

**M I N U T E S**

**MONDAY, February 27, 2012**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

McEaddy Conference Room  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue  
West Palm Beach

***Members Present:***

Rosalyn Baker  
James Barr  
Peter Blanc  
Douglas Duncan  
George Elmore  
Carey Haughwout  
Feirmon Johnson  
Randolph K. Johnson, Sr.  
James Kelly  
William Kramer  
Kathleen Kroll  
Michael McAuliffe  
Gerald Richman  
Valentin Rodriguez  
Chuck Shaw  
Priscilla Taylor  
Carmen Veneziano  
Lee Waring

***Members Absent:***

Mack Bernard  
Sharon Bock  
Ric Bradshaw  
Steven Burdelski  
Daniel Dooley  
Mike Driscoll  
Rolando Garcia  
Nellie King  
John McKenna  
Mary Olsen  
Susan Yoffee

Barbara Cheives, Ex-Officio Immediate Past Chair  
E. Wayne Gent, Palm Beach County School District Superintendent

***Guests Attending:***

Cristy Altaro, Court Administration  
Un Cha Kim, Clerk & Comptroller's Office (for Clerk Bock)  
Jenise Link, Department of Public Safety  
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office  
Lynn Powell, State Attorney's Office  
Geoff Sluggett, Sluggett & Associates  
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration  
Walt Strakowski, Office of Financial Management & Budget  
Audrey Wolf, Palm Beach County Facilities Department

**Staff Present:**

Michael L. Rodriguez, Executive Director  
Arlene Griffiths, Administrative Secretary  
Becky Walker, Criminal Justice Programs Manager  
Brenda Oakes, Youth Violence Prevention Planning Coordinator  
Craig Spatara, RESTORE Initiative Program Manager  
Damir Kuvec, Research & Planning Manager  
Mike Szakacs, Financial Analyst II  
Megan Minotti, Student Intern  
Tangela Walden, Student Intern  
Pamela Williams, Temporary Staff

- I. Chairman Douglas Duncan called the meeting to order at approximately 8:03 a.m. Welcome was extended to members and guests. Special welcome was extended to CJC member E. Wayne Gent, Palm Beach County School District Superintendent.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chairman Duncan invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The agenda was unanimously approved after motion by Commissioner Taylor and second by Mr. Waring.
- V. The minutes of the January 23, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Elmore and second by Commissioner Taylor.
- VI. Under Chairman's Comments, Chairman Duncan:
  - A. Reminded members that the Executive Committee will meet on an as needed basis except for the months of June through August, except when a meeting is required outside of the regular full commission meetings.
  - B. Announced the Criminal Justice Commission's annual planning meeting to be held at the Therapeutic Recreation Complex, 2728 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth, FL 33461, on Monday, March 26, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., including lunch.
- VII. Under Executive Director's comments, Mr. Rodriguez invited members to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy's final class and graduation on Thursdays, March 15, 2012 at 6:00p.m. The venue is the West Palm Beach Police Department located at 600 Banyan Boulevard, West Palm Beach.
- VIII. Business Consent Item  
There was no business consent item.
- IX. Under Old Business, Mr. Lee Waring, provided an update of the various reporting options for programs and activities funded between FY2010 and FY2012 that were discussed at the February Program Monitoring and Evaluation Sub-Committee meeting. He noted that staff outlined the work completed to date and that Sub-committee members discussed a number of issues such as the level of analysis as the report little on outcomes and the effectiveness of the programs. He said that

staff indicated that in some cases, outcome evaluations require longer periods of implementation and complex evaluations may require control groups or random assignment to be able to adequately address program effectiveness.

Mr. Waring noted that because of the short timeframe between the upcoming annual planning meeting, the Sub-Committee was seeking the CJC's approval of option one of three options presented. The option approved as follows:

*Request that staff review programs related to Adult Criminal Drug Court and Civil Drug Court, and other programs that may request funding from the Criminal Justice Commission for funding is FY 2013. The review would address the following questions:*

- a. Is the program "evidence based" when found in the peer reviewed literature?*
- b. What is the primary outcome and how does it compare with the peer reviewed literature. For example: recidivism rates for Adult Criminal Drug Court?*
- c. What is the primary outcome and how does it compare to a comparison group (non-scientific)?*

#### X. New Business

##### A. Juvenile Assessment Center

Staff is requesting support of the relocation and funding package for the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC). The estimate for the local contribution is \$235,000-\$270,000. To-date locals have identified support totaling \$90,000 (PBSO \$50,000; JAC Donation \$40,000) towards relocating the JAC. Law enforcement was asked to make a one-time, capital contribution. Future contributions to the JAC Donation account are planned to cover the gap. The timeline created by PBC Facilities has the project completed by August 2012.

Mr. Rodriguez provided a brief history of the JAC and the current status as it relates to funding and the programs offered. He noted that in 2009, the CJC requested the establishment of two sub-committees to look at the programs offered at the JAC and the security funding issues to be chaired by Feirmon Johnson and Chief James Kelly respectively. The sub-committees at the time of establishment had interest in CJC staff resources but not in the CJC providing oversight. As such the CJC voted to not provide staffing if they were operating independently of the CJC. It was recently discovered that neither of the sub-committees met since their establishment. He requested that a committee be set up to determine CJC's role in the JAC.

Ms. Lynn Powell of the State Attorney's office reported that a JAC Site Based Committee made up of agencies providing services at the JAC has been established since the inception of the JAC and that since that committee focused on the programs, there was no need to establish another committee. This committee is currently chaired by Mr. Feirmon Johnson who reported that they sometimes meet, and although no report of the meeting was provided to

the CJC, his superior and other partners were provided with updates. He further noted that on occasion when there were CJC issues, Brenda Oakes and Becky Walker would attend the meetings.

Judge Kroll expressed concern about the two committees not functioning and questioned who was responsible for the kids, noting that they are the big picture that needs to be looked at.

Mr. Randy Johnson wondered why the CJC did not address this issue before.

Public Defender Carey Haughwout agreed that the CJC should be involved in the JAC, but that the involvement should be clearly defined. She also stated that law enforcement stands to benefit most from the JAC, but that they the centralized location to provide services for kids was not entirely necessary as it may still prove inconvenient for some kids.

Chief Kelly remarked that many years ago he warned the CJC of the potential dangers from the Governors dismantling of the Department of Juvenile Justice, but that he is happy the CJC is showing interest in looking at the JAC. He further noted that the full scope of services needs to be looked at with long term goals and funding sources. He noted that in spite of everything, the JAC continues to operate consistently.

Mr. Richman was appalled at the language in the statute, asking what it means, and how it is done and controlled in other states. He spoke of the need for guidance and structure.

Commissioner Taylor emphasized the committees and its' work should be for information gathering purpose for presentation to the CJC.

Ms. Audrey Wolf said that the timeline was accurate until the end of the previous week, but that the JAC was still close to relocating and she is hoping that the county will allocate the necessary funds.

Mr. Kramer cited the importance of the CJC been able to convince the BCC to allocate the funds. A committee was formed to include the public Defender and State Attorney or there representative, a representative from Court Administration and the School Board, and Barbara Cheives with Jim Kelly as Chair.

#### B. CJC Staff/Other Committees

The item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

#### XI. CJC Initiatives/Updates

Under member comments, Ms. Cheives inquired about the update on the probation advisory service discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Rodriguez advised that County Purchasing in conjunction with County Administration recommended that the CJC defer all discussion regarding the issue until the purchasing process is complete.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.