

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CREATING A
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into this 15th day of November, 2016 between and among the undersigned criminal justice system stakeholders. The purpose of this MOU is to commit to the formation and operation of a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and establish principles and guidelines for its work.

Whereas, the undersigned represent agencies or organizations that have a role in the operation of the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, these criminal justice agencies have an interest in the efficient and fair operation of the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, criminal justice agencies similarly have an interest in the safety of the community through the effective administration of the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, the collaboration of the criminal justice stakeholders can serve to maximize the effectiveness, efficiency, and fairness of the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, the Bernalillo County Criminal Justice Review Commission (“BCCJRC”) has for three years served as an effective forum for collaboration of the criminal justice partners; and

Whereas, the BCCJRC was charged with reviewing the criminal justice system in Bernalillo County including the judicial process, sentencing, community corrections alternatives, and jail overcrowding for the purposes of identifying changes to improve the ability of each member’s agency or organization to carry out its duties in the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, the undersigned want to broaden the work begun by the BCCJRC under local direction and in the form of a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council;

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED:

1. The undersigned commit their organization to participation in a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (“CJCC”). The members of the CJCC represented by the undersigned are:

Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District Court

Chief Judge of the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court

Bernalillo County District Attorney

Bernalillo County's District Public Defender

NM Criminal Defense Lawyers Association President or highest ranking local individual

Bernalillo County Sheriff

Albuquerque Police Chief

Bernalillo County Commissioner

City of Albuquerque Chief Administrative Officer

Bernalillo County Regional Administrator of NM Probation and Parole

Administrative Office of the Courts Director

In addition, any organization may petition and be considered for membership in accordance with the by-laws adopted by the CJCC.

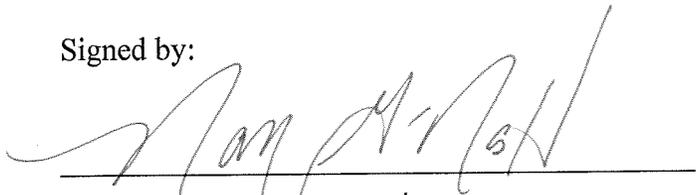
2. The executive or chief of each member criminal justice partner shall make every effort to participate personally in the CJCC. If it becomes necessary for a member to designate an alternate to participate in a particular CJCC meeting, every effort shall be made to give decision making authority to that individual provided that adequate notice of the issues to be discussed at that meeting has been afforded.
3. Additional representatives of the criminal justice partner organizations may attend CJCC meetings. Members of the CJCC will request and encourage the attendance at a commission meeting of a division, department, or other sub-unit employee when their attendance would facilitate and inform system wide criminal justice planning.
4. The CJCC may form sub-committees related to areas of functioning or projects undertaken. Agencies or individuals not members of the CJCC may be requested to participate in CJCC committees.
5. The County of Bernalillo will provide staff support through the work of the Adult Detention Reform Coordinator. The City of Albuquerque will provide staff support through a position within the Albuquerque Police Department. The City and County will jointly provide data collection and analysis. Other member agencies will provide staff support for the collaborative efforts identified by the CJCC within the limits of their resources.
6. The undersigned agree that the mission of the CJCC is to serve as the forum concerning the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice, which includes identifying

issues and their solutions, proposing actions, and facilitating cooperation that will enhance public safety and reduce crime in Bernalillo County, advance the fair and timely disposition of cases, maximize the efficient use of criminal justice resources, and ensure justice and improved outcomes for those accused of crimes and the victims of crimes.

7. The CJCC's operations will be guided by the following principles:
 - Creative problem solving
 - Respectful collaboration
 - Evidence based decision-making
 - Effective resource utilization
8. Members of the CJCC will share data within the limits of their current administrative restraints and will work towards data sharing agreements and methods of data sharing that will allow system-wide analysis of criminal justice operations subject to applicable laws or Orders of the Court.
9. Members of the CJCC will communicate with the CJCC partners regarding any decisions that will have a substantial impact on the system or CJCC partners and will make an effort, when feasible, to elicit input from the member organizations on such issues as part of their decision making process.
10. This MOU shall not be altered, changed, or amended except by an instrument in writing signed by the parties thereto.
11. The effective date of this MOU shall be the date of the last signature ("Effective Date"). The MOU shall continue in perpetuity, subject to the terms set forth herein; provided, however, that the parties may mutually agree in writing to the termination of this MOU and further provided that any party, in its discretion, can withdraw from participation on the CJCC upon ten (10) days' notice to the CJCC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU.

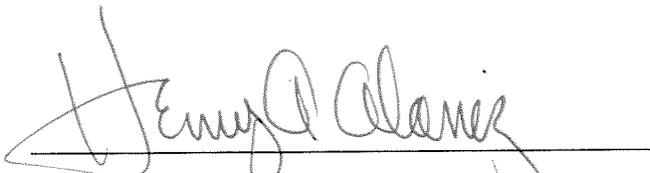
Signed by:



Nan Nash, Chief Judge, 2nd Judicial District Court

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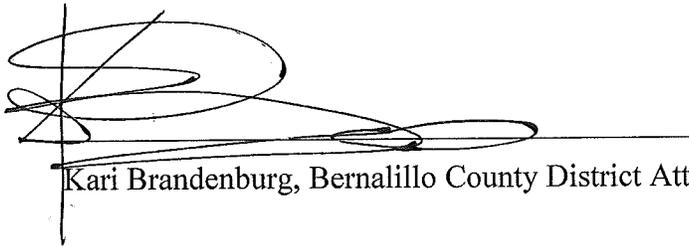
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Henry A. Alaniz, Chief Judge Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court

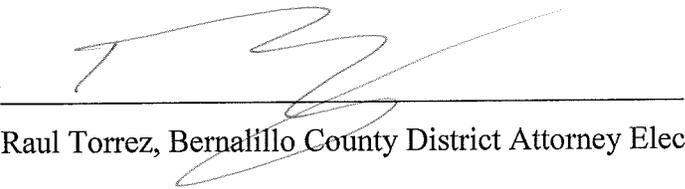
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Kari Brandenburg, Bernalillo County District Attorney

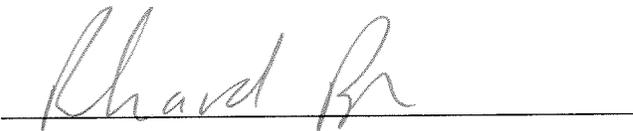
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Raul Torrez, Bernalillo County District Attorney Elect

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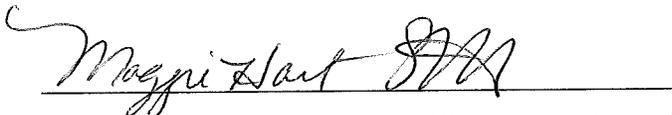
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Richard Pugh, Bernalillo County's District Public Defender

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Maggie Hart Stebbins, Bernalillo County Commissioner

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Rob Perry, City of Albuquerque Chief Administrative Officer

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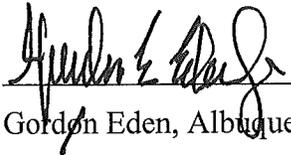
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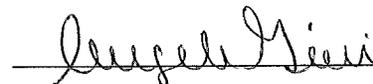
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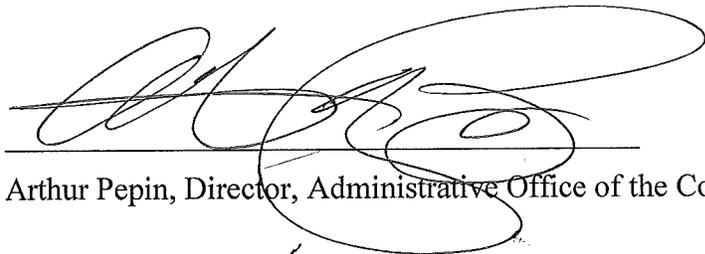
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Arthur Pepin, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts

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Matthew Coyte, President NM Criminal Defense Lawyers, Assoc.

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