

Eighth Judicial District Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2021

9:00 AM

Via Google Meet

- i. **Call to Order:** 9:04 AM; roll call.
- ii. **Approval of agenda for May 27, 2021**– approved unanimous.
- iii. **Approval of minutes from March 18, 2021** – approved unanimous.
- iv. **HCAP policy of inmate not able to speak to attorney unless appearance has been issued, via Alan Maestas**
 - i. It is HCAP policy to check NM Courts for Attorney of Record;
 - ii. It is important to ensure that the detainee is wanting services;
 - iii. Two venues are available for contact with detainees, the visitation room and the POD; the POD phone lines are not recorded.
 - iv. Aleksandar Kostich from the Public Defender’s office stated that generally attorney contact should come from the client.

5. Request to move CJCC meetings to Friday due to Judge Shannon’s schedule

- i. Approved unanimous.

6. County funding of GPS ankle monitors and work release permission, carried over from March 18, 2021

- i. Judge Shannon will not challenge Taos County’s stance, may issue work release from the jail;
- ii. Aleksandar Kostich stated there are still lingering issues and that they would be discussed in the Pre-trial subcommittee meeting.

7. Covid-19 and the Courts

- i. Lauren Felts-Salazar reported on the most recent changes in mandates;
- ii. If courthouse staff are fully vaccinated, they do not need to be masked while in the private offices within the courthouse. Regardless of vaccination status masks must be worn by all staff while in the public areas of the courthouse, this includes in person hearings, jury trials and public areas;
- iii. There is no date yet to begin in person hearings; more information will be available in the coming weeks.

8. Public/Open Comment

- i. Leroy Vigil stated that there are concerns at the Taos County Adult Detention Center that need attention;
- ii. Staff at TCADC are not receiving the bind over paperwork, inmates are being held longer than necessary because of this lack of communication;
- iii. Lauren Felt-Salazar stated she would follow up with Vicki Vigil and the judges;
- iv. Clarification on who is responsible for this paperwork needs to be sorted out;
- v. Mr. Vigil also stated that the TCADC is operating under COVID protocols; all detainees were offered state authorized educational training for the available vaccines. All detainees and staff were offered vaccinations on May 13, 2021;
- vi. Dominic Martinez informed the council that the State of NM will meet with our region the second week of June to discuss further services through the Department of Health;
- vii. Dominic Martinez, Director of Taos County Dispatch will now be overseeing the TCADC and working on updating the daily jail logs.

9. Schedule Next Meeting: date/time/place: Friday, August 20, 2021, 9:00 AM

10. Adjourn: 9:47 AM