



Presentation to the Courts Corrections and Justice

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Some points before we look at NMCD prison population

- For the projection we look at total prison population.
- Total prison population includes residence population as well as any inmates who are away from the facility.
- Inmates can be away for things like transit, medical care and court.
- Overall, around 3% are away, but will return and need a bed at the facility.

NMCD Public Versus Private Capacity & Current Population

Male Capacity

- State Operated Capacity is 5,094
- Private Operated Capacity is 1,900

Female Capacity

- State Operated Capacity of 651
- No Private Capacity

Total Population on 11/07/2021

- Male Total Population 5,203
- Female Total Population 532

Considerations

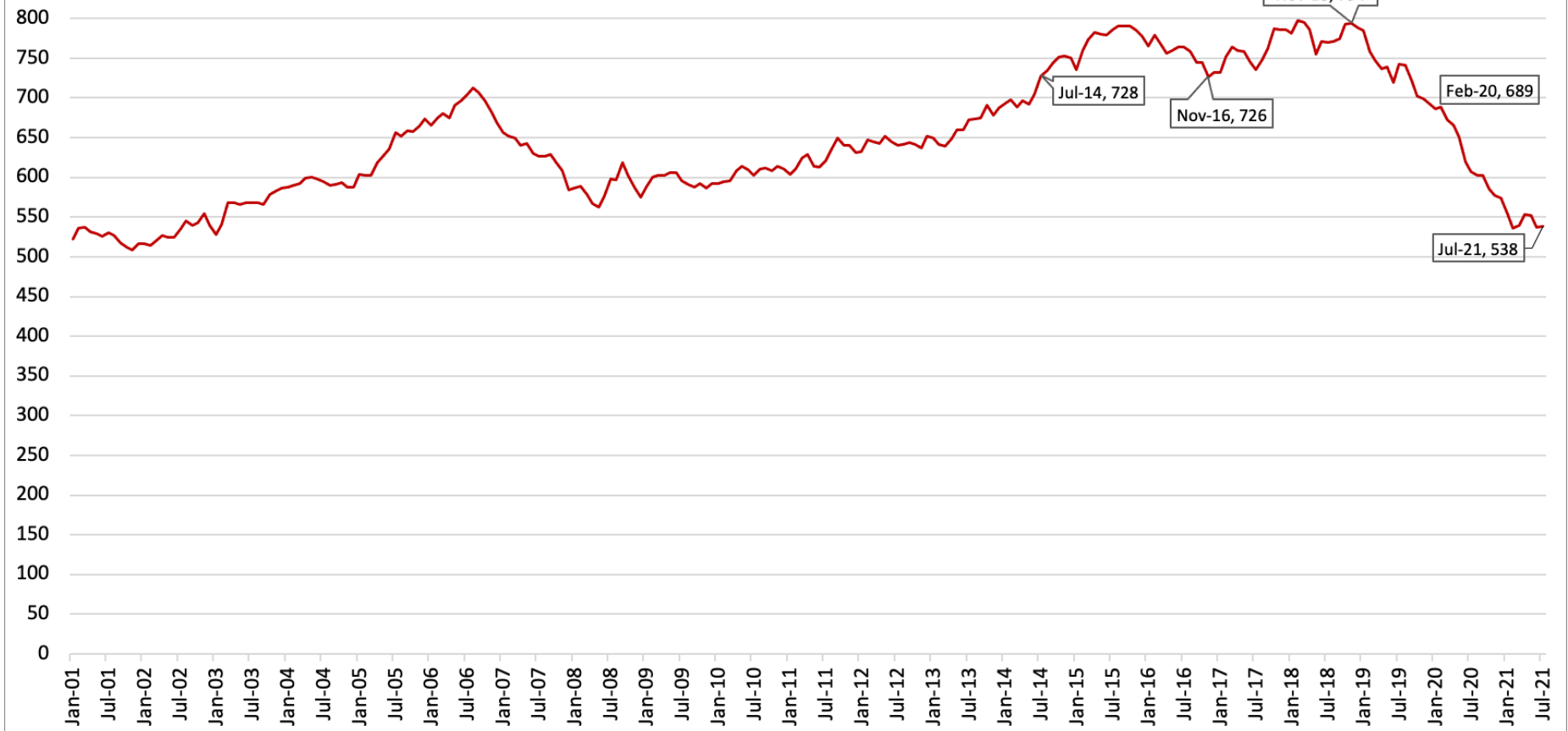
Capacity by classification level

- Need to look at the number of beds by each classification level
- Extra beds may not be at the right classification

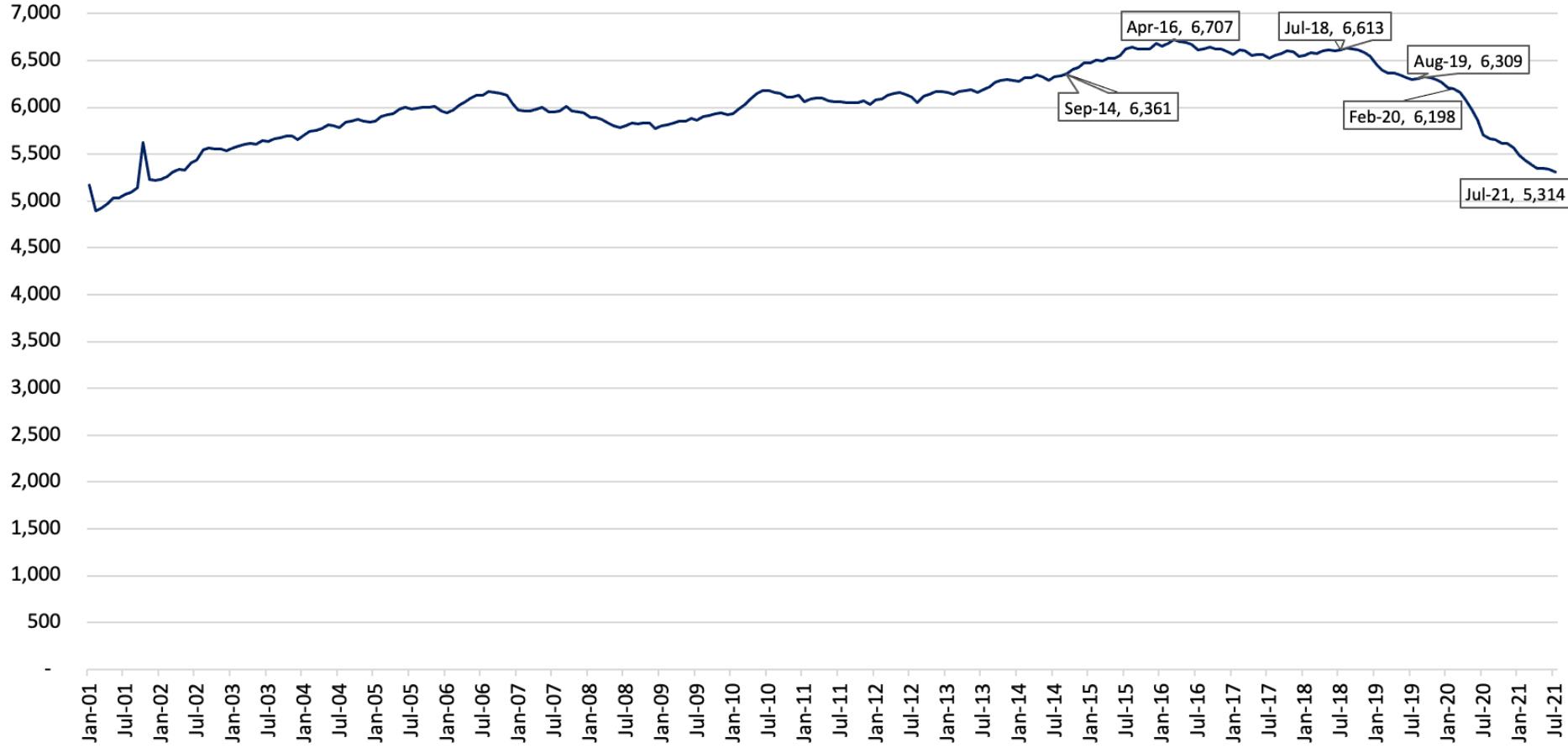
Reasonable Capacity

- Space may be needed to separate inmates
- Need for distancing
- Maintenance

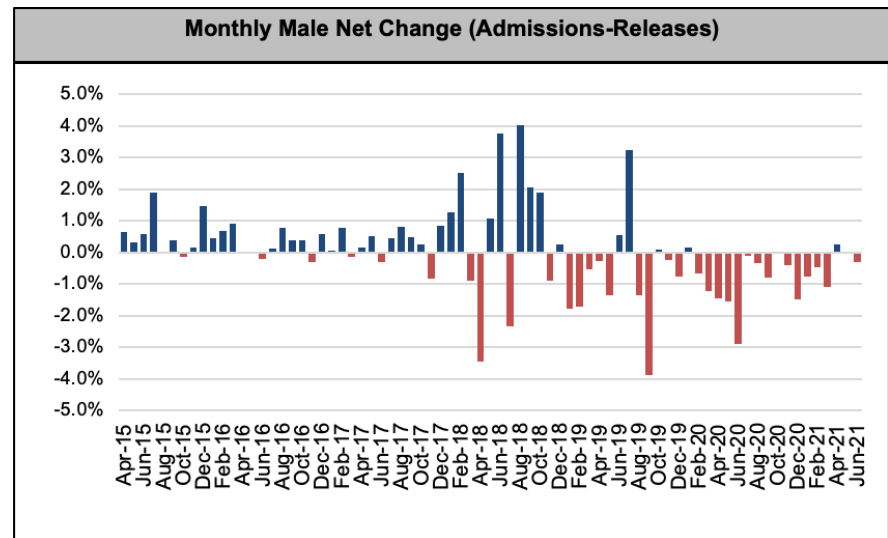
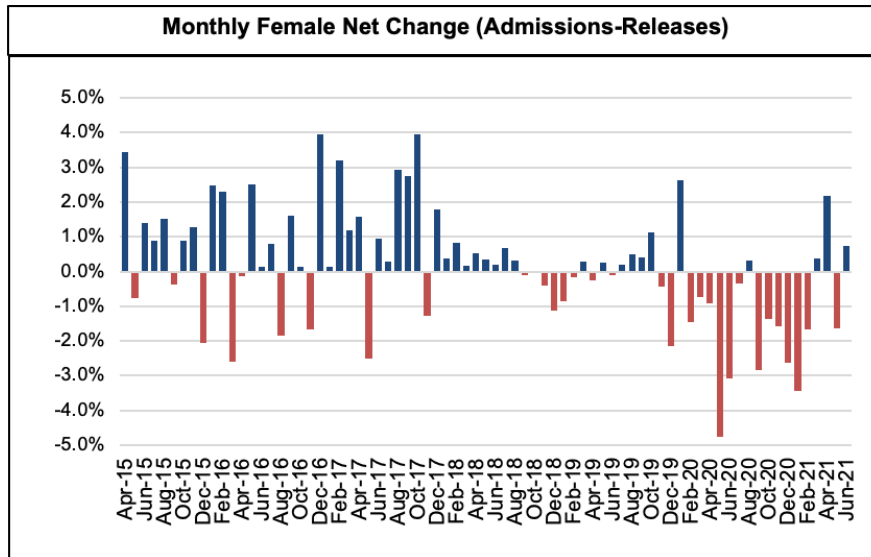
Monthly High Total Female Prison Population



Monthly High Total Male Prison Population



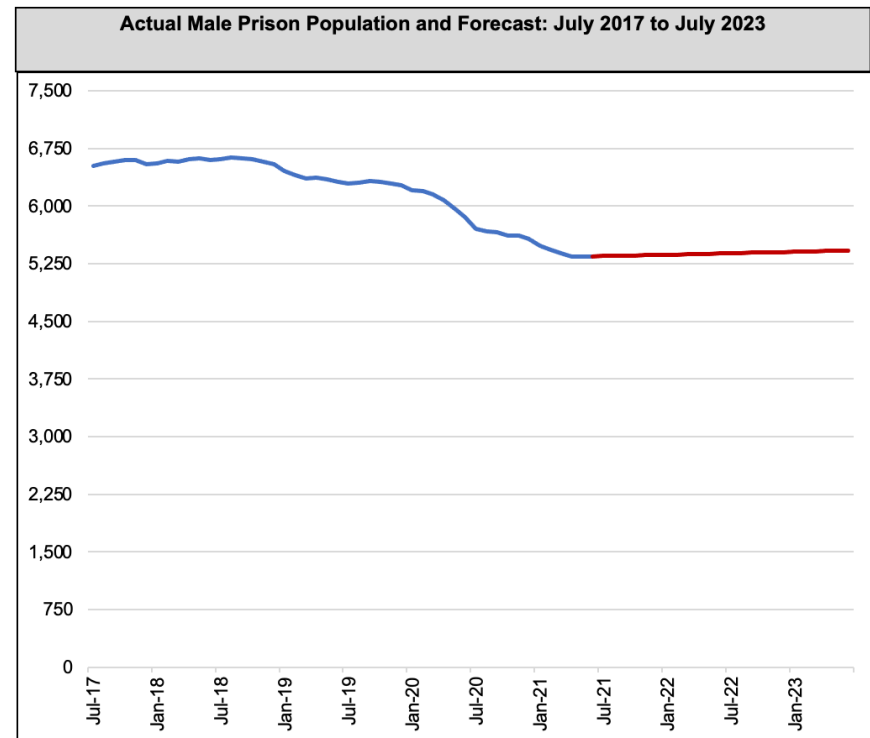
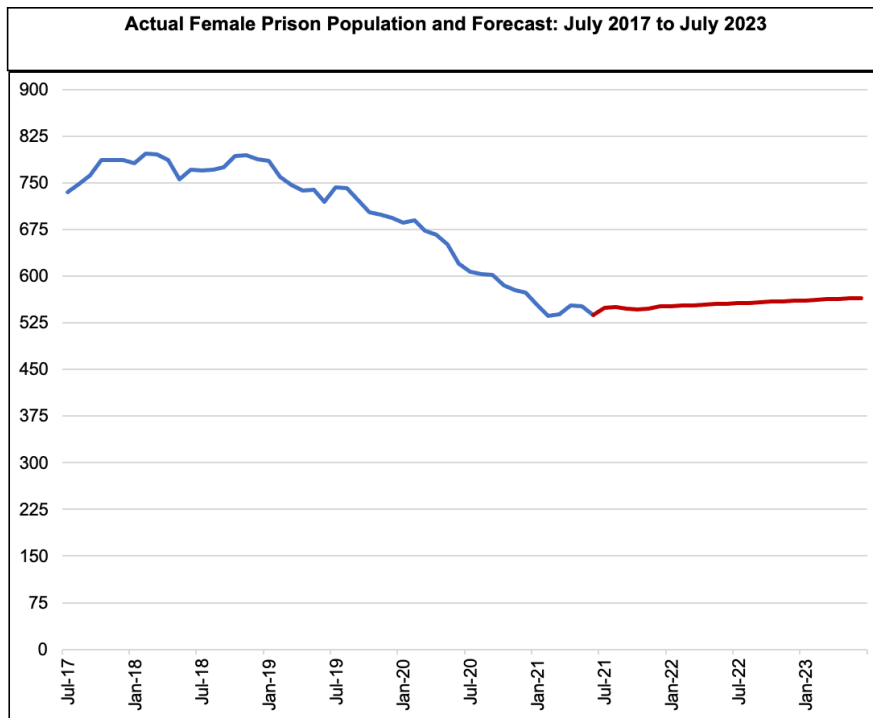
Monthly Population Change



Fiscal Year Population Change

	Releases			Admissions			Difference	
Gender	F	M	Gender	F	M		F	M
Fiscal Year	Count	Count	Fiscal Year	Count	Count		Count	Count
FY2021	394	2,332	FY2021	326	2,029		-68	-303
FY2020	499	2,765	FY2020	422	2,322		-77	-443
FY2019	523	2,818	FY2019	523	2,721		0	-97
FY2018	509	2,910	FY2018	622	3,200		113	290
FY2017	539	3,118	FY2017	594	3,317		55	199
FY2016	550	3,211	FY2016	603	3,591		53	380
FY2015	508	3,082	FY2015	656	3,657		148	575
FY2014	482	3,025	FY2014	589	3,526		107	501
FY2013	388	2,922	FY2013	452	3,350		64	428
FY2012	389	3,028	FY2012	473	3,443		84	415
FY2011	424	3,205	FY2011	523	3,525		99	320
FY2010	450	3,161	FY2010	509	3,890		59	729
FY2009	493	3,157	FY2009	576	3,659		83	502
FY2008	486	3,294	FY2008	526	3,583		40	289
FY2007	526	3,242	FY2007	542	3,513		16	271
FY2006	454	3,337	FY2006	612	3,868		158	531
FY2005	420	3,137	FY2005	542	3,791		122	654

Population Forecast





Statewide Data Integration

FY 2022 - 2023

- Offered assistance to Administrative Office of the District Attorneys & Judicial Information Division integrating and matching state identification number data
- Data quality assessment of information that NMSC has in our internal data system
- Continue work on integrating data several detention centers statewide – MOU Roosevelt County
- Meeting biweekly with Judicial Information Division and NM Tech ICASA



Crime Reduction Grants

FY 2022 Awards

- NMSC Grants Committee awarded \$178,000 in grants to 4 programs.

CJCC	Description
2nd	2nd year continuation funding for the existing position for the Program Project Coordinator to work exclusively with the clients of the Competency Court within the Behavioral Health unit, and work closely with the Forensic Navigation Pilot Program.
4th	Start a community garden program, an exercise program, and provide for additional incentives and monitoring for participants in the Fourth Judicial District's drug and DWI court.
8th	Creation of a new problem-solving court that aims to reduce recidivism in DV defendants, improve case adjudication times, and provide therapeutic intervention as an alternative to prosecution/incarceration for DV defendants, utilizing a multi-professional treatment and counseling approach.
13th	2nd year continuation funding for monitoring of individuals in the Pre-Trial Program.



Crime Reduction Grants

8th District Program

- Looked at 911 calls, protection orders, cases files, dismissals and convictions data from 2018-2020
- Determined that given low conviction rate relative to filings and 911 calls, identifying domestic violence perpetrators promptly after an arrest and providing an opportunity for intervention after an immediate crisis was needed in their community.
- Creation of Domestic Violence Treatment Court aligned with NM Treatment Court Standards
- Was partially funded by Crime Reduction Grant
- Taos County provided additional funding



NEW MEXICO Sentencing Commission

County, district court commended for new family violence court

The creation of a new Family Violence Court in Taos County should be applauded by all, as it directly confronts the tragedy of domestic violence (DV) that has reached epidemic proportions in our communities.

Community Against Violence (CAV) has long advocated for special court oversight of cases involving DV and understanding and addressing its underlying causes by ordering closely monitored case management, accountability and coordinated responses.

The new legal entity, called the "Eighth Judicial District Taos County Family Violence Court," will focus on people with battering (or abusive) behaviors. Offenders will go in front of the same judge and be given the option to go to jail or undergo intensive outpatient treatment and intervention programming. For the latter option, the new court will work with local behavioral health services like Golden Willow Counseling and CAV's CHANGES battering intervention program.

Without a program like this new Family Violence Court, judges can only sentence DV offenders to time in jail, a fine and/or treatment (first-time offenders are misdemeanors and punishable by a maximum of one year in jail and/or a fine).

"The traditional criminal justice system has not been incredibly effective at promoting justice, reducing recidivism and increasing safety," said Taos Magistrate Judge Sara Blankenhorn, who will preside over the new court. "Domestic violence has ripple effects that have massive societal costs. We really need to, as a community, protect our children from growing up in violent homes [or] homes where parents are incarcerated if we want to make lasting change in Taos."

In the past, Blankenhorn had extensive experience serving as legal counsel in domestic violence cases. CAV is pleased she was



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CHANGES program, a New Mexico approved 52-session course that meets state standards of battering intervention programs (BIPs).

BIPs, like CAV's CHANGES, view domestic violence as learned behavior and the offender's motivation, either conscious or unconscious, to use anger and aggression as tools to gain control over their victim(s). In their push for power, the offender uses a system of power and control tactics and manipulation, involving verbal, emotional, mental and economic abuse, and physical and sexual violence.

Anger management programs are not appropriate in DV situations. They do not get to the root causes of DV; that is, the issues of power and control and one person's dominate or perceived right to dominate their intimate partner/farmer partner and family members. (We will discuss more on this in a future column.)

The establishment of the Taos Family Violence Court is the second such effort in New Mexico. The Bernalillo Metropolitan Court has set up a similar process that has cut DV recidivism (repeat offending) by as much as 12 percent. We believe

selected to oversee this effort because of her intimate knowledge of the challenges our communities face when confronting DV. She is also familiar with CAV's



FILE PHOTO

Taos Magistrate Judge Sara Blankenhorn is the head of the new Family Violence Court for Taos County.

there will be similar results here. A more consistent, efficient judicial response to DV cases will effectively reduce recidivism by increasing offender accountability, and survivor and community safety.

We applaud the Eighth Judicial District Court and the Taos County

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SARA BLANKENHORN
Taos Magistrate Judge

force our dedication to eliminating DV from our community by giving offenders a strong pathway to rehabilitate so we can all build a healthier, safer Taos.

Malinda Williams is executive director of Community Against Violence (CAV) which offers FREE confidential support and assistance for child and adult survivors of sexual and domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and child and elder abuse, community and school violence prevention programs, re-education groups for people using power and control in their relationships, counseling, shelter, transitional housing, and community thrift store. To talk, or get information, call CAV's 24-hour helpline at 575-758-9880 or visit taos.cav.org.



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Funding secured for new domestic violence court

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Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021 (left to right) Commissioner Carolyn D'Amico, Commissioner Darlene Vigil, Commissioner Annette Bink, Commissioner Jim Farris, Judge Brille Crane, Debbie McCann (with CAV) and Karl Brooks (Court executive officer) signed following the signing of a bill that will grant funds to the new domestic violence court at the Taos County Court House.

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Trending



FY 2023 Request

- Create a fund for Crime Reduction Grant Act
- Expand the fund by 882.0 thousand
- Due to the limited funds for the crime reduction grants, only small projects have been funded
- With the limited funds, most grants have supplemented existing programs
- With expanded funding, we could fund more innovative community responsive projects



NMSC Committee Work

- In FY 21:
 - Full Commission meetings: 6
 - Executive Committee meetings: 5
 - Reform Committee meetings: 12
 - Juvenile Committee Meetings: 8
- In FY 22 (to date):
 - Full Commission meetings: 2
 - Criminal Code Update Committee meetings: 4
 - Child abuse statutes working group: 4
 - Reform Committee meetings: 2



NMSC Committee Work

- The Criminal Code Update Committee has formed seven working groups. The working group to assess child abuse statutes has been meeting regularly for the past few months. Working groups in the following areas will begin meeting soon: sentencing structure; mens rea; behavioral health issues as they impact the criminal justice system; race and ethnicity data; homicide statutes; and criminal sexual penetration statutes.