



## PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

### CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council

Palm Beach County Governmental Center  
301 N. Olive Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> 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.  
**Vice-Chairman Chris Kneisley**, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**August Bonavita**, Administrative Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Roger M. Crane**, Police Chief, Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association  
**Michelle Dryer**, Workforce Alliance  
**Brian Feld**, Professional Probation Services  
**Alton Taylor**, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation  
**Louis Tomeo**, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller  
**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  
**Rev. Chaney**, Clergy Representation  
**Jeffrey Colbath**, Administrative Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Sharon D'Eusanio**, Victims Rights Coalition  
**Jenise Link**, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency  
**James Martz**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Tommy Richards**, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association  
**Jill Richstone**, Office of the State Attorney  
**Caroline Shepherd**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

**Colleen Farnsworth**, DCF Legal  
**Emanuel Fornah**, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency (for Jenise Link)  
**Michelle Spangenberg**, Court Administration  
**Alfonso Starling**, Captain, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**John Rivera**, Office of the Public Defender

#### **CJC STAFF PRESENT:**

**Michael Rodriguez**, Executive Director  
**Shahzia Hashmi**, Criminal Justice Analyst  
**Candee Villapando**, Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Welcome, opening comments by Chairman, Douglas Duncan.
- II. The agenda was approved unanimously.
- III. The minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting were approved.

**IV. Reports**

**A. Jail Population Report**

Major Kneisley reported last month's average daily population was 2,270; typically lower with less arrests during the holidays.

**B. In-House Arrest Report**

Major Kneisley reported in house arrest numbers were down as well to 178; 112 pretrial, including 8 direct filed juveniles, 60 county sentenced, 3 probation, and 3 DJJ Juveniles.

**C. Pretrial Services Report**

Mr. Emanuel Fornah reported as of January 2 a total of 702 defendants on SOR; 527 of these individuals were on SOR only, 175 were on SOR with a money bond. Of the 527 on SOR only, 10 remain in custody. Of the 175 with money bond, 37 remain in custody. Total SOR population out of custody was 655. Chair Duncan noted a little increase in SOR plus money bonds.

**D. Juvenile Detention Center Report**

No report.

**V. Old Business**

No old business.

**VI. New Business**

**A. In-custody individuals waiting for treatment**

Chair Duncan referred to a letter he sent to the Public Defender on December 6. He asked John Rivera to be here today to discuss; Ms. White is here as well. Mr. Rivera stated that he spoke to the social workers in his office to get feedback. It is complicated because there are so many people involved. When the order is signed by a judge, the person has to have an evaluation before going into one of the programs. Usually beds are available but the problem is in transporting the inmate for the evaluation to get him into the program. Need for coordinating and communication between program and Sheriff's office; suggested a point person

from the program and the Sheriff's office to communicate transportation for the evaluation.

Chief Crane asked why CARP does not go to jail anymore. Major Kneisley said he needs to do some research to see how long it takes for inmates to get in a bed once an evaluation is done. He has more transport officers now so the issue may just be getting inmates scheduled to go to get evaluated. Chair Duncan asked about the chain of events when it comes to court ordered evaluations. Major Kneisley said that when they get a court order it is sent to inmate runners, the coordinator then makes further arrangements.

Mr. Taylor said the problem is coordinating the actual residential admission transport, i.e., coming up with an agreed upon time frame. There is no longer a centralized process for point of entry. He wanted to see if everyone can meet and come up with an alternative centralized process. Commissioner Vana asked why the process could not be put back together like before. Mr. Taylor explained that there was a proposal to put together a centralized process and to put assessors back into the jail, arguing to put at least that front end back together which will be a lot cheaper than they are doing now.

Ms. White said that there was a solution before. The PD and Major Kneisley worked out an agreement that Alton Taylor and Bob Bozzone could do video conferencing at the PD's Office. Mr. Taylor said that the cost structure would still be the same if he had to send someone to the PD's office or the Sheriff's office; that was only a small part of the problem and what is needed is a centralized process.

Major Kneisley said a point person will cut down on time, but they will still need to transport the inmate for evaluation. Mr. Taylor said it would cut down on transport because the assessment would already be done at the jail and court would already get residential admission information, thereby cutting transport from two to one. Major Kneisley asked about how medical evaluation is done. Mr. Taylor said (speaking for DAF) they also look at the medical issues in a cursory way when the assessment is done. Commissioner Vana asked why they could not just hire a nurse. But the question was who will hire the nurse.

Mr. Duncan recalled when the issue was presented by Bob Bozzone, his concern was that there were people in jail when there was a bed and if there is an assessment they could immediately go to treatment. Mr. Taylor said the issue Mr. Bozzone raised was that there was a vacant bed waiting on the process; a bed is reserved for the inmate but there is an issue in coordinating. He said they need to see exactly what the problem with transporting is. Chair Duncan remarked that his concern was that if there was an available indigent bed, the person waiting on the bed should be out of jail. He then invited Mr. Rivera, Major Kneisley, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Bozzone, and Ms. White to meet to set up a meeting. Commissioner Vana reiterated her suggestion of hiring a nurse and gave the example of the Civil Drug Court in Riviera Beach which does the assessment right there.

Chief Crane asked about the list of inmates awaiting treatment bed as of 1-7-13 and wondered if there were beds available. Mr. Taylor said Mr. Bozzone indicated there were available beds that they were holding. Chief Crane suggested doing a report to determine what amount of beds is available. Chair Duncan said this is what the subcommittee will address. Ms. White said that they can find out with their clients if there is anyone waiting. She said the issue was that there are no beds available.

Chair Duncan called on Michelle Spangenberg regarding new judges and first appearances, and Judge Bailey's manual for doing weekend first appearances. Ms. Spangenberg noted that it has not been updated but there has been good dialog between Judges Marx, Booras, Martz, and Shepherd. Chair Duncan noted that he was not concerned with the new judges since they have been in the criminal justice system. He is concerned with the civil judges because of lack of familiarity, and recommended a mini seminar. Judge Bonavita noted there was a small training, part of overall training for judges that he attended as a new judge. He said the civil judges may have apprehension about not being sure what to do. Chair Duncan said he will draft a letter to the chief judge.

Chair Duncan also hoped to get the State Attorney's Office back involved in CJC committees. Dave Aronberg has expressed interest. Of course they are still concerned with Sunshine issues and the ability to still do their jobs. CJC has a committee with Gerald Richman to get the state legislatures to exempt the CJC from sunshine law requirements. Mr. Rodriguez noted it is more for constitutional officers on the committee so they can talk about an issue if it happens to come up in the CJC, but it will take a while.

Mr. Rodriguez talked about charts that he hopes to be reported on a monthly basis. Ms. Hashmi said that she is going to see what statistics are missing.

Ms. White reported that Juvenile Detention Center had 29 juveniles in custody as of yesterday.

## **VII. Updates**

No updates.

## **VIII. Additional member and guest comments**

No additional comments.

## **IX. Adjournment**