

R E V I S E D M I N U T E S

MONDAY, September 25, 2017
PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

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

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg
Barbara Cheives
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Carey Haughwout
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Keith James
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Kevin Jones
Dave Kerner
Nellie King
Barry Krischer
James Martz
Krista Marx
Sarah Mooney
Christina Morrison
Gerald Richman
Greg Starling
Lee Waring
Erica Whitfield

Members Absent:

Rosalyn Baker
Ric Bradshaw
Sharon Bock
Michael D'Alonzo
Rachel Docekal
Rolando Garcia
Al Jacquet
Frank Kitzerow
John McKenna
Karl Martin
Frank Mercurio
Robert Shirley

Guests Attending:

Michael Gauger, Chief Deputy, PBSO
Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Kesnel Theus, FL House of Representatives
Jervonte Edmonds, FL House of Representatives
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration
David Bernhardt, PBC County Commission
Keith Bullock, PEACE Justice Ministry
Joseph Durante, PEACE Justice Ministry
Virginia Donnal, PEACE Justice Ministry
Jill Hanson, PEACE Justice Ministry
Emily Small, PEACE Justice Ministry
Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, FAU
Vaughan Crichlow, FAU

Staff Present:

Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Danny Kreshak, Financial Analyst
Rosalind Murray, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Jackie Price, Criminal Justice Analyst
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Pamela Williams, Temporary Staff

- 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 25, 2017 meeting was unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Doug Duncan and a second by Judge James Martz.
- V. The Minutes of the May 22, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Doug Duncan and a second by Mr. Randy Johnson.

VI. Chairman's Comments:

- A. Chair Waring expressed his appreciation on behalf of the membership to former Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath for his outstanding service to the CJC and presented him with a recognition plaque; Judge Colbath will continue to serve on the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Core Team.
- B. Chair Waring presented the 2016 Criminal Justice Commission Annual Report to the members. He informed members that the presentation of the Report in August to the BOCC was received with great support.

VII. Executive Director Comments:

- A. Executive Director Kristina Henson announced the start of the 33rd Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy will be this evening with 60 people enrolled.
- B. Ms. Henson announced the status of the two U.S. Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Formula Grants for fiscal year 2018. We received \$146,506 from the local grant that will fund the Juvenile and Adult Reentry Programs. Due to the federal administration change, there is a delay in the announcement for the other grant in the approximate amount of 300,000. Those funds when available will go to Reentry and the FUSE (Frequent Users System Engagement) Programs.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Ms. Barbara Cheives gave an update on the Community Engagement Task Force (CETF) and its first public event held in Delray Beach on June 22, 2017. An episode of the TV sitcom "Blackish" was shown to the approximate 110 attendees from the community. A distinguished panel from various areas of the criminal justice system spoke, including a psychologist who addressed the topic

of post-traumatic stress and the effects of violence within the community. The event was well received and the CETF is planning future events to respond to the concerns of the community. Chair Waring suggested the written comments from the event attendees should be shared with the CJC members at the November meeting.

IX. New Business:

- A. Executive Director Henson presented the award of the County's probation contract to Professional Probation Services, Inc. (PPS). Director Henson gave an overview of the bid process and bids received. The Probation Advisory Board (PAB), which reviews probation services for quality and consistent services, vetted the bids and recommended PPS. Director Henson asked for a motion to ratify the award to PPS. Ms. Nellie King suggested in the future extending the contract by a couple of months to bring the process within the active calendar of the CJC. Ms. King also asked for the amount PPS has collected. Ms. Henson replied she would obtain that figure and the timing of the contracts would be in alignment with the ratification process. A motion to approve PPS as the County probation provider was made by Commissioner Dave Kerner and upon a second by Mr. George Elmore, the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Chair Waring presented the recommendation to reenact Florida Statute 286.0114 pertaining to a public records exemption for criminal justice commissions. Commissioner Dave Kerner explained the history and the consensus of the CJC that a public record exemption regarding communication between members of law enforcement on pending items was necessary because of Sunshine Law restrictions. The legislation is due to sunset on October 2, 2018 and staff is seeking consideration by members to ask the Legislature to reenact this legislation. A motion was made by Mr. Barry Krischer to re-authorize the exemption and upon a second by Mr. Keith James the motion passed unanimously.

- C. Commissioner Dave Kerner presented the PEACE initiative that seeks to issue identification to undocumented residents of Palm Beach County through the Legal Aid Society. PEACE has requested the BOCC to fund this program with the idea of reducing jail population. This would not result in altering any charges. Instead it provides a form of identification that would allow law enforcement the option to issue a notice to appear, in order to avoid incarcerating people for driving without a license. Commissioner Kerner recommended this be vetted through the CJC because of its effect on law enforcement within municipalities and its inherent controversy. Commissioner Kerner suggested the CJC form a subcommittee to consider the Program. Ms. Jill Hanson from the PEACE Justice Ministry informed the members of the vetting process of this program from different parts of the country. There were questions from the members regarding the awareness of law enforcement, data availability and database information retention. Mr. Barry Krischer made a motion to form a subcommittee to vet the program and upon a second by Mr. Keith James the motion passed unanimously.

X. Update on CJC Initiatives:

- A. Executive Director Kristina Henson gave an update on the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge initiative. She said a special announcement will be made on October 4, 2017 with some great news that we cannot share until that time. Ms. Henson announced the first implementation of a validated Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument in Palm Beach County last week. She also announced the creation of a Data Dashboard featured on the CJC's website that will be presented at a future meeting. Lastly she said the Core Team will travel to New Orleans in October for the All-Sites meeting.

- B. Chair Lee Waring gave an overview of the successful Atlantic Magazine Roundtable discussion hosted by the MacArthur Foundation and facilitated by Atlantic Senior Editor Ron Brownstein.

- C. Director Henson gave an update on the Law Enforcement Planning Council (LEPC) Annual Coordination meeting in August with the acting U.S. Attorney Benjamin Greenberg. The Chiefs shared local concerns including the opioid crisis and auto theft. The U.S. Attorney's Office presented their Violence Prevention Program and community engagement activities

XI. Member Comments:

None

XII. Adjourn:

With no further Member comments, Chair Waring adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:55 a.m.