



PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council

Palm Beach County Governmental Center
301 N. Olive Avenue, 12th Floor McEaddy Conference Room
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

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- SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Douglas Duncan, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
Rosalyn Baker, Florida Department of Corrections
August Bonavita, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Ted Booras, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Maureen F. Brickous, CEO, County Probation, Pride Integrated Services, Inc.
Patrick Cannan, Workforce Alliance
Roger M. Crane, Police Chief, Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association
Sharon D'Eusanio, Victims Rights Coalition/ Office of the Attorney General
Vice-Chairman Chris Kneisley, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Jill Richstone, State Attorney's Office
Alton Taylor, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation Inc.
Charles Trotta, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency
Barbara White, Public Defender's Office

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bob Bozzone, Executive Director, Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program
Rev. Chaney, Clergy Representation
Jeffrey Colbath, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Louis Tomeo, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Shelley Vana, Commissioner, Palm Beach County

GUESTS PRESENT:

Fran Adderly, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Ray D'Eusanio, Victims Rights Coalition/ Office of the Attorney General
Anthony Flowers, Superintendent, DJJ
Barry Fondiller, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
David Gillert, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, SAAP Program Manager
Shelby King, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Ken Huxold, Pride Integrated Services Inc.
Bea Lovelace, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Elizabeth Parker, State Attorney's Office
David Simmons, Court Administration

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Jenise Link, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst
Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst

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- I. Chairman Duncan welcomed the members and guests of the task force.
 - II. The agenda was approved without additions or deletions.
 - III. The minutes of the July 7, 2010 meeting of the CTF/PSCC were approved.

IV. **Reports**

A. Jail Population Report

Major Kneisley reported that the average population of the jail last month was just over 2,800 and the average year-to-date population is 2,864. Compared to last year the daily average was 2,783.

B. Jail Counselor Report

The Jail Counselor, Mr. Fondiller, provided a report that showed the status of DCF transfers. Mr. Fondiller reported that the IMACS system for generating his reports is in the process of being upgraded and therefore he could not obtain a report this month. Mr. Fondiller reported that no inmates were waiting to be transferred to the state hospitals and 8 inmates were transferred to the state hospitals in July. He also reported that no inmates were waiting to be returned from DCF and no inmates were returned from DCF last month. He reported that there were a total of 212 evaluations and assessments ordered for June 2010. There were 136 SAAP evaluations, 68 mental health assessments and 8 drug farm/STAR evaluations.

C. Juvenile Detention

Department of Juvenile Justice Superintendent, Mr. Flowers reported that the average population today is 50 and provided a report that showed the average population count in July was 46. He also stated that the Palm Beach County Detention Center loss one position during the budget cuts this year.

D. Pretrial Services Report

The Pretrial Services Manager, Mr. Trotta, provided members with a printed report detailing the Supervised Release Pretrial Services Program. The report notes that it is current as of August 2nd. He reported that there are a total of 1,005 individuals on Supervised Own Recognizance (S.O.R.) and that 910 of these are out of custody; 767 defendants are on S.O.R. only; 238 defendants are on S.O.R. with a bond and 77 of those have not been released. Eighteen individuals were on S.O.R. and were in custody for the following reasons:

S.O.R. to Treatment	11
Bonds or No Bonds on Other Charges/Holds	7

V. Old Business

- A.** Update on the phasing-out of the SAAP Program and Drug Farm and discussion on recommendations, *Major Chris Kneisley, Ms. Jill Richstone, Mr. Alton Taylor*

Mr. Taylor explained that there have been a few meetings to discuss the transition of the Drug Farm program which currently holds 130 individuals. He noted that

they are working on a plan where 43 of these individuals can be housed under the Department of Corrections through their housing program the others will be transferred to aftercare for 30 days. As of July 31st all assessments have ceased except for criminal drug court which will stop on September 30th and civil drug court which will stop on September 18th.

Mr. Gillert provided an update on the SAAP assessments. Basically, the court will still be able to access assessments but will have to do this directly through the providers as this service will no longer be available at the jail. Judge Booras explained what an impact this will have at First Appearance, as the defendants would normally get into treatment within one week, will now have to remain in the jail longer. The providers will receive orders from the court and will not have the assessment provided that was formally done by Pride Integrated Services Inc. through the SAAP contract.

Ms. Richstone noted that many times, people going into the drug farm would score out for prison and stated that the Department of Corrections (DOC) has already been supportive in offering the housing during the transition however; she anticipates that the individuals that would have been assigned to the drug farm will now be sentenced to state prison.

Mr. Rodriguez distributed a preliminary report from the American University on the elimination of the SAAP program. He also reported that the Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CJMHS) Committee on Adult Populations met yesterday and agreed to recommend seeking reinvestment grant funds for the SAAP assessments and community based treatment to the CJMHS Planning Council for their consideration. Chief Crane discussed the impact analysis report that was completed by the Task Force last year. Mr. Rodriguez noted that the Task Force will be presenting its update and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners later this month.

Ms. White discussed that the issue of the SAAP and Drug Farm will be brought up each year that we need funding if it remains under the Sheriff's Office. She suggested that permanent or grant alternate funding be sought for these programs. Ms. Baker explained how supervised released offenders are housed for treatment under DOC. Mr. Taylor noted that DAF currently has 121 people on a wait list for treatment beds and assumed that CARP has approximately the same amount of clients on a wait list. These lists exist before the SAAP beds have been closed.

Chairman Duncan appointed Ms. White to chair a new subcommittee that will meet prior to September 1st to develop recommendations on alternate funding for the SAAP program and drug farm and alternative means of completing the assessments. Chairman Duncan also appointed the following members to the subcommittee: David Gillert, Maureen Brickous, Alton Taylor, Bob Bozzone, Charlie Trotta and Rosalyn Baker.

B. Update on Corrections Task Force workshop presentation to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, *Jenise Link*

Ms. Link asked for a recommendation from the Task Force on the SAAP program. Members discussed asking the Board to give us direction on how to keep the whole SAAP system running. She explained that the August 31st workshop agenda now includes other topics such as Probation Advisory Board (by Judge Bonavita), Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council (by Judge Marx), Reentry Task Force (by Public Defender Carey Haughwout and the final topic will be from the Corrections Task Force (by Chairman Duncan and Major Kneisley).

VI. Additional member and guest comments

Mr. Richards stated that the Bail Bond Association held a meeting with the Sheriff's office about the proposed bail bond schedule revisions. He noted that the Sheriff's Office is no longer in favor of lowering any bail bond amounts. He stated that they discussed defendants who could not make bail be brought before the court after three days. Chairman Duncan explained that this item will be going before the Criminal Justice Commission on September 27th and that anyone who has an interest in this issue should attend the meeting.

Chairman Duncan informed members that the next meeting is scheduled for September 1st at noon.

VII. Adjournment

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