

**M I N U T E S**

**MONDAY, December 8, 2014**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

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

***Members Present:***

Chris Allen  
Dave Aronberg  
Rosalyn Baker  
Nelson Berrios  
Kirk Blouin  
Jeffrey Colbath  
Douglas Duncan  
George Elmore  
Carey Haughwout  
Randy Johnson, Sr.  
Nellie King  
William Kramer  
Kathleen Kroll  
Bryan Kummerlen  
Duane Little  
Gerald Richman  
Valentin Rodriguez  
Chuck Shaw  
Lee Waring

***Members Absent:***

James Barr  
Sharon Bock  
Ric Bradshaw  
Barbara Cheives  
Rolando Garcia  
Dave Kerner  
Barry Krischer  
Marshall Manley  
John McKenna  
Christina Morrison  
Robert Shirley  
Greg Starling  
Priscilla Taylor

***Guests Attending:***

Nicole Bishop, Public Safety  
Kelley Burke, BCC (Commissioner McKinlay's office)  
Barbara Dawicke, PBC Court Administration  
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office  
Brian Fernandez, State Attorney's Office  
Michael Gauger, PBSO (for Sheriff Bradshaw)  
Amy Karpf, Office of Financial Management and Budget  
Jenise Link, Pretrial/PBC Justice Services  
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office  
Michelle Spangenberg, PBC Court Administration  
Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office (for Clerk Bock)  
Dorrie Tyng, PBC Court Administration

***Staff Present:***

Michael L. Rodriguez, Executive Director  
Arlene Griffiths, Administrative Assistant

Shahzia Jackson, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Damir Kukec, Research & Planning Manager  
Rosalind Murray, Criminal Justice Program Development Specialist  
Brenda Oakes, Youth Violence Prevention Planning Coordinator  
Craig Spatara, Criminal Justice Programs Manager

***Temporary Staff:***

Pamela Williams

- I. Chairman William Kramer called the meeting to order and extended welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum present.
- III. Chairman Kramer invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The December 8, 2014 agenda was unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Randy Johnson and second by Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath.
- V. The minutes of the November 24, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Douglas Duncan and second by Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath.
- VI. Under Chairman's Comments, Chairman Kramer announced the Palm Beach County 26<sup>th</sup> Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy to commence on Monday, January 12, 2015 and will be held on 11 consecutive Mondays throughout Palm Beach County 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 West County Jail, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Headquarters, and the County Court House. The academy is free and open to the public. Persons were asked to contact Rosalind Murray at 355-2332 or [rmurray@pbcgov.org](mailto:rmurray@pbcgov.org) for further details.
- VII. Under Executive Director's comments, Mr. Rodriguez remarked about the Domestic Violence Trust Fund, noting that a request for proposal will be done for any available training in addition to the proposal received from the Domestic Violence Council. He further noted that the CJC will also seek an estimate of the number of officers that the Law Enforcement Planning Council feels are able to be trained in one year.  
  
Mr. Rodriguez also wished everyone happy holidays.
- VIII. Old Business  
  
There were no old business items for discussion.
- IX. New Business  
  
There were no new business items for discussion
- X. Annual Recognition  
  
Chairman Kramer thanked members for their commitment and dedication to the CJC. Task Force Chairs were presented with a special token by Chair Kramer.

Outgoing CJC member, Director Kirk Blouin was also presented with a gift of appreciation.

Executive Director Michael Rodriguez noted that Task Force Chairs that are absent would be presented with appreciation gifts at a future meeting.

## XI. CJC Initiatives/Updates

### A. Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council

Chairman Douglas Duncan of the captioned Task Force provided a brief history and highlighted the purpose and membership of the Task Force. Mr. Duncan noted that the Council typically meets each month to review the trend in local corrections volume, offenders placed on in-house arrest, pre-trial services, and misdemeanor probation. He noted that Palm Beach County continues to report the lowest county incarceration rate.

He reported that a number of special projects have been completed over the years including the review of the bail bond schedule, the enhancement of transportation for offenders requiring mental health assessments between jail and providers to determine competency, and a five year review of the jail population. He further noted that a special sub-committee was established to examine the population of the 12<sup>th</sup> Floor population where juvenile male offenders are housed while awaiting trial.

In closing, he noted that the success of the Task Force comes from the collaboration of the stake holders that meet each month to assist in making the criminal justice system a more efficient one. He made special mention of Major Chris Kneisley who has been a member of the Task Force and will retire at the end of the year.

### B. Juvenile Reentry Committee

CJC staff for the above committee, Ms. Shahzia Jackson provided an update of the Committee. She highlighted the mission and goals, noting that it is a sub-committee of the Reentry Task Force, that started from funds received from the OJJDP 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Act Grant for one year. An extension has since been granted for the program through September 2015.

She outlined the number of accomplishments for 2014, including the development of the Back To A Future Juvenile Reentry Initiative that targets moderate to high risk youth returning home from residential commitment. Other accomplishments include a reentry process for juvenile that connect the youth with community providers, an educational transition staffing for youth that are direct filed and housed in the County jail.

Ms. Jackson reported the following projects currently undertaken by the committee: Pre-Release Hearings/Reentry Court, Intake team, transitional housing provider, Choice to Change and Aggression Replacement programming for youth at the County Jail, as well as mentoring programs for reentry youth.

Ms. Jackson also participated in a webinar with the Council of State Government where she provided information on the Committee and how it is impacting the youth in Palm Beach County. She will also be presenting at the Sheriffs Association conference in April 2015 where she will provide an update on the juvenile reentry program in Palm Beach County.

She thanked Judge Kathleen Kroll, Chair of the Committee, for her leadership and commitment to the juveniles in the County.

Judge Kroll added that the committee success is also as a result of the collaboration of the different players, and noted that most of the work is spare headed by Ms. Jackson. She stated that since most of the players are in the community, the goal, she said, is to keep the collaboration going.

The new juvenile reentry newsletter was distributed to meeting attendees.

Chairman Kramer commented that Back To A Future is an outstanding example of what the CJC participate in to help the community.

- XII. Under Member Comments, Vice Mayor Valentin Rodriguez announced that the League of Cities will begin discussion in the new year regarding how individual cities can assist drug court.
- XIII. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 a.m.