



Southwest
Community Policing Council
July 7, 2021

Approximately 16 members of the public attended, including APD civilians and councilmembers.

CPC members present: Dr. Jonathan Madison, Stephanie Griego, Andrea Lester Young, Robbie Vigil, David Raza

CPC members not present: Joseph Kolozsy, Josue Rodriguez, Chris Sedillo, Wanda Harrison

1. **Call to order:** 6:01 PM
2. Approval of Agenda: Approved
3. Approval of June Minutes: Approved
4. Mr. Adolpho Mendez, J.D.- Chief of Policy & Planning, Office of the Second Judicial District Attorney, Bernalillo County – State of New Mexico
 - a. Programs Specialty courts
 - b. Metro Court: Misdemeanor cases
 - i. DA: Domestic Violence, DWI, and other cases that could get referred.
 - c. District Court
 - i. Felony Cases
 - d. Community Veterans Court
 - i. Before adjudication of guilt: do not have to plead guilty.
 - ii. Diversion program court: VA hospital
 - e. After pleading guilty: serious/repeated offenders
 - i. Supervision
 - ii. Treatment
 - iii. Programs – VA hospital
 - f. Multiple Specialty Courts
 - g. District court: Veterans Diversion Program
 - h. Similar diversion court as metro court
5. Questions:
 - a. What are some factors that qualify a person for a diversion program?
 - b. Would be interested in joining the court initiative and collaborate?

6. Major Dorothy Seaton- Chair of the Veteran's Advisory Board, Santa Fe
 - a. Discussions in Veterans Programs
 - b. Veterans Court Initiative
 - c. Advocacy Committee
 - d. Veteran Court Concept
 - e. Legislature and funding – Veterans Court
 - f. Questions
 - i. Is there support for the families?
 - ii. Does data show what the success held for persons that completed the program, satisfied requirements, and have a productive and healthy life?
7. Lt. Colonel Tyron Finch – Veterans Transition Assistance Advisor, State of New Mexico
 - a. Minor offense in court -will pleas guilty then put in treatment.
 - b. During intake, they are asked about the veteran status.
 - i. Give tools for veterans to be productive members of society.
 - c. There is a high success rate in their program.

Questions:

What is the VIC and how one can access it if they are unaware?

- Veterans Integration Services: <https://nmvic.org/>
- Veterans Integration Services (505) 332-8092

Do services help diagnosis veterans with dementia?

Do you have support for veterans with dementia?

8. No crime reports.
9. Call to action: volunteer in the veteran's diversion program
10. Next month's meeting topic: Overrepresentation of persons of color in correctional facilities in NM.
11. Meeting Adjourned: 7:24 PM

To watch the Southwest CPC Council June Meeting, please watch below:

Topic: Homelessness & Veteran's Diversion Programs

Date: July 7, 2021, 6:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Meeting Recording:

https://cabq.zoom.us/rec/share/W2TbrlvcV8EdF_t2onYURI9Oj5iVr7tq-kCXLJ6qqUQZ4nuXhE_vCqY7RewXjMrs.J8mvdMloUYMw9bJH?startTime=1625702435000