



## PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

### CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council

Palm Beach County Governmental Center  
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West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

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### - SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES -

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Chairman Douglas Duncan**, Roth and Duncan, P.A.  
**Roger M. Crane**, Police Chief, Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association  
**Brian Feld**, Professional Probation Services  
**Brian Fernandes**, Office of the State Attorney  
**John Kastrenakes**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Jenise Link**, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency  
**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  
**August Bonavita**, Administrative Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Bob Bozzone**, Executive Director, Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program  
**Rev. Chaney**, Clergy Representation  
**Michelle Dryer**, Workforce Alliance  
**Vice-Chairman Chris Kneisley**, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**Brandy Macalusso**, Victims Rights Coalition  
**James Martz**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Tommy Richards**, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association  
**Caroline Shepherd**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Alton Taylor**, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

**Colleen Farnsworth**, DCF Legal  
**Alan Fuhrman**, Captain, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**Stewart Saalfield**, Court Administration

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

**Michael L. Rodriguez**, Executive Director  
**Shahzia Jackson**, Criminal Justice Analyst  
**Danielle Ouellette**, Criminal Justice Intern  
**Samantha Santiago**, Criminal Justice Intern  
**Becky Walker**, Criminal Justice Programs Manager

- I. Welcome, opening comments by Chairman, Douglas Duncan.
- II. The agenda was approved without any changes.
- III. The minutes of the October 2, 2013 meeting were approved.
- IV. **Chairman's Comments**

Chair Duncan congratulated Chief Roger M. Crane on his retirement at the end of this month and recognized his years of service to the Corrections Task Force.

Chair Duncan also recognized Becky Walker who is also retiring this month. She is joining Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network.

V. **Reports**

A. **Jail Population Report**

Captain Alan Fuhrman reported a jail population of 2,304 for October.

B. **In House Arrest Report**

Captain Alan Fuhrman reported total in house arrest population was 185; 76 pretrial; no direct filed juveniles; 99 county sentenced; 5 probation; 5 DJJ. Book and release for October was 223.

Commissioner Shelley Vana asked how we can have no direct file juveniles. **Brian Fernandes (?)** responded it was due to a change of policy within the State Attorney's Office resulting in a drop in the direct file juveniles.

C. **Pretrial Services Report**

Jenise Link reported as of November 1<sup>st</sup> there were a total of 979 defendants on SOR; 552 of these individuals were on SOR only, and 427 were on SOR with a money bond. Of the 552 on SOR only, 12 remain in custody awaiting treatment or due to other charges or holds. Total SOR population out of custody was 849. Chair Duncan noted that Judge James Martz is leaving Gun Club and he will be replaced by **Judge Joe Marx (?)**.

D. **Juvenile Detention Center Report**

No report was presented.

## **E. Misdemeanor Probation Report**

Brian Feld reported that by the end of the month of October, they had 2,313 active cases; received 313 new cases; and terminated 311 cases. Of the 311 terminated cases, 219 terminated successfully, with 92 either revoked or terminated by court.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **A. 2009 Exploratory Study of the County Jail Population Report**

Shahzia Jackson provided a status update on the study. She reminded the committee that one of the recommendations was compare 2009 and 2013 and to include the book and release program. Commissioner Vana (?) asked what it means that people were released before they were booked. Captain Fuhrman explained that this might have to do with the data conversion in the BIRS (Booking Information Retrieval System) used in the data extraction. Barbara White wondered if the misdemeanor charges can be broken down by offense to see if there is something interesting that could lead to a recommendation. Mike Rodriguez remarked it might be a good idea to update the report annually. Jenise Link suggested to add a description of the facilities and to add some information about mental health and substance abuse services at the jail. Judge Kastrenakes asked how many of those admitted did not receive a bond amount and how many are actually no bond cases.

### **B. Day Reporting**

Mr. Rodriguez explained that day reporting is a diversionary program dealing with offenders at the end of their sentence to get them out of jail, or a pretrial possibility. He wanted to bring up the idea again to see if we have a population that would qualify. Ms. Linked talked about how the program was used in Dallas (?) and Broward counties.

### **C. PBSO substance abuse assessments update**

Captain Fuhrman reported that based on the tracking data collected, there does not seem to be an indication that there was an issue in transporting inmates to DAF or CARP for assessment, so Major Kneisley indicated that they will just continue transporting the inmates for assessments. Ms. White concurred that there is no problems on their end. Chief Crane added that information from the providers have to be provided to the Sheriff's Office on a daily basis about available beds. Captain Fuhrman said that they talk to the provider and their schedulers who let them know when to bring an inmate, and they leave them there if a bed is available. Chief Crane remarked it seems that the process has been streamlined, to which Chair Duncan concurred that the Sheriff's Office has really been on board in this effort.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Veteran's Court**

Chair Duncan reported that they had their ceremony on Monday, and he, Mr. Rodriguez, and Chief Crane were there. He remarked that the Veteran's Court is a huge success and working extremely well. He added that it is a cooperative effort, and that Mr. Aronberg, the State Attorney is also on board. He said that the committee should be proud to be part of this effort. Colleen Farnsworth asked about the current numbers served by the court.

### **B. CJMHSA DCF Reinvestment Grant**

Becky Walker talked about a reinvestment grant proposal they are submitting to DCF which requires a formal recommendation from the Public Safety and Coordination Council to the Board of County Commissioners that the project they are proposing is the one that should be implemented in this county. She said that they are proposing to pick as target population juvenile first time offenders. She referred the group to information they provided, including their proposal and the list of partners. The committee voted and passed to write a letter of recommendation.

## **VIII. Updates**

No updates.

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

No member and guest comments.

## **X. Adjournment**