



Valley

Community Policing Council

April 23, 2026

Approximately 17 members of the public attended, including APD, civilians, and council members, on Zoom.

In-person –12 members of the public

CPC members present: Deirdre Ewing, Leah Jeffcoat, Dick Winterbottom,

CPC members not present: Philip Jameson,

1. **Call to order-** 6:00 PM
2. **Approval of Agenda-** Approved
3. **Approval of Minutes** – October, Feb, March
4. **Old/New Business** – MRAC (Mental Health Response Advisory) dismantled this week. Javier, with the Coalition for a Safer Albuquerque, stated that they felt like they fulfilled the consent decree.
5. **Chief Judge of Metropolitan Court Joshua Sanchez and Deputy District Attorney Jason Greenley, Bernalillo Metropolitan Detention Center Deputy Warden Reyna McCann and staff**
 - **Q – Is there anything Metro Court has been doing lately, particularly with respect to the homeless population, that has been a change from what was seen?**
 - Metro court is the busiest court in the state; last year, it recorded 78,000 court case filings.
 - The judge said he regularly sees many of the unhoused. With law enforcement activity involving people on the streets who do not have a place to call home every night, the court issues many different citations.
 - For example, improper handling of fires, storing personal property in public spaces, and obstruction of sidewalks. All issues under the city code carry a 90-day jail sentence and a \$500.00 fine.
 - General address – some aren't actually getting their notices. The individuals get an ROR warrant, and next time they come in contact with law enforcement, they notify them of the notice

- Transportation can be an issue. They see many unhoused people at custody arraignment or custody warrant hearings. They do custody arraignment and appearances M-F.
- Individuals often get credit for time served. They usually last 1.4 days in custody for one of those tickets. They would plead to the charge, given time credit for being arrested the day before. They do see a judge the next day, and during those 90 days, they stay in jail.
- **Deputy District Attorney Jason Greenley - What are you seeing in terms of trends or how homeless members of the community seem to be coming into contact with the criminal justice system?**
- In charge of the general felony side
- Fentanyl is a big issue for the unhoused.
- **What is MDC in terms of the unhoused population through your doors?**
- Their population generally ranges from 1650 to 1850 daily. About 50% of those self-report as unhoused. They have about 150-200 people per day in detox.
- They try to complete as much of detox as they can if they are released within a day or two. The individual is given resources, and they get taken to the reentry center, but a limited amount.
- There's probably a pretty good number of people who are unhoused who probably had some stability in their life at one point or another, but lost the ability to hold on to that stability because of the addiction that has taken over their life.
- Intervention: Once you come into contact with law enforcement, you have the chance to guide them toward services and other resources.
- At metropolitan court there are 14 different specialty courts. One of the specialty courts is the outreach program. They deal with the unhoused and precariously housed. They start getting referrals for people and getting them to treatment providers.
- Chief Judge Joshua Sanchez is the presiding judge for the behavioral health court program that deals with individuals who have dual diagnoses or substance abuse issues with mental health issues. The program brings in people to help.
- Unfortunately, an individual can't access treatment or services without entering the criminal justice system.
- Outreach court program – they had 51 different referrals. There are 41 accepted, 9 graduated, and 2 were terminated for not participating. Currently, there are 30 people in the program, and it can host up to 50.
- What is the ATP program? Individuals can be sentenced to complete it, and they must do so prior to being released.
- Qualifying for outreach – screening process. Cases that don't qualify: DWI cases; convictions for violent felonies within the past 7 years; outstanding warrants in another county; DV cases are accepted.
- Any diversion programs beyond treatment courts. They have a pre-prosecution diversion – Deputy District Attorney Jason Greenly

6. Valley Area Commander Jose Sanchez

- No stats for this month
- Current operations and reducing aggravated and assault, and some violent crime. Support from all bureaus, horse-mounted, special operations division provided additional support.

7. Meeting adjourned 7:17 PM

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