

NEW MEXICO SENTENCING COMMISSION

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JUSTICE INFORMATION SHARING COUNCIL

10.00 a.m.

Judicial Information Division
2905 Rodeo Park Dr. East Bldg. #5
Santa Fe, New Mexico

JISC Present	Members	JISC Members Absent	Others Attending	NMSC Staff
Regina Chacon, Chair	Chacon,	Pamela Smythe, NMCD	Renee Cascio, AOC	Linda Freeman
Tony Ortiz, Chair	Ortiz, Vice	Aaron Jones, NMAC	Sonya Abeyta, DPS	Amir Chapel
Gregory Saunders, AOC	Saunders,	Richard Clark, Homeland Security	Elisa Alford, CYFD	
Brandy Toward, AODA	Toward,	Daniel Calderon, PDD	Steve Brooks, CYFD	
Jeremy Howard, CYFD	Howard,			
Janetta Hicks, District Attorneys	Hicks,			

Welcome: Regina Chacon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10.05 a.m. Committee members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

Approval of minutes for the December 3, 2014 meeting. The minutes for the previous committee meeting were approved by consensus.

Staff Report. New Mexico Sentencing Commission staff published a memorandum that details sentencing laws enacted during the 2015 legislative session and signed by Governor Martinez, that will require revisions to the Charge Code Table. The next version of the Charge Code Table will incorporate the revisions.

Implementation of the traffic and criminal software (TraCS) system and proposed additions to the Charge Code Table. Renee Cascio and Brandy Toward briefed the JISC members on the TraCS system and accompanying changes to the Charge Code Table. The TraCS system generates electronic traffic citations that can be transmitted by a law enforcement officer to a court. The Dona Ana County Sheriffs Office is currently using TraCS. The system will soon be implemented by the Bernalillo County Sheriffs Office, the Albuquerque Police Department and the San Juan County Sheriffs Office. To facilitate the implementation of the TraCS system, the Judiciary and Administrative Office of

the District Attorneys want to begin adding codes to the Charge Code Table for municipal ordinances and county ordinances. During the ensuing discussion, the following issues were raised:

-The addition of municipal and county ordinances will add a large number of offenses to the Charge Code Table. Does it have the capacity to handle the proposed additions?

-What numeric codes will be used for the county and municipal ordinances?

-Will the proposed codes cause a problem for other criminal justice agencies that use the Charge Code Table?

-Will there be a process for deciding which county and municipal codes are added to the Charge Code Table?

Ms. Cascio noted the issues raised, but made it clear that the TraCs project is moving forward. She and Ms. Toward were asked to attend the next JISC meeting and provide members with an update on this project.

Proposal to standardize probation agreements for juvenile offenders.

Steve Brooks and Elisa Alford, both with the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD), briefed the JISC members. CYFD, the Judiciary and the NM Association of Counties are working together to strengthen the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) in New Mexico. As part of that effort, work has begun on standardizing probation agreements for juvenile offenders. Currently, probation agreements vary from one judicial district to another. The variety means that terms and conditions in agreements may differ and it makes it difficult to quantify how many juveniles are detained for technical violations of probation. Policy goals include cost savings, reduction of unnecessary detention of youth, and mitigation of disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system. Steve and Elisa are gathering information and will also examine probation agreements used in other states. In closing, it was suggested that this topic may be of interest to the full Sentencing Commission at a future meeting date.

Preliminary discussion on how to improve provision of electronic dispositions to the Department of Public Safety. This subject will be a regular agenda item at all JISC meetings. Regina Chacon advised the members that the federal government is sending clear signals that, in the near future, there will be financial penalties if New Mexico does not improve its reporting of criminal case dispositions. Current challenges include use (or non-use) of state tracking numbers (STN's), data sharing between justice entities, and data quality. Renee Cascio stated that she recently ran a query to determine how many court cases had a STN and the result was approximately 50%. Finally, Janetta Hicks indicated her willingness to initiate a pilot project in the 5th Judicial District.

Next meeting. The next JISC meeting will be held on August 4, 2015, at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11.45 a.m.