

Eighth Judicial District Criminal Justice Coordination Council - Taos

Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 14, 2025

9:00 AM- 10:00 AM

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Attendance:

Taos Judicial District Court	Judge Shannon, Dominic Martinez, Hannah Smith, Holly Healy, John Vaughn, Lexi Ortega, Marcos Martinez, Angel Bacca
Taos Magistrate Court	Lauren Felts-Salazar
District Attorney	Tamara Howard
Public Defender	Aleks Kostich
Taos County Adult Detention Center	Andrew Montoya, Matthew Martinez
Town of Taos Police Chief	<i>Absent</i>
Taos County Sheriff	<i>Absent</i>
Taos Adult Probation and Parole	Alex Concha, Cynthia Santisteven, Arthur Martinez
Taos County	Brent Jaramillo
Health Care Assistance Program	<i>Absent</i>
Taos Behavioral Health	Sadie Quintanilla
Rio Grande ATP	Steve Fuhlendorf, Christy Mascarenas
Juvenile Probation and Parole	Erika Meadows, Roberta Garcia
CAV	Olga Trujillo
Taos Pueblo Tribal Court	<i>Absent</i>
Taos E911	Christopher Madrid
Compostela Community and Family Cultural Institute	Trinidad Arguello

Non-Voting Members Attendance: Catherine Hummel DTP

Additional Attendees: Diana Arreola New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Lori-Lee Archuleta Recovery Friendly Taos, Tod DiCecco Mesa Vista Wellness, Shaia D'Ourso Mesa Vista Wellness, and Roxanne Rane

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Step
1. Call to Order	Eleven voting members present.	Quorum reached. Call to order at 9:01 AM
2. Approval of Agenda	JPO motions, LOPD seconds	Agenda is approved but will need to be corrected to reflect the accurate date.
3. Approval of Minutes from Joint Meeting on 11.24.2024	LOPD motions, CAV seconds	Minutes approved
4. 2024 Accomplishments	Last year we hosted the Crime and Justice Initiative Focus Group in January, intended to provide feedback to the Governor's office around our criminal justice system. We had two joint meetings, four Taos meetings, and four Colfax meetings, meeting the statutory requirements and the requirements in our bylaws. We made a quorum for all meetings last year. Two grants were funded by the NM Sentencing Commission's Crime Reduction Act Grant. Behavioral Health working groups in both counties are very active.	
5. Review CJCC Materials Packet	CJCC court staff has prepared an orientation packet to be in alignment with the bylaws that includes a membership agreement and welcome letter. There are agencies that are required to participate pursuant to § 31-28-3. Membership commitments will be renewed and reviewed annually. The purpose of the membership agreement is to identify a representative for your agency, who per our bylaws should be someone with decision making authority, and please identify a proxy in case of absence. Packets will be mailed and/or hand-delivered to the current stakeholder agencies.	Membership agreements need to be returned by the next Joint Meeting March 14, 2025.

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6. Voting Membership Review	Judge Shannon reviewed § 31-28-3. § 31-28-3 which identifies the required CJCC members. Hannah Smith reviewed the attendance record for 2024. For the agencies that miss three or more meetings in a calendar year, the agency may be downgraded to non-voting membership.	
7. Pretrial Services Update- Dominic Martinez	<p>Dominic Martinez introduced the new Pretrial Services Officers, John Vaughn in Taos and Angel Bacca in Raton. Stakeholder meetings have begun. Next one is scheduled for Tuesday 02/18/2025 in Taos and Wednesday 02/19/2025 in Raton both during the lunch hour offered in-person and via google meets. Currently observing arraignments. The plan is to go live with the program in the summer. Stakeholder meetings to take place regularly until then. Any questions can be directed at the team via email, phone, or in-person.</p> <p>The main purpose of the program is to assist individuals to appear for court hearings, decrease recidivism, and help improve access to services prior to disposition. Looking into a grant for transportation with RTD. Transportation is one of the main barriers to getting to court hearings. Some case management but mostly supervision based models. Assisting individuals progress through the case process. NM Sentencing commission grants are open and may be a good avenue for a transportation grant. Pinwheel was awarded a transportation grant from them last year 2024. Training will be provided through the stakeholders meetings. Looking into how violations will be filed in the case. Issues currently in the district adhering to conditions of release due to the many requirements. LOPD stresses how much case management is needed to assist clients with adhering to their conditions of release.</p>	<p>Compostela requests to be added to the Pretrial stakeholder meeting list.</p> <p>Dominic Martinez requests more information around the NM Sentencing Commission.</p>

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	<p>Grant that the BH group was awarded for six months for a pilot program focusing on post-release navigation should assist with the compliance of behavioral health-specific conditions of release.</p> <p>Public Safety Assessment and Background Investigation Report will be done in ABQ upon arrest. They will also be opening cases. The report and assessments will provide more information to assist the Judges in creating informed conditions of release.</p>	
<p>8. Council Current Initiatives</p> <p>a. Behavioral Health Working Group</p> <p>b. Coordinated Community Response Team- Diana Arreola</p>	<p>Active for the last year and a half. Pilot project funded through the NM Sentencing Commission. NEST will be the host agency. Peer support and navigation for individuals from arraignment to post-release. The gap identified was the lack of medicaid and ability to pay for navigation services. Billing structure will be reviewed with the agencies. The navigator will be the initial point of contact to assist with the navigation of services. Will be utilizing the pilot to collect necessary data to help further analyze the community need as well as support the judiciary's work. This project addresses all the identified areas in the strategic plan related to integration of behavioral health in the criminal justice system.</p> <p>Focus Groups for survivors of intimate partner violence in English will be held on April 21, 2025 and in Spanish April 22, 2025. There will be a \$100 stipend for participants. Food and childcare services will also be offered. Flyer to be shared with the draft minutes.</p>	<p>NEST open house in June 2025.</p>

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	<p>The relationship building phase was the informal one on one meetings to provide education on the project. The data collection and analysis phase is conducting system interviews with system partners to learn about the system gaps. Survivor data will be collected during the focus groups. Data should be analyzed by the summer. The next phase is strategic planning. This will be creating the MOUs with the system partners and a CCR meeting.</p>	<p>Contact Diana Arreola with any questions diana@nmcadv.org</p>
9. Open Comment	<p>Narcan Training is offered by HCAP. Schedule with Zach Cordova.</p> <p>Community Health Worker certification program in April hosted by Compostelo.</p> <p>The jail only has five to six individuals on staff at any given time. There are four open video terminals and one in-person meeting room which require staff when being used. Meetings may be late or missed due to this. If they are missed, reach out to HCAP and reschedule.</p> <p>The Legislature has three bills concerning juvenile justice. If interested please review these bills and pass along any concerns to the representatives.</p> <p>Tod DiCecco owner and executive director at Mesa Vista Wellness. Just opened an office in Taos which is located across from Dream Tree Project. Currently have one therapist on staff and are recruiting more. Recovery focus service program to be launched.</p>	<p>Judge Shannon requested more information on Mesa Vista Wellness to share with the stakeholders.</p>

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	<p>NM Sentencing Commission grant applications will be voted on in March joint meeting. If any one is interested in applying please present for approval at the March joint meeting.</p> <p>Treatment court meeting with Judges and attorneys to be scheduled. The goal of this meeting is to evolve into an advisory committee.</p>	
10. Next Meeting	March 14, 2025- Joint Meeting	
11. Adjourn	Compostela motions, JPO seconds	Adjourned at 9:59 AM

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