verification process, for when we are trying to verify if our participants have Alamogordo Municipal charges. May see delay in violation reports. Was hoping APD would be on here to address it but will make a separate meeting with them. Right now, only have one Sgt. doing verifications for us. If they are off the clock or taking a day off will give us a little delay.

2. MAGISTRATE COURT

- Nothing to Report.

3. **MUNICIPAL COURT**

- No parties present

4. **LOPD**

- Nothing to Report.

5. **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

- Nothing to report.

6. **PRIVATE BAR**

- No parties present.

7. **COUNTY/CITY and VILLAGE**

- No parties present.

8. **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DETENTION**

- No parties present.

9. **PROBATION**

- **Juvenile Gun Violence Summit:** (Sergio Castro)
 - The Legislature passed the Dept. of Health doing a summit on juvenile gun violence. That will be in October. Will be part of that and reaching out to partners here to attend that summit. Have a juvenile firearm problem in NM. This is the beginning of trying to figure out ways to tackle that. Don't have dates yet. Invites should be coming out. Zoe from the PD's office is part of that coordinating committee.

10. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

- No parties present.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 PM