

**THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**D-307-CV-2019-01611  
(Miscellaneous)**

**IN THE MATTER OF: THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**MINUTES  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2024  
12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**

Chair: Judge Joel Cano, Doña Ana County Magistrate Court  
Chief Judge Conrad F. Perea, Third Judicial District Court

**AGENDA:**

Called to order at 12:00 pm

**ROLL CALL:**

<b><i>AGENCY</i></b>	<b><i>MEMBER</i></b>
<i>Third Judicial District Court</i>	Chief Judge Perea, Brandi Sanchez, Bernice Ramos, Angelique Padilla
<i>Doña Ana County Magistrate Court</i>	Judge Cano, Jackie Douglas, Judge Rossario
<i>Anthony Municipal Court</i>	Miriam Munoz
<i>Hatch Municipal Court</i>	
<i>Las Cruces Municipal Court</i>	Judge Filosa, Milissa Caldwell
<i>Town of Mesilla Municipal Court</i>	
<i>Sunland Park Municipal Court</i>	
<i>Third Judicial District Attorney's Office</i>	Gerald Byers, Heather Chavez, Yvette Lomeli
<i>Law Office of the Public Defender</i>	Kristofer Knutson
<i>Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department</i>	
<i>Las Cruces Police Department</i>	
<i>New Mexico State Police Department</i>	

<i>New Mexico State University Police Department</i>	
<i>Sunland Park Police Department</i>	
<i>Anthony Police Department</i>	
<i>Mesilla Marshal's Department</i>	
<i>Hatch Police Department</i>	
<i>Doña Ana County Codes Enforcement</i>	Bryan Hulsey
<i>Doña Ana County Detention Center</i>	Bryan Baker
<i>Doña Ana County Defense Bar</i>	
<i>Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch</i>	
<i>CYFD</i>	
<i>City of Las Cruces</i>	
<i>Doña Ana County Compliance Division</i>	Chelo Guerrero, Yolanda Salas
<i>Memorial Medical Center</i>	
<i>Community Service Corps</i>	
<i>Behavioral Health</i>	Joel Diemer
<i>La Casa, Inc.</i>	Melissa Mata
<i>Department of Finance &amp; Administration</i>	
<i>Adult Probation &amp; Parole Office</i>	Gina Franco
<i>Juvenile Probation Office</i>	Richard Johnson, Brandon Morales
<i>Doña Ana County Health &amp; Human Services</i>	Jaime Michael, Monica Chavira
<i>New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence</i>	Flor Gonzalez
<i>New Mexico Sentencing Commission</i>	Jamie Goldberg
<i>(De)Serving Life</i>	Stephen Taylor
<i>Other</i>	

**1. Approval of Amended October 2023 Minutes**

- a. Judge Filosa motions for approval
- b. Chief Judge Perea seconds
  - i. Approved at 12:09 pm**

**2. Approval of January 2024 Minutes**

- a. Judge Filosa motions for approval
- b. Bryan Hulseby seconds
  - i. Approved at 12:10 pm**

**3. Denali Wilson, ACLU of New Mexico/(De)serving Life**

**a. CRAG Request Endorsement for (De)Serving Life**

- i. **Brandi Sanchez** indicates Denali Wilson not present during roll call, but Stephen Taylor in attendance to present if needed
- ii. **Stephen Taylor** advises is Executive Director & willing to proceed with presentation on behalf of Denali; Advises started (De)Serving Life to implement parole reform under Second Chance Act; Allows juveniles sentenced to life imprisonment opportunity to come before parole board early
- iii. Advises doing work to implement parole reform, representing individuals before parole board, working to support individuals with reentry needs after release from prison from life sentences returning to community as adults
- iv. Advises seeking funding under CRAG; Requirement to obtain approval from whole jurisdiction in the third; Previously came before CJCC requesting & receiving approval
- v. Requesting approval again to continue doing work to support individuals in second chances to seek funding from grant source
- vi. **Judge Cano** asks if previously approved from CJCC what processes occurred previously such as drafting letter, etc.
- vii. **Stephen Taylor** unsure because Ms. Wilson was part of the process in the past regarding CRAG; Understanding it is a simple seeking of approval from CJCC then can provide information to grantor; Since approval received previously unsure if need to request again
- viii. **Judge Cano** advises this is a great platform to discuss any support and/or oppositions & asks deadline for application
- ix. **Stephen Taylor** unsure of deadline but can find out; Reviews Bill (31-21-10.2) indicting grants right to counsel, but did not appropriate any funding for representation of people before board and/or provide appropriations to implement juvenile parole reform in state
- x. (De)Serving Life in partnership with ACLU do the work to fill in gaps were there weren't appropriations provided; Important to access funds to continue representing individuals eligible for parole hearings
- xi. **Judge Cano** asks if awarded funding how long will it sustain program & how many clients does it serve
- xii. **Stephen Taylor** advises program also seeking alternate funding sources; If awarded will continue to fund for at least the next year to continue representation of individuals who are retroactively eligible under new law & who have already served minimum requirement of time
- xiii. Advises started representing about thirty-five (35) individuals who are retroactively eligible including time served; Total of about seventy-five to eighty

- (75-80) individuals eligible but not in terms of time served; Reiterates currently have thirty-five (35) individuals represented with sixteen (16) going before parole board; Advises seven (7) of sixteen (16) individuals were granted parole; (De)Serving Life will continue to represent remaining individuals
- xiv. **Judge Cano** asks if requesting CJCC to consider supporting application with single source or multiple sources approached in any given cycle
  - xv. **Stephen Taylor** advises just for single source through CRAG seeking approval from CJCC in this particular request
  - xvi. **Judge Cano** asks if there are any questions for Stephen Taylor
  - xvii. **Jamie Goldberg** advises represents UNM Sentencing Commission at CJCC meeting; Advises Mr. Taylor will need to have approval from CJCC to proceed & every time applying for grant will need approval
  - xviii. **Judge Cano** asks if Mr. Goldberg aware of deadline for application
  - xix. **Jamie Goldberg** advises just finished round two of funding & getting through CJCC Convening next month; Deadline is about a month & half out; Takes time to get everything prepared to write grant; Approval from CJCC can come any time prior to deadline & need approval moving forward
  - xx. **Judge Cano** asks if there are any questions for Stephen Taylor
  - xxi. **Gerald Byers** advises does not recall any presentations before CJCC concerning (De)Serving Life initiative; Primary concern is agenda noted the objective for an endorsement by CJCC; Advises does not have enough information to make an informed decision about endorsing initiative based upon information received; Second concern is this type of endorsement would be brought before CJCC; Understands Mr. Goldberg's statement of need for approval from CJCC for organization to receive grant funding
  - xxii. Advises seems to be fairly partisan & not been a full vetting; Also concerned about the probability of CJCC; Understands CJCC to be associated with criminal justice processes not criminal justice philosophies; Believes a lot more information needs to be presented
  - xxiii. **Judge Cano** asks Mr. Goldberg about potential deadline & if able to table agenda item for next CJCC meeting on March 20, 2024
  - xxiv. **Jamie Goldberg** advises deadline is post March 20, 2024; Advises even by approving may be first district to approve funding/grant; Advises by continuing discussion on (De)Serving Life it would not cause any hindrance to grant; (De)Serving Life can still move forward with obtaining documentation needed, but will need Third CJCC approval prior to submitting application
  - xxv. **Judge Cano** thanks Mr. Taylor for presentation; Requests to table & reset agenda item for next meeting on March 20, 2024; Advises this will allow (De)Serving Life to fully vet & send information to Brandi Sanchez for dissemination to CJCC members in advance for review, development of any questions or concerns & prepare for discussion
  - xxvi. **Stephen Taylor** advises will prepare information of plans & intention of funding being requested and provide to Brandi Sanchez for dissemination
  - xxvii. **Jamie Goldberg** advises Ms. Wilson in communication with the Deputy Director & aware of deadlines/approvals needed; Believes Ms. Wilson has a lot of information that could be presented at the next meeting
  - xxviii. **Judge Cano** advises to provide information to Brandi Sanchez by March 6, 2024 for dissemination
  - xxix. **Gerald Byers** formally moves to table agenda item until set by CJCC

- xxx. **Bryan Baker** seconds  
xxxi. **Judge Cano** asks if any oppositions; Hearing no opposition motion adopted to approve agenda item being tabled until next meeting on March 20, 2024

**Judge Cano reminds CJCC next meeting is March 20, 2024**  
**Judge Cano asks CJCC Members if any announcements**

**Jamie Goldberg:** Reminds of CJCC Convening on March 12-13, 2024. Third District CJCC does not have representation, and wants to follow up. States have to be a member of CJCC, but not necessarily a voting member. Please contact Brandi Sanchez if interested & able to represent CJCC as soon as possible.

**Gerald Byers moves for adjournment**  
**Judge Rossario seconds**  
● **Adjourned at 12:33 pm**