

**M I N U T E S**

**MONDAY, December 12, 2011**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

West Palm Beach Police Department Community Room  
1st Floor, 600 Banyan Boulevard  
West Palm Beach

***Members Present:***

Rosalyn Baker  
Stephen Barborini  
Peter Blanc  
Steven Burdelski  
Barbara Cheives  
Douglas Duncan  
George Elmore  
Rolando Garcia  
Carey Haughwout  
Randolph K. Johnson, Sr.  
Kathleen Kroll  
William Kramer  
Michael McAuliffe  
Mary Olsen  
Gerald Richman  
Valentin Rodriguez  
Priscilla Taylor  
Carmen Veneziano  
Lee Waring  
Clarence Williams

James Barr, Ex-Officio Executive Committee

***Guests Attending:***

Cristy Altaro, Court Administration  
Ron Alvarez, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court  
Nicole Bishop, Palm Beach Justice Service Center  
Maureen Brickous, Pride Integrated Service, Inc.  
Delsa Bush, Former CJC member  
Michelle Dwyer, Workforce Alliance  
Wanda Joiner, Pride Integrated Service, Inc.  
Michael Kane, Criminal Justice Institute  
James Kelly, PBC School District  
Un Cha Kim, Clerk & Comptroller  
Bea Lovelace, Clerk and Comptroller (for Clerk Bock)  
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office

***Members Absent:***

Mack Bernard  
Sharon Bock  
Ric Bradshaw  
Mike Driscoll  
Nellie King  
Marti LaTour  
Wesley Lauer  
John McKenna  
Chuck Shaw  
Susan Yoffee

Geoff Sluggett, Sluggett & Associates  
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration

**Staff Present:**

Michael L. Rodriguez, Executive Director  
Arlene Griffiths, Administrative Secretary  
Katherine Hatos, Criminal Justice Analyst  
Jenise Link, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst  
Brenda Oakes, Youth Violence Prevention Planning Coordinator  
Craig Spatara, RESTORE Initiative Program Manager  
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst  
Becky Walker, Criminal Justice Programs Manager  
Renita Damgajian, Temporary Staff  
Pamela Williams, Temporary Staff

- I. Chair Barbara Cheives called the meeting to order at approximately 8:05 a.m. Welcome was extended to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chair Cheives invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The agenda was unanimously approved.
- V. The minutes of the November 28, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.
- VI. Under Chairman's Comments, Chair Cheives congratulated Chief Clarence Williams, III on being elected the 2012 Chairman for the Law Enforcement Planning Council, and Chief James Kelly who will serve as Vice Chairman, and the Chiefs of Police representative on the CJC.
- VII. Under Executive Director's comments, Mr. Rodriguez:
  - A. Thanked members for their commitment and dedication to the CJC and Palm Beach County, and wished all a wonderful holiday.
  - B. Announced the Palm Beach County 23<sup>rd</sup> Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 12, 2012 for 10 consecutive Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The venue for the Academy is the West Palm Beach Police Department's Community Room - 600 Banyan Boulevard, West Palm Beach. Sessions will also be held at other locations including the new West County Jail, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Headquarters, and the County Court House. The academy is free and open to the public. A copy of the news release was distributed.
  - C. Extended invitation to CJC members and police chiefs to attend the annual Judge Marvin Mount prison tour scheduled for March 14-15, 2012. Each year a spot is reserved for one CJC member and one police chief.
  - D. Requested members assistance in completing the CJC's annual satisfaction survey for return by Friday, December 30, 2011.

- E. Thanked the West Palm Beach Police Department for the use of their community room, and for providing refreshments. He also thanked staff for the extra effort in preparing for the meeting.

VIII. Business Consent Item

No business consent item.

IX. Old Business

No old business item.

X. New Business

- A. Finance Committee Chair, Mr. William Kramer presented the Finance Committee's recommendation for unallocated funds totaling \$51,000 from the Drug Abuse and the Crime Prevention Trust Funds to be used for civil drug court treatment for FY2012.

Members unanimously approved the recommendation after motion by Mr. George Elmore and second by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr.

- B. Mr. Rodriguez advised of the proposed Senate Bill number 448 regarding reentry ex-offenders specifically on drug charges. He sought members direction with respect to providing a letter of support from the CJC for this legislation.

Public Defender Carey Haughwout added that the Bill proposes reduced sentences for non-violent drug offenders in the Department of Corrections, providing that they participate in a reentry program prior to release. She noted that there are a few issues that are being worked on with the sponsor, but said that essentially, if a sentence was reduced after completing the reentry program, the person would be placed on drug offender probation so that they can be further supervised and continue receiving treatment. She feels that this is a good start for reentry but remarked that there could be further changes to the program.

State Attorney Michael McAuliffe liked the concept but expressed concern that it seems broader than drug offences in terms of the class of offenders, and also his views that this stems off of a conviction for felony offences.

Mr. Gerald Richman noted that a major part of the rehabilitation is substance abuse and therefore thinks that it should be narrowed to people with substance abuse issues.

Ms Haughwout added that statistics show 80% of DOC population has substance abuse problems.

After further discussion, a decision was reached for Mr. Rodriguez to draft a letter with input from the constitutional officers, supporting the concept. This will be presented at the January meeting.

XI. Presentation on Reentry in Palm Beach County

Mr. Michael Kane, Technical Advisor from the Bureau of Justice with responsibility for visiting sites around the country to provide technical assistance in supporting the Second Chance Act grant, met with the Public Defender and other reentry stakeholders. In his presentation, Mr. Kane noted that reentry is a national and bipartisan initiative as leaders on both sides have seen the Corrections population growing for a number of years and are committed to doing projects to address this issue. He noted that this is evident in a number of different ways including the Second Chance Act. The reentry program is one way in which this issue is being addressed to reduce recidivism of offenders coming out of the criminal justice system, which will hopefully result in a budget decrease.

He commented on his visit to the Sago Palm facility with respect to the collaborative body including the private sector which he pointed out as an excellent feature of the existing system. He was impressed with the RESTORE project, and also mentioned other programs such as “Thinking for a Change” as well as the employment program which he saw as excellent programs that are nationally known. In terms of a follow up, Mr. Kane will submit a memo to the RESTORE grant outlining recommendations such as broadening of the program to include more high risk offenders. Areas suggested for improvement include the collection of data as well as the data system to provide better analysis of the program.

He commended Palm Beach County on the work being done.

Chair Cheives congratulated everyone who worked on the reentry initiative.

XII. Recognition of 2010/2011 Chair

Mr. Rodriguez thanked Ms. Cheives for her dedicated service during her two years as chair, and presented her with the traditional scrap book and a plaque as a token of appreciation.

Ms. Cheives responded that her legacy would be the reentry initiative which came during her tenure, and an initiative that she is very passionate about. She thanked members and staff for their support during the two years.

XIII. Annual Recognition Presentation

The following taskforce and committee chairs were recognized for their service:

- Ronald Alvarez, CJMHSA Committee on Juvenile Populations
- James Barr, CJMHSA Committee on Adult Populations
- August A. Bonavita, Probation Advisory Board
- Douglas Duncan, PSCC/Corrections Task Force
- Rolando Garcia, Weed and Seed Steering Committee
- Carey Haughwout, Re-Entry Task Force
- Frank Kitzerow, Law Enforcement Planning Council
- William Kramer, Finance Committee
- Priscilla A. Taylor, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Committee
- Clarence D. Williams, III, Law Enforcement Workgroup of the YVPP

Judge August Bonavita and Chief Frank Kitzerow were unable to attend.

The following outgoing members were recognized for their service to the CJC:

Stephen Barborini, Resident Agent in Charge - ATF  
Delsa Bush, Former Chief – West Palm Beach Police Department  
Marti LaTour, Owner – Women Angels, LLC/LaTour Décor  
Clarence D. Williams, III, Chief – Riviera Beach Police Department

Ms. Marti LaTour was unable to attend.

XIV. Swearing in of 2012 Officers:

Honorable Peter Blanc, Chief Judge of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit administered the Oath of Office to the following officers:

Douglas Duncan, Chairman  
William Kramer, Vice Chairman  
Carey Haughwout, Secretary  
Lee Waring, Treasurer

Incoming Chairman, Douglas Duncan thanked outgoing Chair Barbara Cheives on everyone's behalf for her service, remarking that he hopes the commission will continue her efforts in the area of reentry.

Chairman Duncan further noted that there is a new Bill before the Legislature on pretrial services which is intended to mix pretrial services with PTI (affectionately called the Bail Bonds Relief Act), that the CJC will look at.

XV. CJC Initiatives/Updates

No CJC Initiatives or updates were presented.

XVI. Member's Comments:

There were no member comments.

With no further items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:47 a.m.