



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Meeting Minutes
Valley Area Command Community Policing Council
Thursday, March 22, 2018
6:00 - 7:30pm
Johnny Tapia Community Center at Wells Park
500 Mountain St. NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico

In Attendance:

Rowan Wymark, CPC Chair
Ari Posner (arrived late)

Chris Sylvan, CPC Manager
Yvette Marentes, CPC Admin

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00

More than 7 members of the community were in attendance at the meeting.

Determination of a Quorum

Quorum was not met at the start of the meeting.

Approve Agenda

No motion was made due to no quorum

Approve January and February 2018 Meeting Minutes

No motion was made due to no quorum

Brief announcements

There was a brief discussion on the court date with Judge Barak, he is seeing a lot of change and is happy with the progress. Two members from the CPC's presented at the meeting before the judge.

Printouts of the CPC recommendations that have been made in the past were handed out to the group.

Presentation by Judge Rosemary Cosgrove-Aguilar,
Judge Maria Dominguez and Camille Baca, Public Outreach Manager from Metro Court.
The presentation explained the work that is done at the Metropolitan court as well as any questions that the citizens in the room had.

Metropolitan court only sees misdemeanor cases and is the busiest court in the state. One of the newest things that the Metropolitan court is taking over is preliminary hearings as a streamline/fast track to indict felony cases. It is an exciting change that they are hoping to be successful.

Metro Court has 11 Specialty Court Programs designed to address various issues in the community. All programs are voluntary and can be an alternative to jail.

There was a discussion in the room regarding the presentation and citizens' questions were answered regarding the Metro Court System.

For more info, visit the Metro Court Website:

<https://metro.nmcourts.gov>

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30

April 26th Meeting: TBA

SPECIALTY COURTS

Metro Court's Specialty Court Programs save lives...and taxpayer dollars. Over the past 20 years, Metro Court has established 11 Specialty Court Programs designed to address various issues in our community.

These courts, often an alternative to jail, offer participants structure and guidance through counseling and treatment, judicial oversight, and court supervision.

The cost of these programs to taxpayers is about 1/4 of the cost of incarceration.

Ten of Metro Court's 19 judges volunteer and oversee the programs and often work through their lunch hours or after hours with the programs, in addition to hearing their regular dockets.

Specialty Court programs work! Research shows that those who successfully complete the programs are far less likely to reoffend and have been equipped with the necessary tools to be productive members of our community.



Chief Judge Edward L. Benavidez shakes hands with a graduate of the DWI Recovery Court program.

Behavioral Health DWI Court

Behavioral Health DWI Court is designed for individuals charged with a misdemeanor DWI offense and who have also been diagnosed with a co-occurring substance use disorder and mental illness, or are developmentally disabled.

Community Veterans Court (C.V.C.)

Community Veterans Court is designed to assist veterans diagnosed with mental health disorders, substance abuse, PTSD, or traumatic brain injuries. The program works collaboratively with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide services and support to veterans who have been charged with misdemeanor offenses.

Competency Court

Competency Court is designed to identify, assess, and move defendants who raise competency concerns through the court system in an efficient and expedient manner.

Courts to School

The Courts to School Program is designed to bring the courtroom experience into the school system by exposing high school students to the procedures and realities of the criminal justice system.

Domestic Violence Early Intervention Program (DVEIP)

This program targets domestic violence offenders without prior domestic violence or violent felony convictions. The goal of EIP is to intervene as early as possible in domestic violence cases to prevent recurrence of the incident and possible progression to more serious crimes.

Domestic Violence Solutions Treatment Education Program (DVSTEP)

The Domestic Violence Solutions Treatment Education Program works to reduce the cycle of violence and recidivism among high-risk domestic violence offenders, while also providing treatment and counseling to victims and children.

DWI Recovery Court

DWI Recovery Court provides intensive court supervision, alcohol and drug screening, substance abuse counseling, and community based self-help for high-risk defendants convicted of subsequent misdemeanor DWI offenses.

Mental Health Court

Mental Health Court was developed to proactively break the cycle of arrest, adjudication, incarceration and release of those diagnosed with a mental health disorder.

Outreach Court

Outreach Court assists homeless individuals charged with misdemeanor offenses by connecting them with community resources, housing, and treatment interventions.

Pre-Adjudication Animal Welfare (P.A.W.) Court

The Pre-Adjudication Animal Welfare Court was established to stop the cycle of abuse by those charged with misdemeanor offenses involving the cruelty to or neglect of animals.

Urban Native American Healing to Wellness Court

This unique court creates an atmosphere of healing through best practices and traditional methods in pursuit of spiritual and physical recovery for Native Americans with subsequent misdemeanor DWI offenses.