

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 12:00 P.M.

Law Enforcement Planning Council Palm Beach County School & Community Safety Initiative Behavioral Health Track

Online via Zoom



Members Present:

Chief Sean Brammer, Chair, CJC Law Enforcement Planning Council and Chief of Police, Florida Atlantic University Police Department

Megan Eaton, Circuit 15 Juvenile Justice, Advisory Board Co-Chair

Captain Randy Foley, Behavioral Services Division, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Dr. Barbara Cox Gerlock, Organizational Development Consultant, Systems Integration Services

Deputy Chief Robin Griffin-Kitzerow, Florida Atlantic University Police Department

Kevin McCormick, Director, Exceptional Student Education, PBC School District

Keith Oswald, Chief of Equity and Wellness, PBC School District

Dr. Gena Rowlands, Senior Planner, PBC Sheriff's Office

Sharon Tarlow, Education Coordinator, Behavioral Health Services, JFK Medical Center North Campus

Heather Thomas, Case Manager, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Craig Williams, Chief Assistant State Attorney, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit

Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Children's Services Council of PBC

Lauren Zuchman, LCSW, Executive Director, BeWellPBC

Guests Present:

Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Ph.D., Associate Director and Associate Professor, FAU

Vaughn Crichlow, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Associate Professor, FAU

CJC Staff Present:

Regenia Herring, Executive Director

Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Welcome and Opening Comments by Chief Sean Brammer, LEPC Chairman. Chief Brammer mentioned that Judge Martz decided to step down as Chairman of the committee. He recognized him for the outstanding service provided to the LEPC and this committee.
- II. Agenda/minutes were approved by consent. Motion was made by Deputy Chief Robin Griffin-Kitzerow and seconded by Captain Randy Foley.
- III. Chief Brammer advised that this is his last year as the LEPC Chairman. Due to COVID, he served two years as Chairman to ensure continuity during this challenging time. He mentioned that Chief Javaro Sims will serve as the Chairman for 2022.
- IV. Appointment of Chairperson for the Palm Beach County School & Community Safety Initiative. Chief Brammer announced that Captain Randy Foley has been appointed as the new Chairman for the Law Enforcement Planning Council's Palm Beach County School & Community Safety Initiative. He mentioned that the committee has made a lot of progress on the community awareness campaign. The focus will now transition to ensure that all agencies are working together.
- V. Business
 - a. 2021 Meeting Schedule – a survey was sent out to members. Ms. Shover noted that the results indicated that 1 – 2 PM works best for future meetings. There was also a suggestion to meet every other month. Members concurred with this new schedule. This will also allow the new committees that will be discussed in the next section to have more time to meet between the main committee meetings.
 - a. Discuss Reassessment of Prevention, Intervention and Reaction to Mass Violence – Chief Brammer mentioned that the committee did a lot of great work on the website and awareness campaign. Now they want to make sure that everyone is on the same page and working together to prevent mass tragedies. Captain Foley commented that Judge Martz did an outstanding job on the campaign. He reviewed the plan to create several small working groups that will identify accomplishments, gaps, and possible solutions. The prevention and intervention working groups will be formed immediately. Approximately 4-5 members will be on each committee. The reaction committee will be formed after the prevention and intervention committees have completed their work. Captain Foley reviewed the goals for each working group.

Prevention members: Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Ph.D., Vaughn Crichlow, Ph.D., Dr. Barbara Cox Gerlock, Megan Eaton, and Sharon L'Herrou. Intervention

members: Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Ph.D., Vaughn Crichlow, Ph.D., Megan Eaton, Craig Williams, and Sharon Tarlow. Mr. Keith Oswald noted that the PBC School District will have representatives for both committees. Chief Brammer mentioned that there are still areas that need to be addressed in the system. He noted that they recently worked with PBSO to address gaps within their agency.

- b. Juvenile Justice and School Data – Ms. Shover mentioned that a small group has been meeting to work on data for the Moms Demand Action presentation. They hope to have information for the full committee at the December meeting.

- VI. Feedback and thoughts from members – There was a discussion about the Co-Chair for the committee. Chief Brammer nominated Deputy Chief Robin Griffin-Kitzerow, Florida Atlantic University Police Department which was approved by the committee. Chief Brammer noted that even though he won't be the Chair of the LEPC next year that he will still be an active member of this group.
- VII. Next meeting will be held on December 13, 2021.
- VIII. Adjournment