

Rio Arriba County Criminal Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

From: Tyra J. Chavez

Date: August 12, 2020

Re: July 21, 2020 Meeting

1. Call to Order

Michael Nunez called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

2. Introductions

All of the meeting attendees introduced themselves and their entity.

3. Council Changes Moving Forward (Chair & Chief Judge)

Michael Nunez began the meeting by discussing how the council was formed by the New Mexico Supreme Court and supported by the New Mexico Legislature. He stated that this is the first meeting this year, and that the meetings would be different moving forward stating that each county has their own needs. He stated that previously the committee met as one large group, but moving forward, each county would meet as a sub-committee and at the end of the year, the committee would meet all together as one. He stated that each sub-committee would meet monthly and have working groups within, which would work together for 90 days.

6. Check-Ins – Top 3 Issues to Address as a Sub-Committee and Any Ideas to Improve or Resolve (Discussion was out of agenda order.)

Chief Judge Mary Marlowe Sommer stated that preliminary exams are imperative at this time in addition to instant J&S's, which are to be implemented beginning August 3, 2020. She wants to continue to have a good working relationship with the Rio Arriba County Judges and those who are a part of this council.

Judge Jason Lidyard stated that he wants to clearly understand the purpose of the council or committee before he can state what his ideas are; he wants to assure that he is in line with the statute.

Judge Alexandra Narajo stated that Rio Arriba Magistrate is working on more meaningful ways to best utilize their time add that they did 9 preliminary hearings last week. Anastasia Martin stated that for the preliminary hearings, either more time, or another day is needed. Judge Naranjo agreed. Chief Judge Mary Marlowe Sommer stated that she got a request from Magistrate Court regarding an in-person hearing and wanted to make it clear that all hearings must be done remotely and that if the court is having technical difficulties, they should contact Joe Moore in IT, so he can check and make sure all is working properly. She added that attorneys need to know that exhibits and/or exhibit lists are due 48 hours prior. Julie Ball stated that she must get the daily jail reports, every day, adding that she is getting them on occasion, but such information is needed daily.

Anastasia Martin stating that her three biggest concerns for Rio Arriba County include, one, adding an additional day for preliminary hearings, two, having a treatment court that is specific for Rio Arriba County, and three, having law enforcement be trained and up to date with the LEAD program. Judge Joseph Madrid stated that if pre-detention hearings or preliminary hearings were held in the District Court as well, it would help. Mr. Jose Gallegos and Mr. Larry DeYapp had no concerns to report at this time. Labriana Belmontes stated that there are quite a bit of probation violations and that her concern is that she would like to see more treatment resources vs. incarceration, and stated she could work with the violator/violations. She stated that she cannot interact with clients one on one unless it's an emergency, adding that it's been difficult keeping in contact with her clients. She stated that getting her clients to do treatment is difficult because they have to be in the Medicaid portal, which has proven to be tough for them. She added that beginning August 1, 2020, contact with the clients would be by drive through, but until then, it's by telephone only. Brittany Serna stated that there is a plan in place to educate the Espanola Police Department officers. Angelique Herrera stated that she would like to see better communication with law enforcement, especially regarding the LEAD program.

Mr. Larry DeYapp stated that on average there are about 33-39 inmates in the Rio Arriba County Detention Center, but that today, there are 59, which is high. He stated that the inmates are separated among the facility in small numbers and that those entering the facility are tested and housed for a 14-day period separate from the general population. He added that safety and cleaning has always been a priority.

Labriana Belmontes stated that CYFD clients and others have benefited greatly from hygiene kits and food banks. She stated that available resources make a big difference for those clients and/or those in need.

Roger Jimenez stated that there is training being set up for officers and they are looking at connecting remotely for LEAD training as well. He stated their office works well with all parties involved and he would like to continue seeing positive working relationships with all entities. Mr. Jimenez, stated that the online system is working well and allows for filtering and forwarding, which includes case numbers.

Michael Nunez stated that he would follow up with Judge Salazar.

4. Future Meetings

Michael Nunez stated that the RACJCC would meet the third Tuesday of every month at 12:00 noon, and that he would be sending follow-up emails regarding working groups/subcommittees with leads and co-leads. Brittany Serna stated that she would like to be a part of a subcommittee.

5. NM Sentencing Commission Data Integration Grant Update

Michael Nunez stated that the council did receive a grant; \$90,000 for Santa Fe and \$25,000 or \$20,000 went to Los Alamos and that the project was nearing completion. He stated that Santa Fe's system allows for better communication between the sheriff's office and the jail and that it has such features as immediate notification of arrests, and is making transports easier.

7. **Announcements**

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m. The next meetings is scheduled for August 18, 2020 at 12:00 noon.