Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 08, 2025

9:00 AM- 10:00 AM

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Attendance:

Taos Judicial District Court	Judge Shannon, Hannah Smith, Holly Healy, Dominic Martinez, Victoria Valle	
District Attorney	Marcus Montoya	
Public Defender	Aleks Kostich	
Taos County Adult Detention Center	Andrew Montoya	
Town of Taos Police Chief	Mark Archuleta	
Taos Adult Probation and Parole	Absent	
Taos County	Absent	
Health Care Assistance Program	Absent	
Taos Behavioral Health	Sadie Quintanilla, Patricia Gonzales	
Rio Grande ATP	Christy Mascreñas, Al Gonzales, Steve Fuhlendorf, Lori-Lee Archuleta	
Juvenile Probation and Parole	Roberta Garcia	
CAV	Joella Montoya	
Compostela Community and Family Cultural Institute	Trinidad Arguello	

Non-Voting Members Attendance: Roxanne Rane, Catherine Hummel (Dreamtree and PAS); Denis Romero (Taos LEAD); Amy Romero (M.R.S. Monitoring and Recovery Services); Judge Sara Blankenhorn (Taos County Magistrate Court)

Additional Attendees: Bronwyn Neeser (Hive Consulting); Diana Arreola (CCRT); Esperanza Lucero (Administrative Office of the Courts); Sabrina Rodriguez (DulceSalado Therapeutic Services)

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Ager	nda Item	Discussion	Action Step
1.	Call to order	9:00 - quorum	· ·
2.	Approval of Agenda	Compostela motions, LOPD seconds	Agenda approved unanimously
3.	Approval of Minutes from 06/27/2025 and 07/03/2025	6/27 minutes LOPD motions, Compostela seconds 7/3 minutes LOPD motions, JPO seconds	6/27 minutes approved unanimously 7/3 minutes approved unanimously
4.	Updated Voting Member List	Presented to the body for review	To be finalized by vote at the joint meeting
5.	Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act (BHRIA) - Esperanza Lucero, AOC Behavioral Health Integration and Reform Administrator	Powerpoint attached.	Compostela asks how or if the Local Collaboratives will be restructured as part of this process. Ms. Lucero is working with the Health Care Authority to learn more
6.	BH Working Group Pilot Project Final Report- Roxanne Rane	Powerpoint attached.	Next Behavioral Health Working Group scheduled for 8/22 at 9:00am
7.	Pretrial Services Update - Dominic Martinez	The Pretrial Services Program is now live in both counties.	Next stakeholder meeting in Taos is 8/19 at 12:00pm.

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8. CCRT update - Diana Arreola	CCRT stakeholder meetings have started and will be held every other month.	Next stakeholder meeting is 8/29 10:00am in the County Commission Chambers.			
9. Mechanics of temporary detention holds under rule 403 - Judge Blankenhorn	403 holds are three day holds for in-custody in jurisdiction defendants who have picked up on new charges while on pretrial release for a felony. The District court has the opportunity to have a new hearing on Conditions of Release. If no hearing is scheduled in three days, the defendant is released. Magistrate Court modified the 403 form to include language concerning release if no hearing is scheduled or no new conditions are set to help clarify this process for all parties. Magistrate court clerks are forwarding the hold to district court TCAAs so everyone is aware of the process.	LOPD raises that the rules have recently been modified by the state supreme court and forms should be revised to reflect these changes.			
10. Case Initiation Documents - Lauren Felts-Salazar a. Signing Criminal Complaints and Statements of Probable Cause	If Magistrate Court receives an unsigned criminal complaint or an unsigned statement of probable cause, they cannot initiate a case in Odyssey, so it's very important that the Law Enforcement officer charging the defendant signs those documents.	Judge Shannon requests that court staff track each incidence of these problems to potentially have officers who do not follow these procedures appear in front of a judge to explain, to help reinforce the importance of following these procedures.			

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- b. Providing separate Criminal Complaints and Statements of Probable Cause
- c. Court Captions (District vs Magistrate)
- d. Filing after hours arrest warrants the following business day

It is also important to separate the two documents, because they need to get filed as two separate documents.

The court also asks that law enforcement pay attention to case captions. For example, after hours arrest warrants are often executed by a district judge, but the charge ultimately gets opened in magistrate court. However, the warrant wlll have 8th Judicial District Court in the case heading as opposed to Taos County Magistrate Court. This causes confusion for jail staff and when opening the case.

After hours arrest warrants are also leading to some processing issues. When an officer obtains the judge's signature executing the arrest warrant after hours, it is imperative that that arrest warrant along with all the charging documents be filed with the court the following business day. If a defendant gets arrested on a warrant and these documents aren't filed, the court won't have a case open, delaying first appearances. Officers must be responsible for bringing those documents to magistrate court the next day.

These issues to be discussed at the next Pretrial Services stakeholder meeting.

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11. Open Comment	Judge Shannon raised concerns about the	
a. Reminder of	lack of juvenile facilities within reasonable	
upcoming NMSC	travel distance from Taos County, creating	
Grant opportunity -	extra burdens on incarcerated juveniles who	
proposals must be	must appear in person for their court	
shared and	hearings. LOPD and the DA's office echoed	
approved at next	those concerns.	
CJCC meeting		
C3CC meeting	Sabrina Rodriguez of DulceSalado	
	Therapeutic Services presented on	
	Multisystemic therapy (MST) for juveniles	
	and their families. Their agency, based out	
	of Albuquerque, has recently expanded their	
	MST program to include Taos, Mora, and	
	San Miguel county. They have the capacity	
	to work with youth with high risk behaviors.	
	Hannah Smith announced that the Taos	
	Adult Drug Court will now be known as the	
	Taos County Recovery Court, and the Raton	
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	Colfax/Union Recovery Court.	
12. Next Meeting-Joint Meeting		
September 25, 2025 @ 12:00 PM		
13. Adjourn	LOPD moved, DA seconded.	Adjourned 10:00am