

Minutes for Rio Arriba County CJCC (full meeting) 1/17/2023

Judge Lidyard

Meredith Cockman

Douglas Wood

Craig Hay

Sheriff Merrifield

Wardan Gallegos

Undersheriff Salazar

Chief Garcia

Kateri Eisenberg

Electronic Monitoring: The pre-trial services budget will not cover EM before conviction. Looking into funding and gap funding for indigent individuals who are required to go on EM before release. Seems like we should ask for this as a grant.

Crisis Response Team: Looking for new individuals to join each person on the team has been assigned individuals to reach out to in order to grow the group and get true community participation.

MAT: Judge Lidyard was able to meet with Warden Gallegos and he discussed with me the hurdles that must be overcome to implement MAT in the jail. First, the facility is currently a narcotic-free facility and that status would have to be changed by the County. Second, the jail needs to be authorized by the DEA to distribute MAT. Third, the jail would need a case manager to facilitate prescription refills upon release of inmates. Finally, the jail is significantly understaffed and would need additional employees to facilitate administration of MAT and to ensure those inmates who receive MAT are separated/protected from those inmates who do not.

Peer Support: At our last meeting, we discussed the status of REROUTE. It appears that REROUTE has not been operating as designed. However, all necessary partners to its implementation seem to be willing to put forth the resources and effort to get it up and running. The goal of our next meeting is to confirm with those partners that they are committed to REROUTE and its on-going implementation.