

AGENDA

New Mexico Forum on Public Safety

Date: June 19, 2018

Location: The New Mexico State Capitol
Room 307
490 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87501

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9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductory Remarks

- 1) **Representative Gail Chasey**, Co-Chair, Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee (CCJ)
- 2) **Senator Richard C. Martinez**, Co-Chair, CCJ
- 3) **Representative Antonio Maestas**, Co-Chair, Criminal Justice Reform Subcommittee (CJRS)
- 4) **Senator Sander Rue**, Co-Chair, CJRS

Event moderated by Carl Reynolds, Senior Legal and Policy Advisor, The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center

9:45 a.m. Session 1: Improving Responses to People in the Criminal Justice System Who Have Behavioral Health Needs

Like many states across the nation, New Mexico has seen an increase in the number of drug overdose deaths over the last decade. Local and state law enforcement and corrections report that many people in their custody struggle with mental illnesses and substance abuse, or co-occurring disorders. New Mexico state leaders are interested in developing a variety of statewide strategies to divert people who have behavioral health conditions, when appropriate, to effective crisis and community-based behavioral health services.

Panelists:

- 1) **Wayne Lindstrom**, Director, Behavioral Health Services Division, Human Services Department
- 2) **Grace Philips**, General Counsel, New Mexico Association of Counties
- 3) **Maggie Hart Stebbins**, Bernalillo County Commissioner
- 4) **Rick Miera**, Former Majority Floor Leader, House of Representatives, Retired Director, Substance Abuse Program, Department of Psychiatry, Bernalillo County Mental Health Center

10:45 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. Session 2: Advancing Strategies to Reduce Crime

New Mexico’s overall reported violent crime rate increased 9 percent between 2006 and 2016, driven by a 22 percent spike in robbery and a 4 percent increase in aggravated assault. Increases in crime and arrests for violent crimes have strained local law enforcement resources. Both rural and urban communities have been impacted by these trends, and state leaders are interested in identifying the key public safety challenges facing local law enforcement agencies in New Mexico, as well as how state and local officials can coordinate to develop and implement strategies to reduce crime.

Panelists:

- 1) **The Honorable Edward L. Benavidez**, Chief Judge, Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court
- 2) **The Honorable Raul Torrez**, District Attorney, Second Judicial District
- 3) **Susan Reyes**, Community Health Worker, La Plazita Institute, Leaders Organizing to Unite and Decriminalize (LOUD) Facilitator
- 4) **Representative Antonio Maestas**, Co-Chair, CJRS

12:00 p.m. LUNCH (on your own)

1:30 p.m. Session 3: Promoting Strategies to Reduce Recidivism

The Corrections Department projects that the state prison population will increase 14 percent over the next decade. In 2014, New Mexico was one of 16 states where at least 40 percent of people serving sentences in state prison had been convicted of property or drug offenses. State leaders are interested in exploring strategies to hold people convicted of low-level property and drug offenses accountable while minimizing the need for costly incarceration, as well as identifying opportunities to reduce the cost and prison population impact associated with revocations of people on supervision.

Panelists:

- 1) **David Jablonski**, Secretary, Corrections Department
- 2) **Ben Baur**, Chief Public Defender
- 3) **Johnn Osborn**, Deputy District Attorney, First Judicial District
- 4) **Linda Freeman**, New Mexico Sentencing Commission, Executive Director
- 5) **Senator Sander Rue**, Co-Chair, CJRS

2:30 p.m. BREAK

2:45 p.m. Session 4: Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions

Criminal convictions impact a person’s ability to find employment and housing—two major barriers to successful reentry. State leaders are interested in steps the state can take to reduce the ongoing negative effects of having a criminal record, while also protecting the community from people who repeatedly commit crimes.

Panelists:

- 1) **Paul Haidle**, Criminal Justice Advocate, ACLU of New Mexico
- 2) **Senator Bill B. O’Neill**, Advisory Member, CCJ
- 3) **Cory Lee**, Director of Therapeutic Services, Crossroads for Women

4) **Adriann Barboa**, Field Director, Forward Together

3:45 p.m. Community Input

4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

- 1) **Representative Gail Chasey**, Co-Chair, CCJ
- 2) **Senator Richard C. Martinez**, Co-Chair, CCJ
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