



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

Wednesday, December 7, 2011; 12:00 P.M.

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- SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Douglas Duncan, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
Ted Booras, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
August Bonavita, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Maureen F. Brickous, CEO, County Probation, Pride Integrated Services, Inc.
Jeffrey Colbath, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Roger M. Crane, Police Chief, Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association
Sharon D'Eusanio, Victims Rights Coalition
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Alton Taylor, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation
Shelley Vana, Commissioner, Palm Beach County
Barbara White, Office of the Public Defender

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosalyn Baker, Florida Department of Corrections
Bob Bozzone, Executive Director, Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program
Patrick Cannan, Workforce Alliance
Rev. Chaney, Clergy Representation
Vice-Chairman Chris Kneisley, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Jill Richstone, Office of the State Attorney
Louis Tomeo, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Charles Trotta, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency

GUESTS PRESENT:

Cristy Altaro, Court Administration
Susan Brown, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Ray D'Eusanio, Guest
Colleen Farnsworth, Department of Children and Families, Legal
Alan Fuhrman, Captain, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
David Gillert, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Eddie Jones, Lieutenant, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Walter Lawrence, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Bea Lovelace, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration

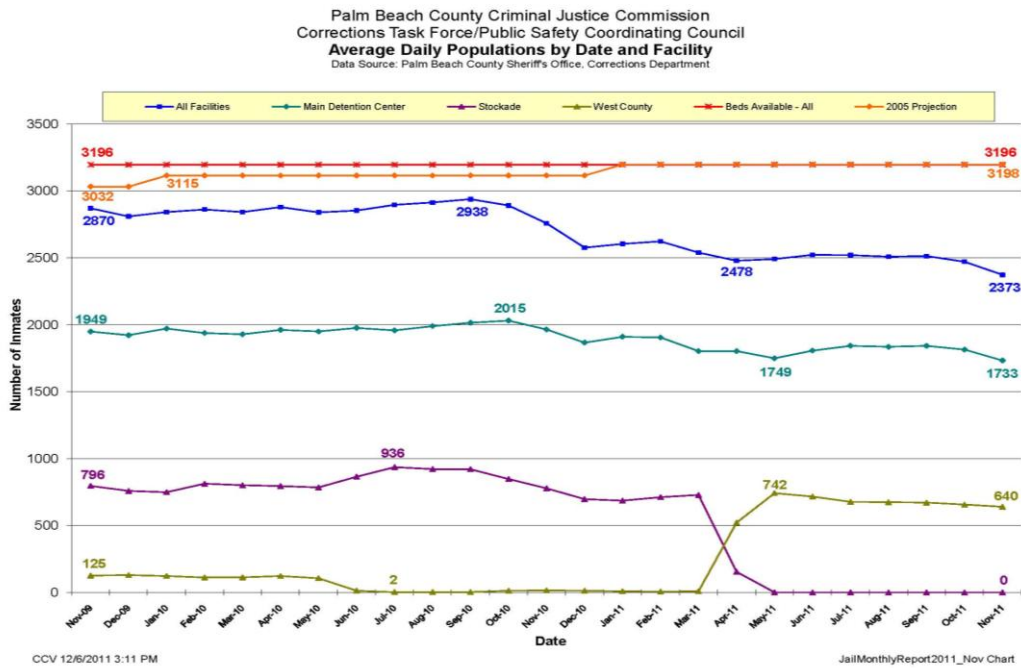
CJC STAFF PRESENT:

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

- I. Chairman Duncan welcomed the members and guests of the task force. He thanked all the members for their year of voluntary service to the Task Force.
- II. The agenda was approved without additions or deletions.
- III. The minutes of the October 5, 2011 meeting of the CTF/PSCC were approved.
- IV. Chairman Duncan congratulated Commissioner Vana on her recent appointment as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.
- V. **Reports**

A. Jail Population Report

Captain Fuhrman reported that the average daily population is 2,300 today which is the lowest it has been since 1990. He reported that the average daily population in November was 2,345 (1,705 for the main jail facility and 640 at the west detention center).



B. In-House Arrest Report

Captain Fuhrman reported that 56 individuals were reviewed under the new administrative order. Of those 56 individuals, 20 were denied, 36 were approved. Nineteen have been placed in the electronic monitoring/house arrest program and 17 are in the process of being placed.

Sergeant Lawrence explained that under the administrative order, the alternative sanctions unit is reviewing inmate records that have remained in custody for ten days without being released. He stated that the trend is that there are three categories that are occurring: 1.) individuals have been released

on a different status such as SOR or time served; 2.) individuals refuse the program; 3.) passive inmate that has no place to go such as the homeless. Chairman Duncan inquired whether Sergeant Lawrence could identify any other populations in the county jail that would be eligible for release into the program. Sergeant Lawrence reported that the Sheriff's Office has made every effort to identify anyone that could be released and is actively pursuing individuals to enter the program. He did not believe there were any other populations that are not already being identified for screening into the program.

Captain Fuhrman added that the sentenced population in the jail has decreased due mainly to the increased number of sentenced inmates released to the in-house arrest program. The Sheriff's Office now has a decreased number of trustees. Chairman Duncan thanked Sergeant Lawrence for his oversight of the program.

C. Jail Counselor Report

Captain Fuhrman reported that there were 258 pay-and-go bookings for the month of November. He added that the average misdemeanor stay is currently 1.65 days.

D. Pretrial Services Report

Ms. Crow from the Pretrial Service Division reported that as of December 2nd, 2011 there were a total of 580 defendants on Supervised Own Recognizance (S.O.R.) and that 532 of these are out of custody; 412 defendants were on S.O.R. only and 168 defendants were on S.O.R. with an accompanying money bond. Of the 412 defendants on SOR only, 8 remain in custody due to other charges holding them or are awaiting placement to a treatment facility.

Chairman Duncan presented a certificate of appreciation to the Pretrial Services Division for Mr. Charlie Trotta. Mr. Trotta will be retiring from his position in January 2012 as Pretrial Services Manager after nineteen years of service. Chairman Duncan noted that Mr. Trotta has been instrumental in developing the pretrial services program in Palm Beach County.

VI. Presentation

Mr. Gillert provided an overview of the county jail drug education program. The program is titled "Another Way". It is a 60 day volunteer program and is housed at the West Detention Center. (A printed report was also provided to the members). The Another Way drug dorm provides a structured substance abuse, prevention and education program. This program is offered to minimum, medium and approved maximum classified sentenced and pre-trial offenders identified as having substance abuse, misuse and/or abuse problems.

VII. Old Business

- A.** Criminal Justice Commission request for a report containing recommendations on current jail services for pretrial inmates.

Chairman Duncan appointed a subcommittee to review the draft report that has been presented to the Task Force and to develop recommendations regarding any overlap in services or duplication of efforts.

B. Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council merge with Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Mr. Rodriguez explained that the County's Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council is being disbanded. He added that Florida Statutes allows for the County to designate the Public Safety Coordinating Council to act as the Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council. There is a committee on adult populations and a committee on juvenile populations that may report to the Public Safety Coordinating Council as it pertains to the Justice Reinvestment Grant program.

C. 2012 Workplan

Members were provided with a draft 2012 workplan for their review.

VIII. New Business

A. Election of 2012 Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Duncan was unanimously elected as Chairman and Major Chris Kneisley was unanimously elected to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council.

B. Pretrial Legislation

Ms. Link presented the members with proposed House Bill 875 that was filed two days ago. She described that the bill revises criteria for admission to pretrial programs; specifies requirements for finding indigence and amenability to treatment; and requires certain defendants to provide liens to secure costs of supervision. Members discussed the content of the bill. They noted that it appeared confusing because it speaks of pretrial intervention program and pretrial release programs interchangeably. Mr. Richards stated that the bondsmen of Palm Beach County do not and did not support this bill. Commissioner Vana explained that it was her understanding that legislatures proposed this bill in an effort to reduce tax dollars being spent on services that could otherwise be paid for. Members questioned the intent of the bill.

This item was tabled until the next meeting. Staff will collect additional information on the the House bill.

IX. Additional member and guest comments

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Duncan.