

**MINUTES
of the
THIRD MEETING
of the
COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**June 26-27, 2024
State Capitol, Room 307
Santa Fe**

The third meeting of the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee was called to order by Senator Joseph Cervantes, vice chair, on June 26, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Christine Chandler, Chair (6/27)
Sen. Joseph Cervantes, Vice Chair
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Janelle Anyanonu
Rep. Gail Chasey (6/27)
Sen. Antonio Maestas
Rep. Alan T. Martinez
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill
Rep. Andrea Reeb
Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm (6/26)
Rep. Andrea Romero (6/27)
Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez (6/27)

Advisory Members

Rep. John Block
Rep. Cynthia Borrego
Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena
Rep. Ambrose Castellano
Sen. Katy M. Duhigg
Rep. William A. Hall
Rep. Jared A. Hembree
Sen. Linda M. López (6/27)
Rep. Stefani Lord
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Sen. Mimi Stewart
Sen. Peter Wirth (6/26)

Guest Legislators

Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil
Rep. Nathan P. Small (6/26)

Absent

Sen. Gregory A. Baca
Sen. Greg Nibert
Rep. Angelica Rubio

Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. Willie D. Madrid
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle
Rep. Reena Szczepanski

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

Staff

Nancy Martinez, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, LCS
Simon Suzuki, Staff Attorney, LCS
Domenica Nieto, Research Assistant, LCS
Michel Rivera, Law Intern, LCS

Guests

The guest list in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Wednesday, June 26**Introductions (10:16 a.m.)**

Senator Cervantes asked committee members and staff to introduce themselves.

Mental Health Courts in New Mexico (10:20 a.m.)

Deanna Corriz, program manager, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), and Martin Burkhardt, program manager, AOC, discussed adult mental and behavioral health treatment courts and answered questions. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=6/26/2024&ItemNumber=1>.

Second Judicial District Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Program (11:26 a.m.)

The Honorable Beatrice J. Brickhouse, district court judge, Second Judicial District; Laura Braun, program manager, AOT Program, Second Judicial District; and Gilbert Ramírez, director, Department of Health, Housing and Homelessness, City of Albuquerque, provided a presentation on the AOT program being developed in the Second Judicial District, including the Civil Division Treatment Program, with data on the participants, and answered questions. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=6/26/2024&ItemNumber=2>.

Behavioral Health Criminal Justice Services and Funding (1:57 p.m.)

Eric Chenier, principal analyst, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), and Rachel Garcia, principal analyst, LFC, provided information on Medicaid enrollment in New Mexico and the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative. The panel discussed behavioral health needs, spending growth and treatment courts, and they answered questions. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=6/26/2024&ItemNumber=3>.

Office of the Governor (3:03 p.m.)

Holly Agajanian, chief general counsel, Office of the Governor, and Benjamin A. Baker, senior public safety advisor, Office of the Governor, provided an overview of the most current bills that the governor is proposing for the proposed upcoming special session. Ms. Agajanian provided an analysis of AOC data and an overview of cases dismissed due to incompetency. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=6/26/2024&ItemNumber=4>.

Public Comment (4:42 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 4:48 p.m.

Thursday, June 27**Reconvene**

Senator Cervantes reconvened the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Behavioral Health Continuum of Care (9:18 a.m.)

Kari Armijo, secretary, Health Care Authority (HCA), introduced Nick Boukas, director, Behavioral Health Services Division, HCA. Ms. Armijo provided an overview of current access to behavioral health services and stressed the need to increase access to these services across the state. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=6/26/2024&ItemNumber=5>.

Clinical Services and Competency Restoration at the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute at Las Vegas (NMBHI) (10:26 a.m.)

Tim Shields, hospital administrator, NMBHI, provided an overview of the services that the NMBHI provides. Mr. Shields discussed the Adult Psychiatric Division, the Center for

Adolescent Relationship Exploration, Community Based Services, Long Term Care/Meadows and the Forensic Division, including specific data on the programs. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=6/26/2024&ItemNumber=6>.

Approval of Minutes (11:28 a.m.)

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the June 5-6, 2024 meeting.

Mental Health Treatment: A Civil Rights Perspective (11:30 a.m.)

Ellen Pinnes, J.D., The Disability Coalition, and Denali Wilson, staff attorney, American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico, provided information regarding community care initiatives, along with AOT legislation proposals. Ms. Pinnes provided additional insight into the AOT process under current state law, along with the positives and negatives associated with AOT. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=6/26/2024&ItemNumber=7>.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) — Comprehensive Care for Safer and Healthier Communities (2:09 p.m.)

Dorn Schuffman, consultant, National Council for Mental Wellbeing, and former director, Missouri Department of Mental Health, discussed his experience with the national CCBHC model, including certification criteria, services and costs, etc. Additionally, Mr. Schuffman presented information on this model from a state-driven perspective and how this model worked in Missouri. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=6/26/2024&ItemNumber=8>.

First Amendment Overview: Time, Place, and Manner Restrictions (3:13 p.m.)

Mr. Suzuki provided an overview and analysis of legislation that may limit free speech in public and on medians. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=6/26/2024&ItemNumber=9>.

Public Comment (4:17 p.m.)

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Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.