

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, April 27, 2009

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

McEaddy Conference Room
12th Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Members Present:

Stephen Barborini
James Barr
Joseph Bernadel
Delsa Bush
Barbara Cheives
Mike Driscoll
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Rolando Garcia
Carey Haughwout
Matt Immler
Feirmon Johnson
Randolph K. Johnson, Sr.
William Kramer
Kathleen Kroll
Marti LaTour
Wesley Lauer
Karen Marcus
Michael McAuliffe
Martin Millar
Marianne Rantala
Gerald Richman
Debra Robinson
William Stern
Carmen Veneziano
Lee Waring

Members Absent:

Moses Baker
Roselyn Baker
Sharon Bock
Ric Bradshaw
Max Davis
Luis Perez
Maria Sachs

Guests Attending:

Cristy Altaro, Court Administration
Cerina Anderson, Delray Beach Police Department/CCR
Maureen Brickous, Pride Integrated Services
Michelle Carter, Gulf Stream Goodwill Re-entry
Barbara Dawicke, Court Administration
John J. Green, City of Riviera Beach
Van Esther Hailer, PCMC
Chris Harris, Magellan Behavioral Health
Helen Height, Riviera Beach Weed and Seed
Bill Hobbs, Urban Youth Impact

Kevin L. Jere, Tabernacle Baptist
Claretha Johnson, Riviera Beach Weed and Seed
Wanda Joiner, Pride Integrated Services
Patricia Jones, Goodwill
Jim Kelly, PBC School District
Un Cha Kim, Clerk & Comptroller
Herbert Marlowe, Analytica
Chuck Ridley, CBSA
Ike Robinson, City of West Palm Beach Commission
Greg Rydman, Salvation Army
Claudia Sapp, Riviera Beach Weed and Seed
Nicole Saunders, Palm Beach County Justice Services
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration
Antonio Scott, PAL Center
Pat Sheffield, DJJ JDAI
Craig Spatara, West Palm Beach Weed & Seed
Inda Spencer, Riviera Beach Weed & Seed
Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller
Bill Washington,
Nikobra Stinger, Gulf Stream Goodwill Re-entry
Adonis Yancey, Gulf Stream Goodwill Re-entry

Staff Present:

Michael L. Rodriguez, Executive Director
Journey Beard, Crime Prevention Project Specialist
Arlene Burton, Administrative Secretary
Wayne English, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst
Katherine Hatos, Criminal Justice Analyst
Damir Kukec, Research & Planning Manager
Jenise Link, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst
Rosalind Murray, Program Development Specialist
Glenna Nowalk, Clerical Specialist
Brenda Oakes, Youth Violence Prevention Planning Coordinator
Mike Szakacs, Financial Analyst II
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst
Becky Walker, Criminal Justice Programs Manager

- I. Chairman Barr called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. Welcome was extended to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chairman Barr invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The agenda was approved unanimously after motion by Mr. George Elmore and second by Commissioner Karen Marcus.
- V. The minutes of the March 23, 2009 full commission meeting were approved unanimously after motion by Mr. Randy Johnson and second by Commissioner Karen Marcus.

VI. Under Chairman's Comments, Chairman Barr:

- A. Congratulated CJC members, staff, and others on the opening of the Belle Glade Youth Empowerment Center. He reported that the facility is well equipped with computers for the kids and that the event was attended by elected officials from surrounding cities including Commissioner Santamaria as well as members of the school board. He thanked all of our partners who made it possible.

Ms. Cheives expressed her joy in seeing Belle Glade Youth Empowerment Center come to fruition, and congratulated Ms. Brenda Oakes for efforts in getting Belle Glade started.

- B. Reminded members that there are no scheduled meetings for the months of June, July and August, but noted that if the need arises a special meeting would be called.
- C. Reminded persons to use the microphone when speaking so that everyone can hear.

VII. Under Executive Director's Comments, Mr. Rodriguez:

- A. Announced that Florida State University (FSU) would be doing a final "dry run" presentation of the evaluation findings immediately following the CJC meeting. FSU will then present their findings to the BCC at a workshop on Tuesday, April 29, 2009.
- B. Reported that the Video and Audio Class of the Northwood Youth Empowerment Center won the Fair Housing Contest of The Realtors® Association of the Palm Beaches and the Palm Beach County Office of Equal Opportunity. The group placed third last year.
- C. Congratulated former CJC Chair and member Wendy Sartory-Link and current Vice Chair Barbara Cheives on their achievements. Ms. Sartory-Link was awarded the Leadership Palm Beach County's "Leadership Excellence" Award for 2009 (Class of 1998). Ms. Cheives (Class of 2002) was one of the finalists. The Award is designed to recognize exceptional Leadership Program graduates who have made significant and notable contributions for the betterment of the community. Over 300 persons attended the ceremony which was held at the PBC Marriott Hotel on Wednesday, April 22, 2009.
- D. Announced the gathering of elected officials from around the United States in West Palm Beach from June 4-6, 2009. The 45 member steering committee for Public Safety and Crime Prevention will be hosted by Commissioner Ike Robinson, Jr. Persons interested in attending were asked to contact Commissioner Robinson at (561) 822-1390 or via email irobinson@wpb.org.

Commissioner Ike Robinson provided an overview of the group and the upcoming meetings to which he extended invitation to all. He said that his intentions for this year are to include the collection of DNA; and Weed and Seed programs in West Palm Beach to be recognized as national models. Commissioner Robinson noted that the cities support the program; however it does require assistance from the CJC for prison inmates.

He remarked that the City Commission has a major problem with assuming the

Community Justice Service Center's fiscal responsibilities as the city is unable to provide the required funding at this time. He noted that if the city does not obtain funding, the service may no longer be available.

- E. Reported that the CJC staff recently completed a number of analyses concerning county jail admissions and releases. This research was conducted in support of the on-going examination of alternatives to incarceration by the Corrections Task Force; as well as individual grant applications. He encouraged members, staff from other agencies, and guests to pick up a copy of the report containing the analyses.

VIII. Business Consent item(s)

There were no business consent items.

IX. Old Business

Under old business, Mr. Rodriguez requested CJC's support for the Second Chance Act grant funding application submitted by CJC staff in the amount of \$750,000 for one year, with a potential for continued funding for an additional two years, contingent upon the availability of funds. This funding will provide for re-entry initiatives throughout the county.

Members unanimously approved support for the grant application submitted by CJC after motion by Mr. George Elmore and second by Public Defender Carey Haughwout.

The Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199) provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of people who are released from prison and jail and returning to communities. The Second Chance Act will help ensure the transition individuals make from prison or jail to the community is safe and successful. Section 101 of the Act authorizes grants to state and local governments and federally recognized Indian tribes that may be used for demonstration projects to promote the safe and successful reintegration into the community of individuals who have been incarcerated.

X. Under New Business,:

- A. Dr. Herbert Marlowe, Consultant to the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHS) Planning Council presented the group's strategic plan. In his presentation, Dr. Marlowe provided a background of the project, noting that it is part of a statewide effort to develop new approaches to addressing mental health and substance abuse in the criminal justice system. To date, the project received grants from the Department of Children and Families and Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation. Members were provided with an executive summary and advised that the complete plan would be posted on the CJC's website. Among the recommendations in the plan is for the CJC to be the entity for Palm Beach County to facilitate, cooperatively manage and hold accountable coordinated resources for the juvenile/adolescent population. The Planning Council will present the strategic plan to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on May 19, 2009 and thereafter, monitor and provide annual update to the CJC.

Mr. Rodriguez noted that the presentation was shortened due to time constraints, but said that the Planning Council could at a later date, do a full presentation to the CJC if so desired.

Dr. Robinson commented that the planning council's recommendation relative to juveniles was very minimal, and inquired if additional details in that regard were included in the plan, as well as room for improvement in terms of the school district collaborating with CJMHSA. She also inquired about the prevention component and specifics regarding working with the children of adults who are either incarcerated or have substance problems.

Dr. Marlowe noted that the issue surrounds coordination. He said that while there are great coordination programs from the school district and the juvenile courts, the group felt that the range of agencies that are serving juveniles are not coordinated to sharing information as well as it could and was not sure that best practices were being used as designed and appropriate.

Public Defender Carey Haughwout commented that it was unclear how the CJC would serve as an entity, noting that it would be a big job, and asked if it was intended to be a department of the CJC. She said that the CJC could help to get the project off the ground but not as an on-going project given the CJC's resources and other priorities.

Dr. Marlowe responded that the CJC was recommended as it was seen as the only body in the county with the statute to bring this group together, but that the details of how it would be done is to be determined.

Ms. Cheives added that the CJC could be the entity bringing the partners together but allow someone who has worked on the project to have oversight of the project. She warned however, that CJC should be thinking of a home for the project before making a commitment.

The CJC approved the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHS) Strategic Plan for submission to the BCC subject to further discussion of the scope of the management direction and coordination with the CJC. The final decision will be presented to the CJC at a later date.

Motion for approval made by Ms. Cheives and second by Mr. Elmore, with Dr. Robinson opposing for lack of primary prevention component in the discussion and the strategic plan.

- B. Mr. William Kramer, CJC Finance Committee Chairman presented the recommendations of the Finance Committee for distribution of the \$1.2M through the Federal Recovery Act. He noted that the additional stimulus dollars of \$2.4M provides the CJC with greater opportunity for funding more projects over the next three years. As a result of the new funds, Mr. Kramer advised that the Finance Committee revised the recommendations approved by the Executive Committee to accommodate funding of more proposals for FY10 through FY12. He provided the members with a summary document of all the proposals received as well as recommended appropriations for both funds. Mr. Kramer walked the members through the various documents and invited feedback.

FY 2010 Budget - JAG Formula Program: Local Solicitation

PROJECTS	FY10	FY11	FY12	Total
Court Analyst		\$64,000	\$64,000	\$128,000
County Court Criminal Case Manager		\$54,271	\$54,271	\$108,542
Juvenile Court Case Advisor		\$55,000	\$55,000	\$110,000
Adult Pre-Trial Drug Court		\$163,000	\$163,000	\$326,000
Countywide Re-entry Coordinator		\$58,000	\$58,000	\$116,000
Pre-Trial Services Program MH/SA Expansion		\$53,000	\$53,000	\$106,000
PBSO STOP Initiative		82,000	82,000	\$164,000
COMBAT		\$60,000	\$60,000	\$120,000
Re-entry		\$34,140	\$34,140	\$68,280
Total	\$0	\$623,411	\$623,411	\$1,246,822

FY 2010 Budget - JAG Formula Program: State Solicitation

PROJECTS	FY10	FY11	FY12	Total
Court Analyst	\$64,000			\$64,000
County Court Criminal Case Manager	\$54,271			\$54,271
Juvenile Court Case Advisor	\$55,000			\$55,000
Adult Pre-Trial Drug Court	\$163,000			\$163,000
Countywide Re-entry Coordinator	\$58,000			\$58,000
Pre-Trial Services Program MH/SA Expansion	\$53,000			\$106,000
PBSO STOP Initiative	82,000			\$164,000
COMBAT	\$240,000			\$240,000
Re-entry	\$34,140			\$34,140
Youth Violence Prevention Project	\$900,000			\$900,000
Weed & Seed	200,000			\$200,000
Community Justice Service Center	\$416,914			\$416,914
Available balance	\$151,257	\$0	\$0	\$151,257
Total	\$2,471,582	\$0	\$0	\$2,471,582

Chief Delsa Bush commented on the recent letter received announcing the additional stimulus dollars of \$2.4M, noting that in past practice, the FDLE recommends that the BCC be the sole fiscal agent for the Byrne Grant funds, which also speaks of consensus from the municipalities. She said that it also states that if the BCC does

not take on the role of administering the grant, then it goes to the city with the largest population, which would be West Palm Beach. She expressed concern that the CJC was allocating the funds without consensus from the cities and feels that the CJC might be overstepping its bounds.

Mr. Rodriguez noted that the \$2.4M does require consensus but that the letter announcing the grants was not yet received by the CJC, but was advised of the funds via telephone. He said that Commissioner Koons was in possession of the letter. He further stated that the CJC has been delegated to administer the Byrne grants in the past. He informed the members that a vote is required for the initial \$1.2M but that the \$2.4M would not be voted on at this meeting. He assured the members that the CJC is following the guidelines as set out by FDLE.

Chairman Barr remarked that the CJC prepared the recommendation in anticipation of the funds being received.

Ms. Cheives commented that it was not her understanding after attending the Finance Committee meeting that the initial programs recommended for funding in 2010 would be funded for three years, and that according to the appropriations, they would be receiving more funding than she thought.

Ms. Marti LaTour inquired about the future of the programs that are funded for FY2010 and not funded for the FY2011 and FY2012, to which Mr. Kramer responded that they will only receive additional funding if the CJC obtains more funds. He further stated that the CJC has to determine how to move projects from the CJC, as it will not continue to fund projects forever.

Mr. Kramer explained that the Finance Committee's recommendation is that the programs be funded for the first year, after which an evaluation would be carried out to determine further funding

Public Defender Haughwout commented that for purposes of planning, the CJC should be careful how various programs are funded, in terms of the funding sources, as it could present an issue.

Chairman Barr requested a motion with regards to the \$1.2M as the CJC is required to obtain the BCC's approval by May 5, 2009. The deadline for submission to the state is May 18, 2009.

The \$2.4M will come back to the CJC before submission to the BCC and the state.

After further discussion members unanimously approved accepting the Executive Committee's recommendation for distribution of the \$1.2M as presented by the Finance Committee after motion by Mr. Richman and second by Mr. Elmore.

XI. CJC Initiatives/Updates

Members and guests were provided with CJC Programs and Research and Planning newsletters.

XII. Member Comments

Under member comments, Mr. Kramer extended an invitation to the PACE fundraising luncheon (lunch will be covered by Mr. Kramer) to be held at the West Palm Beach Marriott on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Interested persons were

asked to contact Mr. Kramer at 561-261-6602 for registration. PACE (Practical Academic Cultural Education) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation that provides a non-residential delinquency prevention program for girls between the ages of 12 and 18. PACE is labeled as an “Other Or Alternative” School with a special curriculum offering a more flexible program of study than a traditional school.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 a.m.