

Eighth Judicial District Criminal Justice Coordination Council - Taos

Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 1, 2026

Via Google Meets

Attendance:

Taos Judicial District Court	Hannah Smith, Dominic Martinez, Holly Healy
District Attorney	Tamarra Howard
Public Defender	Aleks Kostich
Taos County Adult Detention Center	<i>Absent</i>
Town of Taos Police Chief	<i>Absent</i>
Taos Adult Probation and Parole	<i>Absent</i>
Taos County	Brent Jaramillo, Christopher Madrid
Health Care Assistance Program	<i>Absent</i>
Taos Behavioral Health	Sadie Quintanilla, Patricia Gonzales
Rio Grande ATP	Christy Mascarenas, Steve Fuhlendorf, Al Gonzales
Juvenile Probation and Parole	<i>Absent</i>
CAV	Joella Montoya, Olga Trujillo
Compostela Community and Family Cultural Institute	Trinidad Arguello

Additional Attendees:

Sylvia Barela, Via Positiva; Jayda Cordero, LEAD/Dreamtree; Vanessa Valdez, Taos County Magistrate Court; Norma Romero, Taos Misdemeanor Compliance

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Step
1. Call to order	9:04	
2. Approval of Agenda	CAV motions, Compostela seconds.	Unanimously Approved
3. Approval of Minutes from 3/20/2026	Compostela was not listed as a member in the minutes CAV motions to approve with the revisions, Rio Grande ATP seconds	Unanimously Approved with the change
4. DWI/Misdemeanor Compliance - Norma Romero	Taos County Misdemeanor Compliance accepts referrals from Magistrate Court for DWI and other alcohol related offenses, including Domestic Violence cases where alcohol is a factor. They can consider other misdemeanors where alcohol is not a factor but not if those numbers exceed their alcohol-related caseload. Clients with DWI must complete the Impaired Driving Assessment (IDA). For DV cases those clients complete a 52 week DV program. Spanish speaking clients are sent to Compostela for services. There is a probation fee of \$40/month. If a client is non-compliant, the Compliance Officer can request a status hearing, or can submit a PV affidavit to the DA's office.	Announcement about Alcohol Awareness Day to be shared with CJCC list once date is finalized.

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5. Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) - Hannah Smith	Hannah Smith, Pam Nay, and DA Montoya went to the AOT conference last week. Assisted Outpatient Treatment is a program that provides community-based treatment under civil court commitment to: 1) motivate an adult with mental illness to fully engage in their treatment plan and 2) focus the attention of treatment providers on the work to keep this person engaged in treatment. Minimum year long program. Eligible candidates: schizophrenia or bipolar diagnoses, repeated hospitalizations and/or incarceration, can be a deflection/diversion from prosecution, history of inconsistent engagement in treatment. Operates through a civil court order, initiated by a petitioner (can be family, can be treatment provider, can be DA's office). It's involuntary, but jail is not typically used as a means of enforcing compliance. Focuses on engagement, not punishment or coercion. Interdisciplinary team. Judge, treatment team (including psychiatrist, case manager, etc), attorneys, law enforcement, participant, etc.	
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6. Pretrial Services Update - Dominic Martinez	Pretrial has 264 cases for the entire district. Taos 181, Colfax/Union - 83 Dr. Arguello asks if there is a way for Compostela to get collateral information necessary for the mental health evaluation from Pretrial Services. Rio Grande asks about process for sending compliance and non compliance status reports, and if the court would like to receive both. Concern about ensuring reports are filed timely and reviewed by the judge prior to hearings, so that the judge is aware of the most recent status.	Pretrial services to connect with Compostela and Rio Grande to address any issues with information sharing.
7. CCRT update - Diana Arreola	Next meeting May 29 at 10am	
8. SB3/BHRIA Update - Sylvia Barela/Taos County	Sylvia is a consultant working with Taos County on the Regional BH planning required by Senate Bill 3/Behavioral Health Reinvestment Act. In October 2025 formed a BH planning committee with representation from the 5 entities in our district (Taos County, Colfax County, Union County, Taos Pueblo, Picuris Pueblo). There were three listening sessions, and a three day Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) mapping conference in March.	Hannah to share UNM report with CJCC list.

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	Sylvia and the executive committee are preparing the strategic plan for our region based on the priorities identified in the SIM mapping process and the listening sessions, identifying initiatives to address these priorities over the next 3 years. This report is due to AOC by 6/30.	
9. Open Comment	The 8th Judicial District has an opening for for a program specialist/community support officer for our treatment courts in Taos. Please spread the word!	
10. Next Meeting- TBD		
11. Adjourn	TBH motions, Compostela seconds	Adjourned 10:02am

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