

NEW MEXICO SENTENCING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

JISC

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		Brandy Toward, AODA	Helen Miller, AOC	Linda Freeman
Tony Ortiz, Chair	Vice	Aaron Jones, NMAC		
Renee Cascio, AOC		Richard Clark, Homeland Security		
Pamela Smythe, NMCD		Daniel Calderon, PDD		
Jeremy Howard, CYFD				

Welcome: Tony Ortiz, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10.25 a.m. Committee members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.

Approval of minutes for the April 21, 2015 meeting. The minutes for the previous committee meeting were approved by consensus.

Staff Report. There was a discussion regarding the Office of the Attorney General's Violent Crime Review Team (VCRT). Several members of JISC will serve on the VCRT, which will engage in an evaluation to identify weaknesses and gaps in the criminal justice system. One issue will be the availability and timely exchange of information between justice agencies and entities. It was noted that the Consolidated Offender Query may be a subject of interest for the VCRT. The first meeting of the VCRT will be held on August 5th.

Update from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA) regarding implementation of the TraCS system. This agenda item was initially discussed during the previous JISC meeting. Renee Cascio and Helen Miller, both from the AOC, briefed the JISC members. Ms. Cascio provided additional information regarding changes that the Judiciary will make to the Charge Code Table for the TraCS system. The AOC has begun the process of including county and municipal offenses in the Charge Code Table and is using letters in the codes for those offenses. Ms. Cascio also reminded the JISC members

that a primary goal of the TraCS system is to provide for the transmittal of electronic citations from law enforcement agencies to the courts. The Judiciary is also working on the provision of electronic dispositions regarding citations to the Motor Vehicle Department. During the ensuing discussion, the following points were made by agencies that utilize the Charge Code Table:

- the Department of Public Safety's information technology system does not accept the use of letters in the codes for offenses and some re-programming by DPS will be necessary; and

- there will not be an impact to the Children, Youth and Families Department. CYFD will continue to use their own version of the Charge Code Table, without the inclusion of municipal and county offenses.

Provision of electronic dispositions to the Department of Public Safety.

This subject is a regular agenda item at JISC meetings. During the discussion, the following points and issues were raised:

- the use of state tracking numbers (STN's) has not yielded good results in New Mexico. There is a lack of uniformity regarding the use of STN's across the state, especially when individuals are booked into county jails;

- the NM Department of Public Safety (DPS) currently receives 21% of criminal case dispositions;

- the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics awards grants to states who are working to improve the availability of criminal records to national systems. New Mexico has recently revised its statutes and is now eligible to apply for National Instant Background Check System (NICS) record improvement program awards. DPS is working on an application;

- a summary of strategies adopted by other states to improve reporting was provided to JISC members; and

- Regina Chacon will attend a conference in Idaho on the subject of disposition reporting and will brief JISC members at the next meeting.

Other business. Renee Cascio advised the JISC members that she is retiring and will no longer serve on JISC. The members thanked her for her service.

Next meeting. The next JISC meeting will be held on November 10, 2015, at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11.55 a.m.