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MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg
Carey Haughwout - *virtual*
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Kevin Jones
Dave Kerner
Christina Morrison

Members Absent:

Frank Adderley
Barbara Cheives
Rachel Docekal
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Nellie King
Judge Krista Marx/Judge Cheryl Caracuzzo
Dr. Donald Fennoy (Ex-Officio)

Others Attending:

Jean Williams - County Attorney's Office
Jennifer Loyless - Public Defender's Office - *virtual*
Mike Edmondson – State Attorney's Office - *virtual*
Olivia Dana – Center for Court Innovation - *virtual*
Chief Sean Brammer – FAU Chief of Police - *virtual*
Dave Bernhardt – PBC District 3
Ed Tierney - *virtual*

Staff Present:

Regenia Herring, Executive Director
Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst - *virtual*
Jacqueline Jackson - *virtual*
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst – *virtual*
Bert Winkler, Manager, Program Development – *virtual*
Jon Van Arnam, Deputy County Administrator

- 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. Chair Ianno asked for a motion to approve the April 12, 2021 Executive Committee Agenda; a motion to do so was made by Mayor Dave Kerner, with a second by Ms. Christina Morrison; motion passed unanimously. Later in the meeting a revised Agenda was presented, Chair Ianno asked for a motion to approve the revised agenda retroactive to 8:00 a.m., a motion to do so was made by Mayor Dave Kerner, with a second by Ms. Christina Morrison, motion passed unanimously.

- V. Chair Ianno asked for a motion to approve the March 8, 2021 Minutes; a motion to do so was made by Mayor Dave Kerner, with a second by Reverend Kevin L. Jones; motion passed unanimously.

VI. Chairman Comments: None

VII. Executive Director Comments:

- A. Director Regenia Herring said the Groundwater Presentation presented by the Racial Equity Institute on-line on March 22 had a successful turnout of CJC members and others.
- B. Director Herring announced the topic of reducing in-person quorum numbers would be addressed by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners on April 21, 2021.

Deputy County Administrator Jon Van Arnam gave a brief background of the issue for meetings and advisory boards. While COVID-19 restrictions had forced many board meetings to be held virtually, the quorums by Florida State Law had to achieve the quorum in person. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) created an Ordinance to achieve an in-person quorum of 25% of membership. The first reading of the Ordinance was held on April 7, 2021; the second and final reading will take place at the BOCC meeting on April 21, 2021. Upon adoption and filing with the Florida Secretary of State, the in-person quorum of the CJC will be 8 members. Mr. Van Arnam said there would likely be legislation in the next session that would allow advisory board quorums to be achieved virtually.

VII. New Business:

- A. Director Herring introduced a discussion on the House of Representatives Staff Analysis of Bill # CS/HB 1 - Combating Public Disorder. The Criminal Justice Impact Conference considered the bill on February 15, 2021, and determined the bill may have a positive indeterminate impact on prison and jail beds by creating new penalties and enhancing current penalties for specified felony and misdemeanor offenses. The Economic Council of Palm Beach County asked Director Herring if the CJC had discussed this issue or have taken a position for or against it.

State Attorney Dave Aronberg advised the CJC use considerable caution if it decides to review the matter. He said it is a highly controversial bill aimed at the Black Lives Matter movement; it had been shelved by the Florida State Legislature but was then reintroduced after the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Mayor Dave Kerner agreed with Mr. Aronberg in that it is a very controversial issue and he cautioned the CJC taking a position on behalf of the BOCC in policy matters. Chair Ianno also agreed the matter is not in the charge of the CJC now, and Reverend Kevin Jones agreed. The County has a legislative review team that addresses bills on policy and Chair Ianno said he was confident the CJC would reject taking any position on the issue.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Director Herring addressed the top three emerging issues as identified by responding CJC members to the priorities survey sent some months ago. She stated the top three CJC priorities to be addressed through the existing committees in 2021 are:
 - 1. Alternatives to arrest for juveniles and Adults – LEPC
 - 2. Behavioral health and crime – LEPC’s School & Community Safety Initiative
 - 3. Impact of fines, fees and bail practices – FSU Research & SJC Project
- B. Director Herring outlined for the Committee a plan for restructuring the Safety & Justice Challenge (SJC) and CJC subcommittees and taskforces, which have grown in number and require some integration and streamlining. She said the Emerging Issues and SJC Next Steps Alignment report presented at the last meeting by Ms. Olivia Dana and Ms. Sarah Picard with the Center for Court Innovation, along with the members surveyed, provided the basis of the proposed restructure. Director Herring recommended to the Committee to combine the various subcommittees and priority items into current standing subcommittees and taskforces for action. She provided the members with a timeframe of issues and delegation of taskforces and subcommittees. Director Herring also recommended adding a Legislative Review committee comprised of Executive Committee members, and additional issues that are categorized as administrative items. Chair Ianno suggested choosing two taskforce/subcommittees to review structure and membership at the next meeting. He said he would like to review first the Corrections Task Force and requested that its Chairman, Mr. Doug Duncan, join in the discussion. Chair Ianno also suggested to next review the Court System Task Force. He asked

members to consider these recommendations prior to the next meeting. Public Defender Carey Haughwout added there were more issues under each taskforce that should be considered and more time might be needed; Chair Ianno responded that the discussion could also take place at a Full Session meeting. Ms. Olivia Dana from the Center for Court Innovation offered assistance on any questions members may have.

- C. Director Herring said the 2021-2022 CJC Budget is completed with no changes; once presented to the BOCC, the final version will be presented to the CJC.
- D. Director Herring gave an update on the Proposal Review Committee for the FY21 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program (BCJI). At the last Executive Committee meeting, a group of six members volunteered to review the grant opportunity. FSU had proposed a community collaborative project, but after CJC staff research indicated there was a lack of data available from a countywide prospective, it was determined not to pursue the application. Additionally, it was learned the City of West Palm Beach has applied for this grant. Director Herring said she would like to use this committee to research initiatives that are viable for the CJC to consider for the future.

IX. Member Comments:

Chair Ianno announced the next Community Policing Forum would take place on April 21, 2021 in the North County area. He also added Executive Committee members be prepared to vote at the next meeting on the restructure of the Corrections Task Force and/or the Court Systems Task Force.

X. Adjourn:

Chair Ianno adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.