

Eighth Judicial District Criminal Justice Coordination Council

Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2020

8:30 AM

Via Google Meet

1. Call to Order: 8:45 AM.
2. Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2020 meeting – approved unanimous.
3. Approval of Agenda from April 9, 2020 meeting – approved unanimous.
4. Discuss replacing the committee Chairperson
 - i. It was agreed to table the replacement of Tammy Jaramillo as the chairperson and to revisit the situation at the next full meeting;
 - ii. Aleksandar Kostich agreed to stand in as chairperson until next meeting, 9.10.2020.
5. Discuss Ex-Parte Communications
 - i. There is a TCAA filter in place that should be adhered;
 - ii. All communication should include the Public Defender, District Attorney or other opposing counsel;
 - iii. This matter will be addressed further in a Pre-trial Sub Committee that is to be formed and placed on the agenda for the next unified meeting.
6. COVID-19 and the Courts
 - i. The Supreme Court has approved Judge Chavez’s plan to reinstate jury trials with all proper precautions being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including social distancing of jurors, temperature check and masks are mandatory.
7. Amnesty Day/Safe Surrender Day
 - i. The option of an online program for Amnesty/Safe Surrender will be proposed.
8. Public/Open Comment
 - i. Larry Herrera from Rio Grande ATP reports that the New Mexico Health Department has tested all the staff, with zero positive cases thus far. Most personnel is working from home with minimal staff working at the office since drug testing has been reinstated;

- ii. The Taos County Adult Detention Center reports zero COVID-19 cases among detainees. All new inmates are processed and isolated for 14 days. No providers have been allowed inside the facility, all contact is still online. Leroy Vigil is the acting Detention Center Warden. The largest issue reported is the severe staffing shortage at the TCADC.
- 9. Schedule next meeting day/time/place – The Taos council will meet September 10, 2020, time and place TBD.
- 10. Adjourned at 9:42 AM.

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