

Bernalillo Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update

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What are CJCC's and how do they work?

2015 MacArthur Foundation Report

Detailed how
Criminal Justice
entities should evolve
away from silos and
towards working
together.

Five critical characteristics for success:

- Collaboration built on trust and shared vision
- Problem analysis and on-going evaluation
- Orientation towards solutions and innovation
- Cross-system education
- Integrated system structure.

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Value -

Forum for criminal justice partners to use data driven and evidence-based best practices to promote:

- Public safety
- Collaboration and communication
- Efficient use of resources
- Identify and solve problems

History

- Beginning - 2014 as the Bernalillo County Criminal Justice Review Commission (BCCJRC) per a Legislative directive.
- Reorganization - Reorganized as a CJCC when the BCCJRC sunset in 2017.
- Legislative Mandate - HB 267 required CJCCs to convene in every judicial district and meet certain organizational requirements.



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How the CJCC Operates



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Members

Bylaws-

- Provide operational guidelines
- Direct CJCC to seek solutions
- Facilitate cooperation
- Identify and solve problems

To enhance public safety and reduce crime and recidivism

- Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District Court
- Chief Judge of the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court
- Bernalillo County District Attorney
- Bernalillo County District Public Defender
- NMCDLA 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 Probation and Parole
- Administrative Office of the Courts Director

Leadership :

-Chair and Vice-Chair Duties.

Meetings:

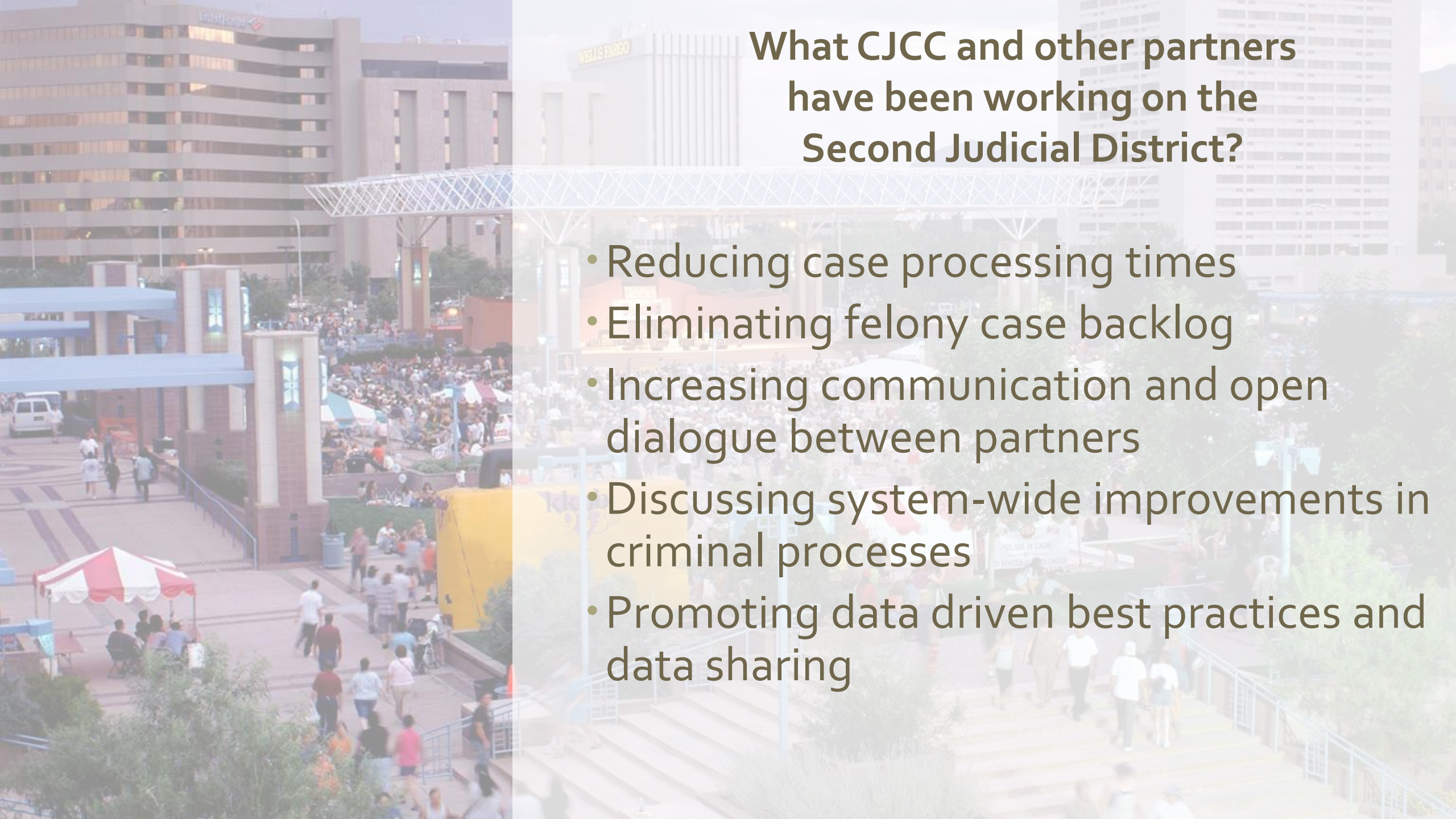
-Full Monthly Meeting
-Sub-Committees meet at least once a month

Funding :

-Primarily Bernalillo County since 2014
-City of Albuquerque has recently provided some additional funding
-CJCC seeking independent funding in 2020.

CJCC Sub-Committees

- The System Streamlining & Performance Subcommittee (Working Group)
- The Diversion and Reentry Subcommittee
- The Criminal Justice Information Systems Subcommittee (Data & Technology)
- The Law Enforcement Subcommittee
- Executive Committee



What CJCC and other partners have been working on the Second Judicial District?

- Reducing case processing times
- Eliminating felony case backlog
- Increasing communication and open dialogue between partners
- Discussing system-wide improvements in criminal processes
- Promoting data driven best practices and data sharing



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Specific Ongoing Reforms



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Pretrial Detention and Public Safety Issues

- **Risk/Public Safety Assessment (PSA) tool in Bernalillo County**
 - **Report from UNM Institute of Social Research (ISR)**
- **Ongoing bail reform work**
- **Data driven best practices for pre-trial supervision decisions and policies.**



Case Processing Issues

- **Case Management Rule**
- **Specialized docket to address probation violations**
- **Increased preliminary hearings for indictment**
- **Release procedure improvements by MDC**
- **Staffing for other partners - PD and DA**
- **Weekend Arraignments**



Appearance and Recidivism Issues

- Implementation of a court date reminder system
- Resource Reentry Center by Bernalillo County
- Improved processes to notify defendants of hearings
- Ongoing evaluation of other processes and systems
 - Court Orders
 - Communication between partners
 - Scheduling



Behavioral Health Issues

- **Diversion and Reentry Sub-Committee work with Project ECHO**
- **Behavioral Health Program evaluation, support and coordination**
- **Bernalillo County Resource Reentry Center (RRC)**



Strategic Plan

The Process –

Identified goals and charted a course forward over the next eighteen months.

Brief Summary –

Each strategic priority has several objectives and corresponding timelines.

4 Priorities for 2019-2020:

- Improve processing of criminal cases and effective implementation of preliminary hearing processes
- Improve the interaction between the behavioral health and criminal justice intersects
- Improve data sharing between the CJCC partners
- Establish and sustain the CJCC by addressing its structure and funding

HB 267 – Data Integration Grant

Overview:

-Awarded to Bernalillo County on behalf of the BCCJCC in the amount of \$77,000.00.

-County is working with CJCC members and other partners to finalize the scope of the grant.

- **Proposed Scope**

- Provide partners with the ability to know the status of a defendant at any given time during the pendency of a criminal case and afterward.

- **Proposed Project Phases:**

- Phase 1 – Arrest, MDC booking, Stay and Release
- Phase 2 – The pendency of a criminal case
- Phase 3 – Post adjudication actions and sentencing

- **Next steps:**

- Final approval of the Scope of work
- Meetings with partners and NM Tech
- Implement a plan to move forward with the project

CJCC Structure and Funding

- **HB 267 – Seek additional funding to continue work on coordinated data integration projects.**
- **Independent appropriations for staff and operations**
- **Contributions from members of the BCCJCC -
Need to plug more**

Thank you

