

Eighth Judicial District Taos Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Via Google Meet

Friday, September 10, 2021

Minutes

1. Call to Order 9:08 AM, Roll Call
2. Approval of agenda; approved unanimously
3. Approval of minutes from May 27, 2021, and August 20, 2021
 - i. The minutes from August 20, 2021, shall be changed from violation of OMA rules to noncompliance of OMA rules.
4. Improving communication among stakeholders:
 - i. Custody of the documents after booking at TCADC become the property of the court, any corrections must be filed as an Amended Complaint;
 - ii. Release Order Compliance:

The issue of a timely notice of release of custody was addressed by Judge Shannon implementing a COR order separate from release and arraignment orders. Judge Shannon will meet with the Public Defender and District Attorney offices to create a standard one-page release order. Court Manager Lauren Felts-Salazar inquired who is responsible for transmission of release documents. Judge Shannon responds that ideally the TCAA will be responsible but if they are not available then the clerk's office shall fax the release to the Taos County Detention Center;
 - iii. Communication Regarding Transport of Inmates:

Lieutenant Andrew Montoya states that transport orders were received after the actual date/time of proposed transport. A 72-hour notice has always been the parameter of transport order requests;
 - iv. State of Indigent Funding of GPS devices:

Walter Vigil of HRDA states that as of July 1, 2021, HRDA has been involved in the RFP process and has had no contact or response from Taos County. HRDA has kept people on bracelets as a courtesy, HRDA has no information whom to transfer clients currently on SCRAM or GPS bracelets through the Indigent Fund to ensure there is no break in services;

Lieutenant Andrew Montoya of TCADC states he does not know what will happen. A new contract with Securus Technology has not yet been signed, in the interim he believes that TCADC will be placing bracelets, and he is seeking a

MOU from the Courts. Mr. Montoya will speak to Brent Jaramillo for further information on the status of the contract. This contract will make the contractor responsible for monitoring clients on work release; Judge Blankenhorn requests timely notice of any contract lapse.

Mr. Vigil notes that this is only the contract for indigent clients, HRDA continues to service self-pay clients.

5. Covid 19: The Courts and TCADC

- i.** Taos County Adult Detention Center continues to quarantine inmates upon booking and anyone who then leaves the secure area. Judge Shannon is providing inmates with the option to appear by video to avoid having to quarantine after appearing in person. Judge Shannon stated that COVID-19 diagnosis is no longer a valid reason not to arrest and/or book inmates. There will not be a release from TCADC for COVID-19 unless hospitalization is required;
- ii.** Taos County Adult Detention Center rate of vaccinated employees is 70% fully vaccinated, with some employees awaiting the second shot. Mandatory COVID-19 testing is required weekly of unvaccinated employees at the TCADC;
- iii.** TCADC currently has 55 inmates with 33 of them being fully vaccinated;
- iv.** The Eighth Judicial District Court has an employee vaccination rate of almost 90% with 4 employees across three counties not vaccinated. Unvaccinated employees are required to test weekly for COVID- 19;
- v.** Two confirmed cases of COVID-19 are currently reported in the Eighth Judicial District.

6. Domestic Violence Cases

- i.** Commissioner Kolman addressed the Service of Temporary Restraining Orders and Order to Appear within 10 business days; Judge Blakenhorn stated it is often difficult to find the offender after separation of victim and offender;
- ii.** She reminded the committee that violation of a TRO or OOP is a criminal offense and more arrests are needed on violations;
- iii.** Victims are forced to Motion to Enforce in a civil case with no criminal consequence to the offender;
- iv.** Children at an incident of a 911 call need to be referred to CYFD for services; exposure to domestic violence is abuse and neglect and it is important that children receive services
- v.** CEO Karl Brooks will arrange a meeting with Commissioner Kolman and the Taos County Sheriff's office to address the process of service and return.

7. Sufficient Notice to Law enforcement of Scheduled Hearings

- i.** No Law Enforcement Officers addressed this item.

8. Status of Indigent Funding of GPS Devices

- i.** This was addressed in item 4, iv.

9. Public Open Comment

- i.** The Use of Court Ordered Assessments and Protected Information was addressed by LOPD Managing Attorney Aleksandar Kostich, It is “rocky ground” to share protected health information and or diagnosis;
- ii.** HCAP Case Manager Christy Arguello stated that HCAP has drafted a recommendation sheet on clarity of shared information, stating that they are taking steps that diagnoses are not exposed however research shows that some information should be offered;
- iii.** Lauren Felts- Salazar stated that the access to higher tier information in Odyssey is a concern, Judge Shannon state that this information should only be assessable to the Judges.
- iv.** The Court noted that a Narcan training mannequin is available for training of the families of Opioid addicts. HCAP Director Zach Cordova has the contact information for anyone in the community who would like training.

10. Schedule Next Meeting: Date/Time

- i.** Friday, December 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

11. Adjourn: 10:31 AM