



## PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

### CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council

Palm Beach County Governmental Center  
301 N. Olive Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Criminal Justice Commission  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

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### - SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES -

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Bob Bozzone**, Executive Director, Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program  
**Roger M. Crane**, Police Chief, Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association  
**Brian Feld**, Professional Probation Services  
**Jenise Link**, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency  
**Brandy Macalusso**, Victims Rights Coalition  
**James Martz**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Tommy Richards**, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association  
**Alton Taylor**, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation  
**Louis Tomeo**, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller  
**John Kastrenakes**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Rosalyn Baker**, Florida Department of Corrections  
**August Bonavita**, Administrative Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Rev. Chaney**, Clergy Representation  
**Michelle Dryer**, Workforce Alliance  
**Chairman Douglas Duncan**, Roth and Duncan, P.A.  
**Vice-Chairman Chris Kneisley**, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**Caroline Shepherd**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Shelley Vana**, Commissioner, Palm Beach County  
**Barbara White**, Office of the Public Defender

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

**Brian Fernandes**, Office of the State Attorney  
**Ted Booras**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Mike Edmondson**, Office of the State Attorney  
**Colleen Farnsworth**, DCF Legal  
**Walter Lawrence**, Sergeant, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**Bea Lovelace**, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller  
**Stewart Sanfield**, Court Administration  
**Alfonso Starling**, Captain, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**Walter Saunders**, Department of Juvenile Justice

**CJC STAFF PRESENT:**

**Michael Rodriguez**, Executive Director  
**Shahzia Hashmi**, Criminal Justice Analyst  
**Katherine Hatos**, Law Enforcement Planning Council  
**Danielle Ouellette**, Criminal Justice Intern

- I. Welcome, opening comments by Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director. Mr. Rodriguez apologized for the smaller meeting room as the usual venue, the McEaddy Conference Room, was being used for another event.
- II. The agenda was approved without any changes.
- III. The minutes of the June 5, 2013 meeting were approved.

**IV. Reports**

**A. Jail Population Report**

Captain Alfonso Starling reported jail population as July 31<sup>st</sup> was 2,333; and 2,314 as of today. Pay-and-go was 244 for the month of July; 2 awaiting treatment facilities.

**B. In-House Arrest Report**

Captain Starling reported that total in house arrest population was 171; 75 pretrial; 0 direct filed juveniles; 90 county sentenced; 2 probation; 4 DJJ and 1 administrative order. Mr. Rodriguez commented that in-house arrest seemed to be lower than usual; Capt. Starling remarked that this is pretty normal around this time of the year.

**C. Pretrial Services Report**

Jenise Link reported as of August 5<sup>th</sup> there were a total of 850 defendants on SOR; 476 of those individuals were on SOR only, and 374 were on SOR with a money bond. Of the 476 on SOR only, 19 remain in custody due to other charges or awaiting treatment. Total SOR population out of custody was 723. SOR population this time last year was 715 (up by 135). Chief Roger Crane asked who follows up on defendants who do not or cannot make bond and makes sure that it gets looked at again. Judge Ted Booras commented that this issue had been discussed years ago, but that an administrative order was never issued for an automatic review of it. Ms. Link followed up that of 13 defendants, 2 could not make bond and 11 had other charges. Judge Booras added that they passed an AO within the last year that said if the bond is under \$3,000-\$5,000 after a couple of days, the inmate is automatically eligible for in-house arrest.

## **D. Juvenile Detention Center Report**

Mr. Rodriguez welcomed Walter Saunders, new DJJ representative. Mr. Saunders reported total population of 44 juveniles; 43 males, 1 female. Three were awaiting placement for level six program; 1 awaiting placement for level 8 program. Mr. Rodriguez expressed that he is pleased that the number was back down from around 60 at one point, hopefully as a result of different initiatives and the effort of the DJJ, CJC, and the JDAI.

At this point, Mr. Rodriguez noted that it might be a good idea to add section for a report from misdemeanor probation. Mr. Brian Feld reported that everything is going well so far; the DUI diversion program is going and they have the electronic monitoring devices up and running. They are currently working on the ignition interlock device making sure that they get the violations instead of going directly to the DMV. Mr. Rodriguez asked if PPS could provide a monthly chart on general population numbers, to which Mr. Feld agreed. Mr. Rodriguez also commended PPS for the very smooth transition from the previous long-term provider.

## **V. Old Business**

### **A. Inmates Awaiting Treatment Placement Tracking**

Alton Taylor reported about 10 cases at PBSO they tracked last month; 6 of which they were notified by PBSO. PBSO did not have prior information of the 4 other cases until DAF notified them; they were notified by attorneys on 2 cases, by the client's mother on 1 case, and they received a treatment order on 1 case. Mr. Rodriguez remarked he did not think that is a big number to be an issue, to which Mr. Taylor concurred. He said however this is only the data from their agency, and they do not have information about the other treatment providers. Mr. Taylor repeated that the purpose of this exercise is to make sure there is good communication between PBSO and the providers and he said that they have worked greatly with PBSO. Chief Crane expressed that his concern is on knowing where the breakdown in the process occurs, and asked if it will be possible to find out the details about the 4 inmates PBSO did not have prior information, to which Mr. Taylor agreed.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Bond Schedule Review Subcommittee recommendations**

Mike Rodriguez reported that the subcommittee had met and came up with recommendations. The committee discussed the statutes that will be included under the no bond category in AO 4.202 that goes before a First Appearance Judge for restrictions. Judge Kastrenakes noted that the PD objected to it. He also asked the reason for including statute 775.21, The Florida Sexual Predators Act. Brian Fernandes clarified that it was intended for sexual predators failing to register as opposed to sexual offenders (under statute 943.0435). The subcommittee also

recommended that a letter be written to the Chiefs of Police from the Corrections Task Force to remind their officers of the charges that may result in an O.R. This letter will recommend that officers consider writing a Notice to Appear (NTA) for these offenses. Chief Crane said that once the letter goes out, he will follow up with an explanation at the Chief's meeting. The last recommendation was to remove information on the Community Justice Service Centers since they no longer exist.

Mike Edmondson asked how often the bond schedule gets reviewed. Mr. Rodriguez replied that its part of the statutory authority of the Corrections Task Force and it is done whenever the committee decides. Shahzia Hashmi noted that the last bond review was done in 2010. Judge Booras inquired about the current list of non-bondable offenses pending first appearance, and a discussion followed regarding clarifying or making the list more accurate. Brian Fernandes moved and the committee voted and agreed to: include the PBL (punishable by life) and life felony designations to the existing list as the 5<sup>th</sup> recommendation; and accept the 5 recommendations. Brian Fernandes also offered to help with the final list.

Mike Edmondson mentioned how the bond schedule is now a hot topic in a significant number of community meetings, specifically with the perception of an extraordinarily lenient application of the schedule, and how certain community groups want a direct dialog with the Chief Judge regarding this.

## **VII. Updates**

No updates.

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

Brandy Macalusso requested help regarding the issue of how the offenders in DOC are able to contact their victims. Mr. Rodriguez suggested meeting with Ms. Macalusso to discuss and find out more information about the problem, and report back at next month's meeting.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Mr. Rodriguez thanked everyone for coming despite the change from the regular meeting day on the first Wednesday of each month. The meeting will be back to the normal next meeting.

Next Meeting: September 4, 2013; 12:00 P.M.