



## M I N U T E S

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

### PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

McEaddy Conference Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
301 N. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL

#### **Members Present:**

Dave Aronberg - *virtual*  
Barbara Cheives - *virtual*  
Rachel Docekal - *virtual*  
Carey Haughwout  
Joseph Ianno, Jr.  
Randolph Johnson, Sr. - *virtual*  
Kevin Jones  
Dave Kerner - *virtual*  
Christina Morrison  
Gerald Richman - *virtual*

#### **Members Absent:**

Frank Adderley  
Nellie King  
Judge Krista Marx/Judge Cheryl Caracuzzo  
Dr. Donald Fennoy (Ex-Officio)

#### **Others Attending:**

Jean Williams - County Attorney's Office – *virtual*  
Jennifer Loyless - Public Defender's Office- *virtual*  
Mike Edmondson – State Attorney's Office- *virtual*  
Nicole Bishop – PBC Public Safety - *virtual*  
Jamie-Lee Brown – Community Partners of South Florida - *virtual*  
Gwen Wright – Everyday Democracy - *virtual*  
Thomas Blomberg – Florida State University - *virtual*

#### **Staff Present:**

Regenia Herring, Executive Director  
Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst - *virtual*  
Jacqueline Jackson - *virtual*  
Damir Kukec, Manager, Research & Planning- *virtual*  
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant  
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst – *virtual*  
Bert Winkler, Manager, Program Development – *virtual*

- I. Chairman Joseph Ianno, Jr. called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Welcome to the members and guests attending the meeting online.
- IV. Chairman Ianno explained that this meeting was convened quickly after the prior meeting on February 26, (1<sup>st</sup> annual Executive Committee Planning Meeting); he said it is difficult to obtain a quorum for a full session CJC meeting, and it is necessary in order to conduct time-sensitive business. A motion to approve the March 8, 2021 Executive Committee agenda was made by Ms. Christina Morrison, with a second by Reverend Kevin L. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

- V. Chairman Joseph Ianno, Jr. requested a motion to approve the Summary Minutes from February 26. A motion was made by Public Defender Carey Haughwout, a second by Reverend Kevin L. Jones, and unanimously approved by the Committee.

**VI. Executive Director's Comments:**

- A. Director Regenia Herring asked the Executive Committee to consider planning another workshop to attend to the issues that were identified in the Planning Meeting to give CJC staff direction.
- B. Director Herring announced on March 22, 2021, the three-hour Groundwater Presentation by the Racial Equity Institute would be available to CJC members and others virtually.

**VII. New Business:**

- A. Ms. Nicole Bishop, Director of Public Safety Justice Services gave a review of the two-year old research project with the Battered Women's Justice Project. The CJC has supported this research by funding with the Domestic Violence Trust Fund. The purpose of this research project was to identify gaps in the system-wide response to intimate partner violence. Director Bishop referred to the abstract attached to the agenda packet introducing a new grant opportunity through the Office of Violence Against Women. The ICJR Grant Program will seek to enhance the response to intimate partner violence through the implementation of a Community Coordinated Response (CCR) team who will study and identify how the system currently functions and what improvements can be made in matters of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking in Palm Beach County. The proposed partnership would be similar to the development of the SART program in that any newly established protocols affecting the law enforcement community would be brought before the LEPC for approval prior to the implementation process. It will be treated as a system-wide project, to serve both victims and offenders. The proposed partnership would not require CJC staff or other resources of the CJC.

Public Defender Ms. Carey Haughwout asked what role the CJC plays if the grant is awarded. Director Bishop responded the CJC would serve as a platform to share information with members and participation in forming the CCR. Ms. Haughwout said better and more programs should be made available to the parties, especially offenders. She also suggested offenders have the opportunity to work with not only law enforcement but also the Public Defender's office and the Judiciary. Ms. Christina Morrison asked who would be responsible for monitoring and oversight of the project; Ms. Herring suggested the CJC's

Program Monitoring and Evaluation subcommittee could be resurrected to offer more oversight. A motion to approve was made for the partnership with Public Safety/Victim Services by Public Defender Ms. Carey Haughwout, a second by Ms. Christina Morrison; motion passed unanimously.

- D. Chairman Ianno and Director Herring introduced Dr. Thomas Blomberg with Florida State University. Dr. Blomberg gave an overview of a new U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Grant opportunity for a strategic approach to crime reduction that leverages community knowledge and expertise to build public trust with law enforcement and make neighborhoods safer. The funding is \$1 million dollars for urban areas, and \$800,000 for rural areas, over a period of three years. Dr. Blomberg said it would be a CJC initiative; FSU would take the lead on writing the proposal, CJC would act as lead agency and make all decisions on parameters. Member discussion was supportive in nature, with taking a long-term view to sustain and replicate programs. Public Defender suggested staff create an outline and draft summary structure before the CJC Executive Committee votes to approve. A subcommittee was established to review evidence-based strategies and codify a proposal prior to the April 26, 2021 application deadline. Ms. Haughwout made a motion to establish a subcommittee to create an outline of the proposal with assistance from FSU, second by Rachel Docekal, motion passed unanimously. The Executive Committee decided the subcommittee would consist of Barbara Cheives, Carey Haughwout, Christina Morrison, Rachel Docekal, Kevin Jones and an LEPC member.
- E. Ms. Barbara Cheives introduced Ms. Gwen Wright from Everyday Democracy and Ms. Jamie Lee Brown from Community Partners of South Florida (CPSFL) to give an overview of the proposal for Dialogue to Change implementation and oversight project that will follow the Palm Beach County Policing Forums started in late 2020. Community Partners acts as an anchor partner in the Everyday Democracy network since 2015. They propose to ensure each of the dialogue groups to be established will have well-trained facilitators, supplies and resources in addition to desired participants. Everyday Democracy operates on a national level and dialogues have been used in study circles and have evolved into the shared work of Community Partners ongoing training of facilitators. Dialogues will begin in June for six weeks, including an action phase with funds for community projects. Ms. Christina Morrison made a motion to approve the proposal, with a second by Reverend Kevin L. Jones, motion passed unanimously, with Ms. Barbara Cheives abstaining.

**VIII. Old Business:**

None.

**IX. Member Comments:**

None.

**X. Adjourn:**

Chair Ianno adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.