

Criminal Justice Commission
Court System Task Force
Final Minutes

Tuesday, November 9th, 2010 – 12:00 Noon
McEaddy 12th Floor Conference Room
301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Task Force Members present:

Judge August Bonavita, County Criminal Court
Capt. Ed Jablonski, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Feirmon Johnson, Department of Juvenile Justice
John Riviera, Public Defender's Office
Yasmin Rivera, Dept. of Corrections
Terri Skiles, State Attorney's Office
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration
Louis Tomeo, Clerk and Comptroller's Office (Diane McCarthy)

Task Force Members absent:

Jack Goldberger, Chairman
Judge Jeff Colbath, Circuit Criminal Court
Cherry Grant, Public Defender's Office
Capt. Alan Ortman, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Elizabeth Parker, State Attorney's Office
Nicole Saunders, Justice Services
Chief Clay Walker, Manalapan Police Department

Staff present:

Becky Walker, Criminal Justice Commission
Michael L. Rodriguez, Criminal Justice Commission

1. Welcome

Ms. Terrie Skiles, from the State Attorney's Office was kind enough to replace Chairman Goldberger who was unable to attend the November 2010 meeting. She 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 minutes for the October 12th, 2010, meeting was approved.

5. Chairman's Comments

A. **No comments:**

6. New Business

- A. No New Business

7. Old Business:

- A. **Video Conferencing:** Ms. Audrey Wolf, Director of Facilities Development and Operations. In addition to Ms. Wolf, several representatives from the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office attended the meeting to address specific questions concerning the jail operations and video conferencing; including Captain David Sleeth, William Cecere (in charge of Gun Club Correction's Court), and Major Chris Kneisley. Ms. Wolf noted that the Sheriff's Office recently upgraded their jail management system which will be interfaced with the Video Visitation Scheduling System. She also mentioned that there would be an Executive Overview Tour of the Central Visitation Center on December 7th. This will be a high level tour and how this system will integrate with the Sheriff's jail system to synchronize scheduling. Ms. Wolf also provided an overview of the implementation of the Video Visitation schedule (see attached). She noted that they will be rolling out five public visitation centers with both public and professional access. Most of the public centers will be live in the 1st quarter of 2011 (January 2011) while the Central Detention Center Video Visitation System will be on line in the 4th quarter (December 2011). The Professional Video Visitation System will include the Public Defender and the Central Video Visitation Center with both centers phased into the VVS scheduling in the 2nd quarter. Ms. Wolf noted that there was a Video Court Pilot Project in the Main Judicial Center (11F) and the Main Detention Center (B114). Damir Kukec asked if there was any plan to implement video visitation via webcams and the internet (Skype like technology) with inmates. Ms Wolf noted that from a technology perspective it was not difficult; however, there are a number of security considerations that have yet to be resolved before we would introduce such an option. She stated that we have made a specific decision that we were not going to implement such technology at this time due to the operational (primarily scheduling) and security (uncontrolled users both on inmate and client) issues.
- B. **Procedure for Return of Firearms:** Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration. Ms. Spangenberg informed the task force that the AO3.905 was signed by the Chief Judge on October 19, 2010 (see attached).
- C. **Access to Probable Cause Affidavits:** Damir Kukec noted that this was an issue that Chairman Goldberger was interested in. It was noted that he still wanted to investigate the possibility of accessing probable cause affidavits online, rather than having to go down to the main court house. Ms. Spangenberg noted that it appears the Chief Judge may enter an order allowing access electronically; and perhaps there would be a possibility to access this information over the Internet once the Clerk's new system (Showcase) goes live where PC affidavit would be accessible. Ms. Joiner noted that at this time Manatee County has a pilot project which enables anyone to access probable cause affidavits online, regardless of whether you are the attorney of record. The Florida Supreme Court decision which restricts the release of such documents over the internet to the public (AOSC07-49) is attached.

8. Updates & Initiatives

- A. **Adult Drug Court:** Dorrie Tyng, Justice Services, provided brief report on the activities of Adult Drug Court. She noted that they currently have approximately 200 clients, 16 new clients, 25 co-occurring, and 20 graduated this September. There has been a total 1,060 people who graduated since the drug court was established.

- B. **BANNER / SHOWCASE & Electronic Access to Probable Cause Affidavit Images:** No update.
- C. **Delinquency Drug Court:** Cristy Altaro, Court Administration, she noted there are currently 18 youth enrolled in the program.
- D. **Community Service Justice Center:** Becky Walker, CJC, stated that the Community Justice Service Center will be closing its doors on December 10, 2010. The Center on Westgate is still open for business and is holding court.
- E. **Member and Guest Comments:** Ms. Spangenberg informed the taskforce that there is now a veterans docket out at gun club which will hear cases on the 1 and 3rd Thursday of each month. Judge Ted Booras will preside over the cases.
- F. **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2010.