

M I N U T E S
MONDAY, OCTOBER
PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
McEaddy Conference Room
12th Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg
Ellen Cohen
William Dames
Rachel Docekal
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Carey Haughwout
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Keith James
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
James Martz
Krista Marx
Frank Mercurio
Sarah Mooney
Christina Morrison
Gerald Richman
Greg Starling
Stephen Stepp
Lee Waring
Erica Whitfield

Members Absent:

Sharon Bock
Ric Bradshaw
Barbara Cheives
Justin Fleck
Kimber Heddon
Al Jacquet
Kevin Jones
Dave Kerner
Nellie King
Barry Krischer
John McKenna
Robert Shirley

Guests Attending:

Diane McCarthy, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Kesnel Theus, Florida Legislative District 88
Dickinson Joseph, Florida Legislative District 88
Kathleen Kroll, PBC 15th Judicial Circuit
Vincent Ausanio, FBI, Miami Division
Angela Bess, PBC School District
Faye Johnson, PBC Assistant County Administrator
Stephanie Sejnoha, PBC Public Safety Department
Nicole Bishop, PBC Public Safety Department
Craig Spatara, PBC Public Safety Department, Reentry Program
Arlene Griffiths, PBC Public Safety Department, Reentry Program
Danielle Ouellette, PBC Public Safety Department, Reentry Program
Jessica Hidalgo, PBC Public Safety Department, Reentry Program

Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Florida Atlantic University
Vern Crichlow, Florida Atlantic University
Shanita McKenzie, PBC Crime Prevention Officer's Association
Lisa Robinson, PBC Crime Prevention Officer's Association
Dave Talley, PBC Career Source
Dave Bernhardt, BOCC District 3

Staff Present:

Jonathan Hackley, Criminal Justice Analyst
Aleita Kinman, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Danny Kreshak, Financial Analyst
Damir Kukec, Manager, Research and Planning
Althea Mones, Temporary Clerical Staff
Rosalind Murray, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Jacqueline Schoenfeld, FUSE Program Coordinator
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Chairman Richman called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chair Richman invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The agenda for the October 22, 2018 meeting was unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Joseph Ianno, Jr. and a second by Mr. Keith James.
- V. The Minutes of the September 24 meeting was unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Randy Johnson and a second by Mr. Keith James.

VI. Chairman's Comments:

- A. Chair Richman announced that Mr. Damir Kukec, Manager of Research and Planning for the CJC would stand in for Executive Director Kristina Henson, who was not able to attend the meeting.
- B. Chair Richman announced the CJC February 25, 2019 meeting will be held in a different format, consisting of a 3-hour workshop focusing on the activities of the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge Grant.

VII. Executive Director Comments:

- A. Mr. Damir Kukec reminded the attendees that the 36th Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy is in session and will continue through December 17.

- B. Mr. Kukec announced the Community Engagement Task Force will host their next public event on October 25, 2018 in Boynton Beach.
- C. Mr. Kukec presented the new CJC Brochure from the Community Engagement Task Force on What To Do if Stopped by a Law Enforcement Officer.
- D. Mr. Kukec announced a workshop hosted by the Palm Beach County Community Services Department titled "Rethinking Poverty: Building Pathways to Economic Mobility", to be held on October 25, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- E. Mr. Kukec announced the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA) is hosting a Leadership Conference in West Palm Beach November 29-30. The APA is a strategic ally in the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge, helping prosecutors accomplish grant goals.
- F. Mr. Kukec announced a Save the Date for Palm Beach County Race to Equity Summit 2, on February 20-21, 2019, in West Palm Beach.
- G. Mr. Kukec announced there are three spots the CJC has available for the 2019 Judge Marvin Mounts Prison Tour on March 27-28, 2019.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Chair Richman introduced Judge James Martz, Chair of the LEPC School Safety Committee, who gave a progress update. Judge Martz gave an overview of the Law Enforcement and Fire Rescue Trainer Symposium held on October 12, 2018. Judge Martz stated it was an important event because the discussions were very open and straightforward and allowed the various agencies to openly engage and discover where strengths and weaknesses lie and how to work together more efficiently. Notably among the various discussions was the deployment of law enforcement officers during an active shooter incident, the inherent risks and advantages to law enforcement officer self-deployment, and the coordination between law enforcement and fire rescue operations. Judge Martz said the next meeting on November 6 will focus on mental health and law enforcement professionals, how treatment modalities differ and how to streamline those processes.

IX. New Business:

- A. Chair Richman presented Ms. Stephanie Sejnoha, Director of Public Safety, and Craig Spatara, Manager of Criminal Justice Programs, who gave an overview of the Public Safety Reentry Program and its activities in 2018. Ms. Sejnoha and Mr. Spatara presented a timeline of the changes and enhancements in the program, data and facts that support the important impacts the Reentry program has on the community. The Reentry Task Force

organizational chart, current recidivism rates, significant accomplishments and plans for the future were highlighted. A success story video of a client who is now employed by Palm Beach County was shown to illustrate the positive influence of the Reentry Program. Judge Kathleen Kroll advocated for the need to find more resources and programs for the Youth Reentry program. Judge James Martz addressed issues in preventing incarceration, and described the Upward Spiral program. He also addressed how to follow through on their post-commitment progress within 90 days to prevent re-incarceration. Mr. Gregory Starling commented on various programs sponsored by the Department of Juvenile Justice for transitioning youth and providing stability to improve outcomes.

X. Adjourn

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.