

Criminal Justice Commission
Court System Task Force
Minutes

Tuesday, February 10th, 2009 – 12:00 Noon
McEaddy 12th Floor Conference Room
301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Task Force Members present:

Jack Goldberger, Chairman
Journey Beard, CJC Crime Prevention Specialist
Cherry Grant, Public Defender's Office
Judge Lucy Brown, Circuit Court
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration
Judge Nancy Perez, County Court
Yasmin Rivera, Florida Department of Corrections
Terri Skiles, State Attorney's Office
Chief Clay Walker, Manalapan Police Department

Task Force Members absent:

Capt. Frank De Mario, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Barbara Dawicke, Court Administration
Feirmon Johnson, Department of Juvenile Justice
Judge Sandra Bosso-Pardo, County Court
Gena Rowlands, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Louis Tomeo, Clerk and Comptroller's Office

Others present:

Cristy Altaro, Court Administration
Nicole Saunders, Justice Services
Shelby King – Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
April Moorer, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Kathy Ruby, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Cassandra Strachan, PBSO - Community Justice Service Center
Faye Callum, Community Justice Service Center
Dorrie Tyng, Drug Court Coordinator

Staff present:

Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Mike Rodriguez, Executive Director
Kristie Slinsky, Criminal Justice Commission
Becky Walker, Justice Program Manager

1. Welcome

Chair Jack Goldberger called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m., and welcomed members and guests.

2. Roll Call & Introduction of Guests

Attendees introduced themselves in lieu of roll call.

3. Approval and/or Additions to the Draft Agenda

The draft meeting Agenda was approved without amendments.

4. **Approval Draft Minutes**

The draft minutes for the January 13th, 2009, were amended to correct the first name of Judge Ron Alvarez. The minutes were then approved.

5. **Chairman's Comments**

- a. Chair Goldberger welcomed Judge Lucy Brown from Circuit Criminal Court, Judge Sandra Bosso-Pardo, and Terri Skiles from the State Attorney's Office.
- b. Chair Goldberger thanked Alan Johnson, State Attorney's Office, for his service as the Vice-Chair of the Task Force. The Chair discussed with members the proper bylaw procedures for filling the open Vice-Chair slot made available due to the absence of Alan Johnson. Terri Skiles, State Attorney's Office, was nominated and approved by Task Force members to fill the Vice-Chair position.
- c. Chair Goldberger asked Task Force members to review the 2009 Work Plan and forward any additions and/or issues. Chair Goldberger encouraged members to bring forward new issues and projects for the upcoming year. Please contact Chair Goldberger or Journey Beard, CJC, to get these items on the Agenda.

6. **New Business** - No New Business

7. **Old Business**

8. **Updates**

- a. **No Contact Orders** – April Moorer and Kathy Ruby, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Central Records Office, informed members that a list containing 6,000+ Rescission Orders previously identified by Court Administration as having Rescission of No Contact Orders filed, PBSO had identified that 3% (180 names) had been in their PALMS computer system as requiring updating. Ms. Ruby reported that the PBSO system has now been completely updated from this list. Ms. Ruby requested that a hard copy of the "Rescission Order" BANNER report be generated during the upcoming four (4) weeks, and PBSO will continue creating a manual system to double-check that all Rescission Order cases are updated. This report will contain Rescission Orders that are generated due to any reason. Court Admin will continue working with PBSO Central Records staff to provide BANNER access, security certificates, and training. A discussion ensued regarding two (2) additional issues and mechanisms for updating PBSO: (1) No Filed Cases, and (2) Modification to initial NCO
- b. **Bond Jurisdiction** – Chair Goldberger informed members that all outstanding issues have been resolved on County Court judges presiding on "up filed" cases. This issue will be taken off monthly updates.
- c. **Suspended Driver's License Reinstatement Initiative** – Journey Beard, CJC, provided a foundational overview of this issue, including unresolved concerns that have prevented a successful resolution. The possibility of utilizing the Community Justice Service Centers as a location for this project was discussed. Chair Goldberger instructed Staff to prepare possible developmental and implementation options for this issue for the next meeting.
- d. **Drug Court** - Nicole Saunders, Justice Services Director, reported that Judge Kroll had reinstated the Drug Court Advisory Subcommittee, and the first meeting was held on January 26th. Three working groups (Funding, Partnerships, and Current Operations) were created to strengthen the Drug Court's future, build a more comprehensive network in order to meet objectives, and identify and resolve any issues that

may impede its success. Each of these working groups will be meeting prior to the next Subcommittee meeting on March 27th. Funding issues are being worked out with the CJC Finance Committee.

- e. **Juvenile Drug Court.** Cristy Altaro, Court Administration, announced the first advisory committee meeting will be held on Feb. 19th.
- f. **BANNER.** Louis Tomeo was absent, and a monthly update was tabled until the March meeting.
- g. **Community Justice Service Center:** Becky Walker, CJC, reported an increase in walk-ins looking for assistance. The issue concerning whether additional offenses could be added to Community Court was tabled until the March meeting.
- h. **Chief Clay Walker, Manalapan Police Department,** informed members about having received funding from the FL Bar Foundation for a project involving legal accessibility for deaf, blind, and hard-of-hearing individuals. Working with the PBC Deaf Service Center, a curriculum and video storyboard is being created utilizing the State Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, and Chief Judge Kroll. It will consist of three scenarios of individuals interacting with law enforcement, court system, and the correctional system. Filming will occur on Feb. 21st on the training video, and an Interpreters Guidebook will accompany it. The entire project will be done by May, and will be shown to the FL Police Chiefs Assoc. and FL Sheriffs Assoc. Approximately 65 of the 250 units created will remain in PBC and be distributed to system providers identified as being a critical part of the legal system. Chief Walker volunteered to provide a viewing of the video upon completion.

9. Member and Guest Comments

The next meeting of the Court will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2009.

10. Adjournment

Given that there were no other agenda items; the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.