

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, September 8, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

McEaddy Conference Room
12th Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg
Rosalyn Baker
James Barr
Barbara Cheives
Jeffrey Colbath
George Elmore
Randy Johnson, Sr
William Kramer
Lee Waring

Douglas Duncan
Ex-Officio Executive Committee
(Immediate past chair)

Members Absent:

Carey Haughwout
Barry Krischer
Gerald Richman

E. Wayne Gent
Ex-Officio Executive Committee

Guests Attending:

Alexia Cox, State Attorney's Office
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Adriana, Ellis, State Attorney's Office
Brian Fernandez, State Attorney's Office
Michael Gauger, PBSO (for Sheriff Bradshaw)
Marsha Guthrie, Children Services Council
Lisa Hanson, ??????
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Pam O'Brien, AVDA
Jennifer Rey, AVDA
Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Dorrie Tyng, Drug Court – Public Safety

Staff Present:

Michael L. Rodriguez, Executive Director
Arlene Griffiths, Administrative Assistant
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Shahzia Jackson, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Damir Kukec, Research & Planning Manager

Rosalind Murray, Criminal Justice Program Development Specialist
Brenda Oakes, Youth Violence Prevention Planning Coordinator
Craig Spatara, Manager, Criminal Justice Programs

Temporary Staff:

Pamela Williams

Student Intern:

Ashley Carseni, CJC Intern

- I. Chairman William Kramer called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chairman Kramer welcomed members and invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The agenda was unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Douglas Duncan and second by Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath.
- V. The minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Douglas Duncan and second by Mr. James Barr.
- VI. Under Chairman's Comments, Chairman Kramer
 - A. Reminded members of the September 22nd resumption of the full commission meetings.
 - B. Announced the September 23, 2014 Board of County Commissioners (BCC) workshop. The CJC will be presenting on ex-offender reentry. Public Defender Carey Haughwout will provide a historic overview of ex-offender reentry efforts in Palm Beach County, Craig Spatara will highlight coordinated community efforts, John Petrila the evaluation results, and Diana Stanley program successes and sustainability. The workshop takes place in the Commission Chambers, 6th floor of the Governmental Center at 9:30 a.m..
- VII. Under Executive Director's comments, Mr. Rodriguez announced the YEC's award from the Florida League of Cities. Members of the Belle Glade Youth Empowerment Center shot a seven minute video of Belle Glade that takes audience on a powerful trip through the city's poverty stricken areas, its deserted playgrounds, and dilapidated houses. The thought-provoking video was the third place winner of the Florida League of Cities' 2014 Youth Council Video Competition. The third annual video contest asked youth councils from around the state to look at the needs of their own cities and to find, in their opinion, the most critical need facing youth in their home town this year. A link to the video was provided in the agenda packet.
- VIII. Business Consent Item

There were no business consent items.

IX. Under Old Business, Chairman Kramer provided an update on the BIP and remarked about the discussions from previous CJC meetings.

Executive Director Rodriguez, having attended the 2014 Florida Association of Community Corrections conference provided an update of the discussions. Among other topics he noted, was a workshop relating to the Batterers Intervention Programs (BIP). He reported that there was widespread agreement that local jurisdictions now had the responsibility of monitoring BIP's due to legislation passed that relieved DCF of that responsibility statewide, and noted that the issue is handled differently in various jurisdictions. Mr. Rodriguez said that his recommendation is for the Court System Task Force to establish a subcommittee to explore the issue locally and provide the CJC with findings and recommendations.

X. Under New Business, Chairman Kramer reported that the Finance Committee met on July 23rd and allocated available funds, These include the FFY 2014 JAG funds, Crime Prevention Trust Funds, and Drug Abuse Trust Funds totaling \$780,803 for the following programs:

• Drug Court Treatment	\$285,772
• Reentry Services	\$203,061
• Law Enforcement Exchange	\$ 50,000
• Existing CJC Staff	\$241,970

A breakdown of funds by funding sources was also provided.

Chairman of the Finance Committee, Gerald Richman reported on a recommendation by the finance committee to transfer the amount of \$200,000 from the Domestic Violence Trust Fund (DVTF) to the County's general fund.

Mr. Rodriguez added that a total of \$225,000 has been accumulated in the DVTF over the years and that because of the restrictions for use in law enforcement training, only \$14,000 have been spent since 2004. The thought he said, and assurance from County Administration is that the funds would be transferred to the County's general fund as a CJC line item that may be used for programs recommended by the CJC. He argued that it could also be used to fund drug courts. Because of the budget schedule, Mr. Rodriguez noted that this would be the preferred time to do the transfer as it would otherwise require public hearing at the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Members discussed the issue at length, with the general discussion surrounded the uncertainty of being able to use the funds for drug courts or other criminal justice programs once transferred to the County. Chief Judge Colbath commented on the drug court workshop that took place earlier this year and the BCC's request to the Sheriff for Law Enforcement Trust Fund dollars to support Family Drug, saying that they could have been more supportive.

Mr. Barry Krischer expressed concerns about the funds being used for something other than specified by Statute, and recommended that the CJC allow more time to explore other options for use of the funds. Mr. Fernandez of the

State Attorney's office spoke on behalf of State Attorney Dave Aronberg saying that he was in agreement with delaying same as he feels that the CJC will lose control of the funds if given to the County.

Mr. James Barr argued that he too was not in favor of transferring the funds to the County noting that he opposed the idea when it was brought up at the finance committee meeting, as he feels that the CJC is better off keeping what it has. Mr. Lee Waring remarked that the consideration was that the CJC could use it to bargain with the County for future funding, but said that he would not have a problem delaying while other options are explored.

After further discussion, Mr. Krischer made the motion to table the transferring of the DVTF until the September CJC meeting to allow time to explore other options and putting together a proposal to utilize the funds. Members unanimously approved the motion after it was second by Mr. Barr.

- XI. Under member comments, Mr. Richman commented on a retreat to explore ways of identifying new items for funding.
- XII. With no further items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50a.m