**Monthly Report: March 2016**

**Report Date: April 8, 2016**

**Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center**

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**Quick Figures for February**

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**Criminal Justice Reforms and the Jail Population**

MDC actively collaborates with criminal justice partners to maintain the jail's population below 1,950\(^3\). Criminal justice reforms have helped to reduce the jail population, though in recent months the population has stayed steady at an average of about 1,400 inmates a month.

On March 31, 2016, the MDC population (not including CCP) was 11.7\% or 183 inmates lower than the March 31, 2015 and 40.1\% or 924 lower than it was on March 31, 2014.

The MDC population with CCP on March 31, 2016 was 13.5\% or 238 inmates lower than the March 31, 2015 and 42.9\% or 1,141 lower than it was on March 31, 2014.
In November 2015, DOC changed its practice in transporting inmates throughout the state, resulting in a termination of an MOU with Bernalillo County. Inmates that would not normally be booked into MDC for hearings are currently being housed at the facility rather than being returned to the custody of DOC. Moving forward, MDC will temporarily house individuals who have been sentenced to DOC but also have cases pending in Bernalillo County. At this time, there has not been a significant impact on MDC’s population, but Public Safety staff will continue to monitor and report on this group of inmates.

In March 2016, there were an average of 26 people per day housed at MDC rather than DOC due to this change. The length of stay of these inmates upon release averaged approximately 10.4 days and ranged from less than a day to 45 days.

Annual bookings by fiscal year have declined since FY08. This reduction does not correspond with the overall decreasing population trends in recent months. Monthly bookings have remained relatively stable over the last year. From February 2016 to March 2016, bookings increased by approximately 12.1% and releases increased by approximately 13.8%.

The jail population reduction cannot be explained by the decrease in bookings alone. Jail population is driven by both admissions into the jail as well as the length of stay (LOS).

The length of stay (LOS) for March 2016 was 26 days, approximately 27% lower than for the LOS in March 2015 of 36 days.

Court initiatives have helped to improve efficiency in the criminal justice system, improving turnover rates and LOS.
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- Update MDC Population study underway.
- Metropolitan Court and District Court working toward data sharing process to decrease redundancy and measure RAI outcomes.
- Albuquerque Police Department working to add additional contact information to citation and charging forms to assist in court date reminders.
- The preliminary hearing program will expand in April.
- Safe Surrender event in the planning phase—Safe Surrender is an initiative which allows individuals to resolve active low level warrants that if left unresolved could result in a arrest.

In March, 2014, CCP peaked at 376. As of March 31 2016, CCP was 138. This is a decrease of 63%. The reason for this decline may be associated in part with the overall decrease in the MDC population, which has resulted in less people in custody who qualify for CCP. Many individuals are now being diverted by the courts to Pretrial Services Supervision.

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**Community Custody Program**

**Criminal Justice Reform Initiatives**

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From March 23, 2015 to March 31, 2016, 748 hearings were scheduled for 648 cases.

At the latest hearing for the cases, 75% of the cases were resolved (either sentenced or nolle pros) or the defendant had pled guilty and was scheduled to be sentenced at a later date.

Of the 485 cases resolved to date, 431 (88.9%) were resolved at the first EPP hearing.

Between June 23, 2014 and March 31, 2016, a total of 1,635 hearings were scheduled for 893 cases (cases were at times reset and hearings for the same case for a separate incident were considered unique).

At the latest hearing for the cases, approximately 55% were resolved at the preliminary hearing. Outcomes such as the scheduling of a sentencing hearing will likely result in an upcoming resolution.

Of the 485 cases that have been resolved to date, 372 (77%) were resolved within one or two hearings.
Between June of 2014 and March of 2016 there were approximately 8,776 hearings scheduled (not including status conferences, rocket dockets and afternoon dockets, and sentencings).

The median number of days from arrival to the initial hearing for all cases (for those in custody) decreased in February of 2016 from 26 days in January of 2016 down to 20 days. This was the shortest monthly median since February of 2015. The median time to first hearing increased to the median of 22 days in March of 2016.

The median time from arrival to disposition in February 2016 was 19 days. This was the shortest time from arrival to disposition since data collection started on the PV program in June of 2014. The median time to disposition In March 2016 increased to the median of 23 days.

Overall, the time from arrival to first hearing and from arrival to disposition had been increasing. However in February of 2016, an improvement was seen in both of these measures of case processing time. It is hoped that the recent improvements in the PV program will lead to a decrease in case processing times and help to reduce the length of stay for felony probation violators.

Notes

1. Total male and female added will not always equal the total onsite population. The headcounts include the infirmary, which includes males and females.
2. Due to DOC policy changes, the number of inmates housed at MDC from DOC has increased.
3. The figure does include those who are housed Out of County (OOC) as the County’s goal is to achieve the 1,950 without housing inmates OOC.
4. One potential reason for the decrease is the MOU that was implemented in March 24, 2014, a new MOU which prohibits participation on CCP for individuals with certain charges.
5. Corrections to January 2016 Report: In the report, the population difference from January 31, 2014 to 2016 was reported as 1,551 (the population in 2016) rather than the difference of 1,165. Booking had decreased slightly from December 2015 to January 2016 rather than increased. The tables and figures have been updated to reflect the correct values.