

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, September 26, 2016

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

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

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg
Rosalyn Baker
Jeffrey Colbath
Douglas Duncan
Barbara Cheives
George Elmore
Rolando Garcia
Carey Haughwout
Joseph Ianno, Jr
Keith James
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Kevin L. Jones
Dave Kerner
Nellie King
William Kramer
Barry Krischer
Kathleen Kroll
Bryan Kummerlen
Karl Martin
Christina Morrison
Gerald Richman
Priscilla Taylor
Lee Waring

Members Absent:

Ric Bradshaw
Sharon Bock
Michael D'Alonzo
Frank Kitzerow
John McKenna
Frank Mercurio
Debra Robinson
Robert Shirley
Greg Starling

Guests Attending:

Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, FAU
David Bernhardt, Legislative Assistant, District 87
Nicole Bishop, Public Safety
Jim Brako, Assistant County Attorney
Tamika Cooley, PBC CareerSource
Vern Crawford, PBC School District
Natalie Dixon, Florida Dept. of Corrections
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office
Arlene Griffiths, Reentry Program Coordinator, Public Safety
Latronda Hayes, Public Safety
Eliot Kleinberg, Palm Beach Post

Leon Lipsick, West Palm Beach Housing Authority
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Sylvia Moffett, City of West Palm Beach
Debra Oats, Court Administration
Arnia Perplanand, Florida Dept. of Corrections
Lincoln Sloas, FAU
John Smykla, FAU
Craig Spatara, Manager, Criminal Justice Programs, Public Safety
Maria Stevens, PBC Drug Court
Mark Strach, Florida Dept. of Corrections
Dave Talley, PBC CareerSource
Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Jon Van Arnam, PBC Deputy Administrator
John Viola, Palm Beach Bail Agency

Staff Present:

Jacquelyn Esposito, Criminal Justice Analyst
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Damir Kucek, Manager Research and Planning
Danny Kreshak, Financial Analyst
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Pamela Williams, Temporary Staff
Bert Winkler, Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Chairman Lee Waring called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chairman Waring invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The Agenda for the September 26, 2016 meeting was unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Doug Duncan, second by Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath.
- V. The Minutes of the May 23, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved after motion by Commissioner Priscilla Taylor, second by Mr. George Elmore.
- VI. Chairman's Comments: Chair Lee Waring welcomed Reverend Kevin L. Jones to the CJC as the Clergy representative.
- VII. Executive Director Comments:
 1. Executive Director Kristina Henson announced the new CJC website launch on October 3, 2016; a link will be sent to the CJC membership for viewing.
 2. Speaking Event – Bryan Stevenson, a nationally known criminal justice reformer is appearing. The CJC is a host agency with 20 seats and there are 4 tickets left for October 16, 2016.
 3. Meeting Notices – CJC Staff will be sending new year meeting notices via

Outlook for those member's calendars that use this application. A list of the meetings is available and will be sent out electronically as well. Ms. Carey Haughwout asked if this will include task force and subcommittee meetings. Ms. Henson advised that at this time it is solely for CJC meetings.

VIII. Old Business:

1. Chair Lee Waring asked Mr. Barry Krischer to give an update on the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) status. Mr. Krischer announced an increase of \$54,000.00 to be applied to the Reentry program. Ms. Henson pointed out that the CJC passed FDLE JAG audit in July. The only minor issue was that FDLE did not have payment documentation due to the change of CJC's Executive Director and no payments were submitted, but this has been rectified.
2. Community Engagement Task Force – Ms. Barbara Cheives gave an overview of this committee that has been meeting for 6 months. An action plan has been developed and a survey has been sent to police departments to increase awareness of existing programs. Ms. Henson added that forums and activities will be planned throughout the county, along with public service announcements to inform the community of the Task Force's focus. Ms. Cheives added this subcommittee is deliberately developing at a slow pace with the intent to build a solid foundation. The Task Force will continue with the surveys and is meeting again on October 24 (usually the third Thursday of each month) and is still in the process of adding members. Reverend Jones stated the Task Force is a worthwhile endeavor.
3. Corrections Task Force Bond Schedule Review - Mr. Douglas Duncan gave an overview of the recommendations of the Corrections Task Force (attached in the agenda packet). It was noted that three of the subcommittee members are bondsmen. Chair Waring stated that these recommendations seem to run counter to the initiatives of the MacArthur Safety and Justice project. Mr. Doug Duncan added he did not support changing the bond schedules because there is a lack of data to support the increase. State Attorney Dave Aronberg stated he supports the recommendations for 2nd degree felonies as the schedule has not been changed in 20 years and other counties have increased. Public Defender Ms. Carey Haughwout stated she did not support such recommendations and Ms. Nellie King agreed. Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath also stated he does not support the changes, that holding the wrong person in jail has a negative impact on the criminal justice system, he pointed out these recommendations are subject to approval of the Chief Judge. Mr. Gerald Richman stated it was a conflict of interest that bondsmen voted and should recuse themselves, and also cited the lack of data to support the recommendations. Mr. Barry Krischer made a motion to table the discussion until data is brought forth, with second by Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath. There was general discussion and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Waring suggested they return the recommendations back to the Corrections Task Force for data gathering. Ms. Henson added that contracting with FSU and

working with CJC's research staff will produce the data needed. Ms. Nellie King asked that the Corrections Task Force look at materials she has regarding the bail reform movement in the country, and also look at the makeup of the subcommittees and task forces. Mr. Keith James asked that the Corrections Task Force consider the impact on amounts of bonds from county to county, with data for backup. Chair Waring agreed this would be inclusive in the future investigations of the Task Force.

IX. New Business:

1. John Jay College of Criminal Justice – Ms. Henson explained a solicitation recently received to participate in a research network on misdemeanor justice. This is a current topic with the Community Engagement Task Force and the MacArthur Safety & Justice project initiatives. It is a three-year project. A letter of interest is needed with the CJC's approval. The proposal is to establish seven sites across the nation to look at community interaction with law enforcement for low level crimes. The project will show what is happening with the vast majority of low level police contacts that do not necessarily end in arrest; information via Field Investigative Reports (FIR) are taken into consideration. Currently eleven police chiefs in Palm Beach County are in support of the project, results will show data as a countywide project. The award is \$160,000.00 to \$220,000.00 to partner with FAU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Chair Waring asked what impact this will have on CJC staff and resources. Ms. Henson stated the impact will be minimal because of an arrangement with the Clerk's Office for extracting data. This project ties in well with what the Community Engagement Task Force needs for data collection. There was some brief discussion by members. A motion to approve was made by Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath, second by Ms. Christina Morrison. Motion passed unanimously.
2. CJC Annual Report 2015 - Chair Waring asked Commissioner Taylor her impression of the presentation to the Board of County Commissioners of the 2015 CJC Annual Report on June 21. Commissioner Taylor stated she thought it was inclusive, but requested that the addition of performance measurements be included and Chair Waring assured that would be included in future reports.

X. CJC Initiatives – Presented by Executive Director Kristina Henson

1. LEPC/Body Worn Cameras – Discussion at the last LEPC meeting resulted in the possibility that the CJC serve as a clearinghouse for information and policy considerations, by gathering and cataloging research regarding what agencies have implemented the camera technology and resulting policy and outcomes.
2. Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy – Announced a new session beginning October 17 through December 19.

3. MacArthur Safety & Justice ChallengeProject –

Pretrial Reform Project - Regarding first appearance hearings, the Committee plans to adopt a risk management assessment matrix using the Virginia model. The CJC has contracted with the Pretrial Justice Institute for technical support to move forward.

FUSE (Frequent User Systems Engagement) – The CJC has contracted with The Corporation for Supportive Housing for technical assistance to develop an implementation plan for a FUSE program. Data Capacity – Working with Clerk's Office to create data capacity utilizing MacArthur grant funds. Lead Project – The team plans to meet with Seattle's Lead Project, a successful existing model project dealing with opioid abusers, and considered to be best practice. This diversion program is being considered for funding through the MacArthur grant. MacArthur all sites meeting in Seattle - The team of 8 is to leave next week for the next MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge meeting.

4. Next grant application for MacArthur may be next spring. A lead executive from MacArthur is coming for a site visit in November or December. The CJC staff hopes to coincide her visit with a full CJC meeting.
- XI. Member Comments – Mr. Gerald Richman pointed out the controversy surrounding body cameras, and he asked if the CJC wanted to take a position as to standards and policy. Ms. Christina Morrison agreed and asked that this discussion be put on the agenda as a progress report for the October meeting. Mr. Barry Krischer said the CJC should take into account the related issues of the Florida Statute (police secrets rule), which provides for ongoing investigative evidence to not be subject to disclosure. Representative Dave Kerner added it would be helpful from a legislative standpoint to have a recommendation or endorsement on a set of policies to bring to Tallahassee. Ms. Henson added this is such a large issue that the CJC would not be ready to make such a recommendation by the time of the next legislative session. It was generally agreed more discussion and education is needed prior to any policy decisions.

There were no further comments, Chair Lee Waring adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:05 a.m.