



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, 2016; 12:00 P.M.

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- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Douglas Duncan, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
Glenny Cueto, Professional Probation Services, Inc.
William Genem, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.
Janise Link, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency
John Kastrenakes, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
James Smigel, Captain, West Palm Beach Police Department
Alfonso Starling, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Alton Taylor, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation
Louis Tomeo, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Barbara White, Public Defender's Office

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosalyn Baker, Florida Department of Corrections
Paulette Burdick, Commissioner, Palm Beach County
Jeffrey Colbath, Chief Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Michelle Dryer, Workforce Alliance
Rev. Clarence Ellington, Senior Chaplain, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Brian Fernandes, Office of the State Attorney
Leonard Hanser, Administrative Judge, County Court, 15th Judicial Circuit
Joseph Marx, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Caroline Shepherd, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mevsim Bocaksiz, Drug Abuse Foundation
Mary Bosco, Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (for Becky Walker)
Jerry Casal, Palm Beach County Bail Bonds Association
Greg Kridos, State Attorney's Office (for Brian Fernandes)
Leon Lipsick, West Palm Beach Housing Authority
Taruna Malhotra, Palm Beach County Community Services Department
Cheryl McCullough, Department of Juvenile Justice (for Superintendent Mamine Saintil)
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration
Joseph Sophie, Palm Beach County Legal Affairs (for Rebecca DeLaRosa)

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst

I. Welcome, Opening Comments by Chairman Douglas Duncan

Chair Duncan welcomed everyone and announced that he will be leaving at 12:30 for a trial; Damir Kukec will take over for him.

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

III. Approval and/or Additions to the agenda

The agenda was approved. However, VI – New Business, and VII – Old Business were moved up in the discussions, ahead of V – Reports.

IV. Approval and/or Amendments to the November 2, 2016 Minutes of the Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting

The minutes of the November 2, 2016 meeting were approved without amendments.

V. Reports (*Discussed after items VI. New Business and VII. Old Business*)

A. Jail Population Report

Major Alfonso Startling reported that the the total inmate population as of that morning was 2,013.

B. In House Arrest Report

Total In-House Arrest population was at 211: 96 pretrial, with 2 direct filed juveniles; 111 county sentenced 1 probation; 3 DJJ; 0 Administrative Order.

C. Pretrial Services Report

Jenise Link reported that as of Monday, there were a total of 944 defendants on SOR; 553 of these individuals were on SOR only, and 371 were on SOR with accompanying money bond. Of the 553 defendants on SOR only, 24 remained in custody for other holds or bonds, with 10 awaiting treatment beds and 14 for other holds and charges. Of the 371 individuals with accompanying money bond, 72 remained in custody. The total out-of-custody SOR population is 828. These numbers compared to last month are only off by about 10; and compared to this time last year, they were lower by about 95. Also contained in their report is the

SOR violations for October, with a total of 90 that ended up as a signed warrant by the judge/court; the main category usually as main charges.

D. Juvenile Detention Center Report

Cheryl McCullough, for Superintendent Mamine Saintil, reported that as of 8 o'clock that morning they had a total of 32 juveniles; 31 male and 1 female. Eight are high-risk waiting for their program; zero max; and about 3 in secure waiting for non-secure program. Ms. McCullough shared that the juveniles had a wonderful party last night, and that upcoming for Christmas, the juveniles will have two parents per youth visit and have dinner with them.

E. Misdemeanor Probation Report

Glenny Cueto reported that for the month of November they received a total of 123 new cases; total active cases was 1,978; 161 successfully completed cases; 24 cases were revoked; total cases terminated by order was 185.

Mr. Kukec requested for a contact regarding IHA statistics from Major Starling; Major Starling will be sending Mr. Kukec contact information for Capt. Jones or Sgt. Walter Lawrence.

VI. New Business

A. Senate Bill 12 and the County's Role – *Kristina Henson, CJC Executive Director*

Kristina Henson gave a brief history on the issue, which started back in 2007, when the Florida Legislature and the Governor passed a bill called the Criminal Justice Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Act Grant Program, an annual allocation that the state, through the Department of Children and Families, provides funding to counties for behavioral health services as they relate to criminal justice. At that time only counties were eligible to receive the funds, and to be eligible, the bill required that each county must designate a criminal justice mental health and substance abuse (CJMHS) planning council, which was then created in 2008/2009 under the auspices of the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). The CJC through that council was able to apply and successfully obtain planning and implementation grants which ended in about 2014. In 2012, the CJC requested the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to end the CJMHS planning council, and designate the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) as such. The BCC passed a resolution effectively making the PSCC also as that planning council, from that point on, and as it stands. Moving forward to today, SB 12 (a 156-page bill dealing with Baker Act and Marchman Act, etc.) was passed by the legislature this year, which also expanded the eligibility for the reinvestment grant funds beyond just the counties to also include non-profit and the managing entities. Therefore moving into 2017, the PSCC as the designated planning council must be prepared to receive and review applications and make recommendations to the BCC, which will allow the successful applicant/organization to apply to the state.

In line with that, SB 12 also requires counties to have written transportation and designated receiving system plans, which are tied together, for people in crisis. The bill also requires the county to work in collaboration with the local managing entity, which is Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN). County administration has asked the CJC to assist the county in this effort from the criminal justice perspective, while SEFBHN will assist with the non-criminal justice perspective. They are also looking at adding members to the council from the behavioral health community. Ms. Henson also briefly mentioned about the timeline involved for the plans. SEFBHN will be drafting the plans initially which will be presented and discussed at the next meeting in January and discussed in a few more subsequent meetings, then submitted to the BCC in May. The drafts of the plans will also be brought to the CJC's Law Enforcement Council (LEPC) for their input as well. Barbara White expressed concern about whether this committee is the appropriate body for this. Ms. Henson explained that the legislation for the reinvestment act grant actually recommended that counties use the PSCC, which already exists as a permanent body and meets on a regular basis. Chair Duncan remarked that he agreed to do it as many of the interested parties are already members of this committee. Ms. Henson added the reminder that there will be other non-criminal justice entities also looking at this issue, but that this committee seems to be the appropriate body from the criminal justice perspective. Jenise Link asked if there was a formal grant solicitation already released; Ms. Henson believed it was the summer time for the grant piece.

Chair Duncan noted that Alton Taylor, Glenn Cueto, and Cheryl McCullough (for Superintendent Saintil) have arrived at that point.

As a follow up to an item mentioned at a previous meeting, Mary Bosco (SEFBHN) announced that they did not get the separated grant for a central receiving system that SEFBHN applied for in collaboration with Health Care District.

B. Comparing ADP Computations: PBSO and BIRS (Booking Information Retrieval System) – Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager

Damir Kukec discussed the importance of this information as it relates to the requirements of the MacArthur Justice and Safety Challenge grant the CJC is working on in terms of data, which includes basic jail statistics, and would like to get feedback from the committee. Mr. Kukec presented a comparison of the data on the head counts conducted daily by PBSO and electronic data obtained from PBSO's case management system in calculating the jail's average daily population (ADP). Mr. Kukec presented a chart showing a line graph comparing data from the two sources. Mr. Kukec thanked Denise Ellis, PBSO analyst, for her input in interpreting the difference. A few of the possible explanations of the differences Mr. Kukec cited were that the head counts did not include the intake population; the electronic data computation did not include criminal registrants and juvenile assessment center intake population. Mr. Kukec commented that it is common to find variations in computations using administrative data, which was shown in the

graph over a 90-month period. The good news was that the trends are identical. Alton Taylor suggested looking more closely at the six-month period when the data are almost identical to possibly provide more information. Mr. Kukec requested the blessing of the committee in terms of using the computed ADP for the MacArthur project.

VII. Old Business / Updates

A. MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Challenge Project Update – Kristina Henson, CJC Executive Director

Ms. Henson reminded the committee and provided a status update on the project's four-pronged approach which includes the implementation of: risk assessment instrument for first appearance hearings; FUSE, including data comparisons between those who are in jail and in the County's homeless database, those availing services for behavioral health, and also hospital services, if at all possible; a data dashboard for the CJC's website to have data on the criminal justice system in Palm Beach County readily available, which Mr. Kukec and research staff are working on; and community engagement in which they have an action plan going before the full CJC on December 19th for a vote. Ms. Henson also shared that the head of Justice Reforms for MacArthur Foundation nationally, who is their program site monitor will be here on December 19th and 20th. Their visitor will be attending the CJC meeting on December 19th, along with other meetings, including a tour of the jail at the end of the day on December 19th, thanks to Major Starling; and observe first appearance hearings and meet with Judge Marx. The major thing is that for the proposal for the next two years, \$2M have been set aside (\$1M for each year) wherein their application merely needs to show that they have made significant progress since January, which Ms. Henson was confident about. Lastly, they just had a peer exchange with eight people from the National Association of Counties who were here last Thursday and Friday, who picked them to highlight what they are doing and who were very impressed with what they are doing and with the CJC itself, including its mere existence.

At this point, Chair Duncan excused himself from the meeting, and thanked everybody for a great year – for everybody's work and participation. He commended the committee which in his opinion is one of the hardest working committee of the CJC, with the members putting aside personal domains to work together on many different issues to achieve great results for the county. He also thanked the staff for all the help they have provided. And wished everybody a happy holiday and safe new year.

VIII. Additional Member and Guest Comments

Regarding the Proposed 2017 Meeting Schedule, Chair Duncan proposed that the January 4th meeting be moved to January 11th, and the July 5th meeting be moved to July 12th, being too close to the holidays. The committee approved the revised schedule.

Mr. Kukec also wished everybody happy holiday and happy new year.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: January 11, 2017; 12:00 P.M.