

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
SANTA FE COUNTY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Noon – 1:00 pm

**In Judge Marlowe Sommers Courtroom**

**Google Meets Link:** <https://meet.google.com/wpd-jjfg-qgq>

**Call-In Phone Number:** (US) +1 385-325-0482 PIN: 972 750 281#

**Chair:** Judge Marlowe Sommer

**Vice Chair:** Rachel O'Connor

First Judicial District Court Judge Marlowe Sommer

Santa Fe County Rachel O'Connor

LOPD Brad Kerwin

LOPD Evan Stivers

City of Santa Fe Sophie Andar

Adult Probation and Parole Labriana Belmontes

Private Defense Bar Kitren Fischer

District Attorney's Office Morgan Wood

Santa Fe County Jennifer Romero

Santa Fe County Elizabeth Peterson

Adult Detention Center Mark Boschelli

LOPD Julie Ball

Santa Fe County Alex Dominguez

Behavioral Health Representative Kate Field

Groups Split into subcommittees (familiar faces and smarter sentencing)

**Smarter Sentencing:** Members met to discuss "Evidence Based Practice to Reduce Recidivism" report that is contained in the notebook containing various reports on probation and sentencing

issues. Labriana Belmontes was helpful on reporting how APPO assesses individuals and where a defendant is assigned, to wit, standard, communication correction program, intensive supervision.

Discussion with Brad Kerwin, Kitren Fischer, and Judge Marlowe Sommer to take a look at the way Drug Court handles clients with warm hands and intense reporting straight away, versus APPO telling them to report a month later for even initial intake at times. This is an ongoing discussion and we are looking forward to a speaker through the National CJCC on smarter sentencing.

We talked about the quote given to us of \$7500.00 To get the speaker out here and that we would need to add in the airfare, lodging, meals etc. to the grant application. Kateri said she would get with the JMI and follow-up on getting a final quote and identify the speaker and specific subject matter for the grant application.

We talked about phones for defendants so that they could keep in touch with their attorney, pretrial services, and make sure they appeared for court appearances as well. We decided that Evan Stivers should write up a proposal on phones and Kateri would assist with the grant application.

### **Familiar Faces**

Behavioral Health Navigator at District Court: The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Familiar Face Subcommittee is requesting \$330,000 over a three-year time period to support a Behavioral Health Navigator at District Court. The Navigator would be hired as a County employee as part of the existing three person CONNECT Navigation Team. The CONNECT team uses flexible funding to support the social determinant needs of Santa Fe County residents in crisis. The program links over 65 providers throughout Santa Fe County and operates as a closed loop referral system using the electronic referral management platform, Unite Us. Specific deliverables utilizing these funds would be as follows:

- a. Establish a referral process to identify individuals with behavioral health needs that are currently going through the Court process.
- b. Provide screening and intake into the CONNECT network.
- c. Navigate to supportive services relative to the social determinants of health including housing supports, food, transportation and access to medical care.
- d. Provide regular reporting to all parties including District Court, CSD, the Office of the Public Defender and the District Attorney's office.

Independent Behavioral Health Assessments: The CJCC has identified the need to secure funding to support independent behavioral health assessments for people in the Court system who are transitioning from the jail to community based services. Behavioral health assessments for people in detention are not Medicaid reimbursable. The lack of availability of such services acts a barrier to smooth transition from incarceration to successful placement in the community. The Community Services Department would secure a fiscal agent to serve as an intermediary to fund

behavioral health assessments as needed for those individuals who are in the court system or who are incarcerated. Funding would be available to the Santa Fe County jail, the court and others to provide funding to complete an intake and assessment for those with behavioral health issues in the Court system. The funding request is \$75,000 over a three-year period.

Interdisciplinary Team for High Utilizers: We are requesting \$225,000 for three years, to support an Interdisciplinary Team to assist in securing community based wrap around support services for the highest utilizers of the jail and court system with co-occurring behavioral health issues. Funds would be released on RFP to hire an individual/organization to facilitate interdisciplinary team meetings to include all parties. Funding and position would be housed at the Office of the Public Defender.