

**M I N U T E S**

**MONDAY, May 29, 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 Johnson  
James Kelly  
Nellie King  
William Kramer  
Kathleen Kroll  
Chuck Shaw  
Lee Waring

Barbara Cheives  
Ex-Officio/Immediate Past Chair

***Guests Attending:***

Pamela Eidelberg, County Attorney's Office  
Un Cha Kim, Clerk & Comptroller's Office (for Clerk Bock)  
Jenise Link, Court Services - Department of Public Safety  
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office  
Robert Mangold, Municipal Public Safety Communication Consortium  
Pat Sheffield, JADI  
Audrey Wolf, Facilities Development and Operation

***Staff Present:***

Michael L. Rodriguez, Executive Director  
Katherine Hatos, Criminal Justice Analyst  
Damir Kucec, Research & Planning Manager  
Brenda Oakes, Youth Violence Prevention Planning Coordinator  
Craig Spatara, RESTORE Initiative Program Manager  
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst

***Members Absent:***

Peter Antonacci  
Steven Burdelski  
Mack Bernard  
Sharon Bock  
Ric Bradshaw  
Daniel Dooley  
Mike Driscoll  
Rolando Garcia  
John McKenna  
Mary Olsen  
Gerald Richman  
Valentin Rodriguez  
Priscilla Taylor  
Carmen Veneziano  
Susan Yoffee

E. Wayne Gent  
Ex-Officio Exec. Cmtee.

Becky Walker, Criminal Justice Programs Manager

- I. Chairman Douglas Duncan called the meeting to order and welcome extended to members and guests.
- 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 Mr. Chuck Shaw and second by Mr. Feirmon Johnson.
- V. The minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved after correction to replace the word “designees” with “waiver” on page 4 C, first paragraph. Motion made by Mr. Randy Johnson and second by Chief Judge Peter Blanc.
- VI. Under Chairman’s Comments, Chairman Duncan congratulated Mr. George Elmore on receiving the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches Community Award for his service to the community.

Chairman also reminded members that this was the last full meeting for the summer, but noted that the executive committee would meet as needed, and that the sunshine law committee would meet late June.

- VII. Under Executive Director’s comments, Mr. Rodriguez:
  - A. Provided an update on current grants. He noted that to date staff has applied for competitive grants totaling over \$2 million with others in the pipeline.
  - B. Advised on the status of the misdemeanor probation services RFP. He reported that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) instructed the CJC to do an extension of up to six months for Pride Probation Services to allow for completion of the selection process, with the provision of a 60-day transition period from one provider to the other. He further noted that one protest was still outstanding that would go before a special master within the next couple of weeks.

VIII. Business Consent Item

There were no business consent items.

IX. Old Business

There were no old business items for discussion.

X. New Business

A. Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium (MPSCC)

Executive Director Michael Rodriguez spoke about the MPSCC issue which he said deals with interoperable communication between the municipalities and Sheriff’s Office for law enforcement and dates back to 1990. He noted that a \$12.50 fee was associated with each traffic ticket issued by law enforcement officers that was allocated to the County, and that since 2002 the County

agreed to allow each municipality to have control over these funds for interoperable expenses. The County is now proposing to rescind that agreement which would result in some municipalities not being able to benefit from the funds.

Chief Robert Mangold provided an overview of the MPSCC, noting that it exist because of the Law Enforcement Planning Council (LEPC) and said that it was a CJC priority issue in the mid to early 90s. He noted that a number of cities are on the system and are fully interoperable with the County's system, but argued that due to budgetary constraints, the County is now seeking to sever the relationship with the municipalities thereby ceasing reimbursement of the \$12.50 funds to some municipalities. He requested the CJC's support in the continued funding for all municipalities, as they are relying on the funds to offset their interoperable expenses.

The issue was discussed at length, and Chief Mangold provided response to a numerous questions.

Ms. Audrey Wolf added that the County is proposing to terminate the Resolution, but said that the County's Administrator has decided to delay going forward at the request of the League of Cities, to allow for further discussion. She noted that this would impact all the cities differently and emphasized that monies collected is the County's as clearly stated in the Statute. She remarked that Palm Beach is the only county in the state that shares its monies with municipalities. She further stated that the intent was to assist municipalities to become interoperable and since they are now interoperable, the County feels that the program has fulfilled its mission and now needs the money to put towards County expenses.

After further discussion on the issue, a motion was made to request postponement of any action by the BCC until the CJC has an opportunity to offer recommendation in this regard. The issue was deferred until the next CJC meeting where Chief Mangold and Ms. Wolf would provide additional information. Members unanimously approved the motion.

#### B. Finance Committee Recommendations

Finance Committee Chairman Lee Waring presented the Finance Committee's recommendations for allocation of the FY13 funds. He noted that a total of \$704,254, representing 50% of last year's funding was available for allocation, and said that the Committee's decision was in conjunction with priorities identified at the CJC annual planning meeting. He also noted that given the limited funds available, the committee sought to provide coordinated and cohesive thoughts of funding programs the CJC was already involved with.

Mr. Mike Szakacs provided a brief history regarding the changes in funding compared to the previous year.

The recommendations are as follows:

- \$264,410 Reentry Services
  - \$132,534 - Riviera Beach Justice Service Center
  - \$102,279 - Gulfstream Goodwill
  - \$ 29,497 - The Lord's Place
- \$204,308 Adult Drug Court Treatment
- \$235,536 3 Existing CJC staff (Research and Planning Manager, Criminal Justice Program Development Specialist, and Criminal Justice Analyst

**\$704,254 Total Allocation**

Mr. Waring advised that there was one other recommendation brought to the Finance Committee from the Juno Beach Police Department for funding for helmets and shields in the amount \$4,000. The committee however recommended that it not be included in the allocations since there was no clear way of measuring the results.

Members unanimously approved the recommendations as presented.

C. Response to recommendations from the Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Juvenile Population Committee – Economic Development Council Concerns

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the June CJC executive committee meeting.

XI. CJC Initiatives/Updates

A. Countywide Weed & Seed Community Survey

Mr. Damir Kukec presented the results of the Countywide Weed and Seed Community Survey funded by a 2012 FDLE grant. He reported that the survey was implemented by the Florida Survey Research Center at the University of Florida, and the presentation prepared by CJC Intern Tangela Walden from Florida Atlantic University.

He provided a brief overview of the Weed and Seed program and its strategy, which involves a two-pronged approach where law enforcement and criminal justice agencies work to “weed out” criminals and drug abusers, while community-based organizations work to “seed” human services. The five sites looked at in the survey are Belle Glade, Delray Beach, Gramercy Village, Riviera Beach, and West Palm Beach. He noted that there were no incidents throughout the cities during the implementation of the survey.

Mr. Kukec highlighted some of the results for the various sites showing how the respondents perceived their problems in their neighborhood, the fear of crime, victimization, police response, and the neighborhood perceptions and

cohesiveness in the communities.

Members asked questions and sought clarification on various aspects of the findings such as the absence of any comparison with evaluations carried out in other Weed and Seed areas. Mr. Kukec said that a national study was recently completed but that the standard for Weed and Seed was not as clear. He also said that a comparative evaluation will be completed at a later date. A copy of the full report will be distributed to members.

B. Misdemeanor Probation Services Study – Race Characteristics

Mr. Kukec reminded the meeting of the Misdemeanor Probation Services Study that was presented at a previous CJC meeting at which Commissioner Priscilla Taylor expressed concerns with respect to the participants on probation, as to whether whites were given probation at a higher rate than blacks. Mr. Kukec reported that a draft analysis was prepared and submitted to Judge Bonavita for review, and will be shared with the CJC upon completion.

XII. Adjournment