

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
SANTA FE COUNTY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 2023 Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Noon – 1:00 pm

Google Meets Link: <https://meet.google.com/wpd-jjfg-qgq>

Call-In Phone Number: (US) +1 385-325-0482 PIN: 972 750 281#

Chair: Judge Marlowe Sommer

Vice Chair: Rachel O'Connor

Minutes 5/09/2023

Santa Fe County Rachel O'Connor

Santa Fe County Jennifer Romero

Santa Fe County Adult Detention Center Mark Boschelli

First Judicial District Court, CJCC Staff Kateri Eisenberg

Behavioral Health Representative Kate Field

First Judicial District Court Santa Fe Judge Marlowe Sommer

LOPD Brad Kerwin

Adult Probation and Parole Labriana Belmontes

City of Santa Fe Sophie Andar

Santa Fe County Alex Dominguez

LOPD Craig Hay

LOPD Evan Stivers

District Defender LOPD Julie Ball

District Attorney's Office Morgan Wood

Pre-trial Services Jon P. Fischer

Private Defense Bar Kitren Fischer

Presentation Smarter Sentencing Group

LOPD Evan Stivers: Would like to ask for money for monthly bus passes rather for their clients. The reason bus passes would be better than phones is due to issues with chargers, or access issues

to electricity. Alex with Santa Fe County Behavioral Health says that there have been other programs assisting with bus passes. Kate says they purchase about 30 single day and 30 ten day passes a month. She says it usually costs under 300 dollars for those purchases. The more immediate need is transportation and not phone chargers which have other access issues. Santa Fe website says the fair is 20 dollars for bus passes for 30 days.

Craig and Jon: Total number of clients considered is 206 and each one would need a bus pass each month

- Would recommend calculating it at 300 passes each month.
- Fiscal Agent would need to be the Court, Kathleen Vigil approved as long as the clients are with pretrial services
- Auditing report
- 72,000 dollar grant

Jennifer Romero: Connect navigator to get rides as well. Would it be possible to refund that program? Or to fund ride united?

Judge Marlowe Sommer: Doesn't know if the clients would want to use that service and questions whether it would be available to everyone that Jon has in pre-trial. Certain participants would find it useful but others would not be able to use it because they are doing things on the fly.

Jon Fischer: There is also an issue of scheduling during business hours and planning ahead rather than just using a bus pass which is available more often

Rachel: The familiar faces fundraising might be a good accompanying project to help with transportation.

Advance to Grant Application Process?

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Behavioral Health Service Provider (Represented by Kate Field) Voted Yes

First Judicial District Court in Santa Fe (Represented by Judge Marlowe Sommer) Voted Yes

Law Offices of the Public Defender (Represented by Julie Ball, Brad Kerwin, Craig Hay, and Evan Stivers) Voted Yes

Adult Probation and Parole (Represented by Labriana Belmontes) Voted Yes

City of Santa Fe (Represented by Sophie Andar) Voted Yes

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Pretrial Services (Represented by Jon P. Fischer) Voted Yes

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Presentation Familiar Faces Group

Rachel O'Connor: Familiar Faces considered a number of things and narrowed it down to three

1. Behavioral Health Navigator at District Court: The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Familiar Face Subcommittee is requesting \$330,000 over a three-year time period to support a Behavioral Health Navigator at District Court. The Navigator would be hired as a County employee as part of the existing three person CONNECT Navigation Team. The CONNECT team uses flexible funding to support the social determinant needs of Santa Fe County residents in crisis. The program links over 65 providers throughout Santa Fe County and operates as a closed loop referral system using the electronic referral management platform, Unite Us. Specific deliverables utilizing these funds would be as follows:

- a. Establish a referral process to identify individuals with behavioral health needs that are currently going through the Court process.
 - b. Provide screening and intake into the CONNECT network.
 - c. Navigate to supportive services relative to the social determinants of health including housing supports, food, transportation and access to medical care.
 - d. Provide regular reporting to all parties including District Court, CSD, the Office of the Public Defender and the District Attorney's office.
- Rachel O'Connor: Individual would be located at the FJDC but would be a county employee and this person would also connect individuals with the UNITEUS platform
 - Judge Marlowe Sommer: We need to ask Chief Judge Biedscheid whether we can house an individual at the District Court.
 - We would also need a space to house the employee within the Court, Kathleen thinks there are a couple different spaces where the person would be housed within the Court.

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2. Independent Behavioral Health Assessments: The CJCC has identified the need to secure funding to support independent behavioral health assessments for people in the Court system who are transitioning from the jail to community based services. Behavioral health assessments for people in detention are not Medicaid reimbursable. The lack of availability of such services acts a barrier to smooth transition from incarceration to successful placement in the community. The Community Services Department would secure a fiscal agent to serve as an intermediary to fund behavioral health assessments as needed for those individuals who are in the court system or who are incarcerated. Funding would be available to the Santa Fe County jail, the court and others to provide funding to complete an intake and assessment for those with behavioral health issues in the Court system. The funding request is \$75,000 over a three-year period.

- County is the fiscal manager
 - Sophie Andar: Who would be doing the assessments and what is the intake?
 - o Rachel O'Connor: They would be coming right out of jail right before the individual gains medicaid coverage so they have access to a provider once they come out of the jail and the money would be distributed to those providers
 - o Alex Dominguez is concerned that the money will not be enough
- Kateri Eisenberg suggested that we can also reapply to the grant if the funding runs out

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3. Interdisciplinary Team for High Utilizers: We are requesting \$330,000 for three years, to support an Interdisciplinary Team to assist in securing community based wrap around support services for the highest utilizers of the jail and court system with co-occurring behavioral health issues. Funds would be released on RFP to hire an individual/organization to facilitate interdisciplinary team meetings to include all parties. Funding and position would be housed at the Office of the Public Defender.

Rachel O'Connor: The program can be extremely intense it would be housed at the public defender's office and fiscal agent would be at public defender and would be post adjudication. The County has done this once before suggest that frequent utilizers and those with significant behavioral health issues make up a smaller case load but require more intensive work.

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