



PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council

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

Wednesday, May 4, 2016; 12:00 P.M.

http://www.pbcgov.com/criminaljustice/task_force/corrections/

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Douglas Duncan, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
Rosalyn Baker, Florida Department of Corrections
Paulette Burdick, Commissioner, Palm Beach County
Glenny Cueto, Professional Probation Services, Inc.
Brian Fernandes, Office of the State Attorney
John Kastrenakes, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Janise Link, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
James Smigel, Captain, West Palm Beach Police Department
Louis Tomeo, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Barbara White, Public Defender's Office

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mamine Saintil, Superintendent, Department of Juvenile Justice
Caroline Shepherd, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Jeffrey Colbath, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Michelle Dryer, Workforce Alliance
Leonard Hanser, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Brandy Macaluso, Victims Rights Coalition
Joseph Marx, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Mamine Saintil, Superintendent, Department of Juvenile Justice
Caroline Shepherd, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Alfonso Starling, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Alton Taylor, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mevsim Bocaksiz, Drug Abuse Foundation
Mike Edmondson, Office of the State Attorney
Colleen Farnsworth, DCF Legal
Latronda Hayes, Pretrial Services
Alan Johnson, Office of the State Attorney
Danielle Ouellette, Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Jacquelyn Esposito, Criminal Justice Analyst
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst
Bert Winkler, Criminal Justice Analyst

I. Welcome, Opening Comments by Chairman Douglas Duncan

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

Damir Kukec did the roll call and guests introduced themselves.

III. Approval and/or Additions to the agenda

The agenda was approved without changes.

IV. Approval and/or Amendments to the April 6, 2016 Minutes of the Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting

The minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting were approved without amendments.

V. Reports

A. Jail Population Report

Major Alfonso Starling was not at the meeting, but Chair Duncan noted that the jail average daily population report for the month of April was included in the packet.

B. In House Arrest Report

The In House Arrest report was included in the packet as well. And on the last page, a copy of an email from Major Starling was provided indicating that 965 inmates since December 28, 2015 were reviewed for possible AO program placement (those who were in jail for more than 10 days with bond for all pending charges is \$3,000 or less), of which 18 inmates were identified and contacted for possible placement in the program. Chair Duncan thanked Major Starling for the report

C. Pretrial Services Report

Ms. Jenise Link reported that as of May 3rd there were a total of 850 defendants on SOR; 476 of these individuals were on SOR only, and 374 were on SOR with accompanying money bond. Of the 476 on SOR only, 13 remain in custody for other holds or bonds; 2 awaiting treatment. These numbers were similar to last month, within 10-15 people; compared to last year this month, they were down by 120.

D. Juvenile Detention Center Report

No report was presented.

E. Misdemeanor Probation Report

Glenny Cueto reported that for the month of April, they had 169 new cases; a total of 2,025 total active cases; 101 successfully completed cases; 56 cases were revoked; and a total of 157 terminated cases.

VI. Old Business

A. MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Challenge Grant Announcement – *Kristina Henson, CJC Executive Director*

Kristina Henson recalled that the CJC had applied for this program last year and received a planning grant for \$150,000. Ms. Henson gave an overview of the activities of the core planning team over the last year, which included an implementation grant proposal submitted in January for \$1.2M. Unfortunately, they were told in March that they did not get the grant; but they were among the 20 continuing sites that were given another \$150,000 to continue their efforts, at the end of which they will be applying again for the implementation grant. Ms. Henson discussed the core team's three priorities which are: 1) To put together a risk assessment pretrial project, working with Pretrial Justice Institute (PJI) and MacArthur; 2) To look at a program called "FUSE" – Frequent Users System Engagement created by the Corporation for Supportive Housing targeting frequent users in the jail, particularly those with mental health issues, and look at services for them. A program is already in place in Mecklenburg, North Carolina, considered a model program in the nation, and other programs are being set up in Orlando, Miami, and other places around the country; and 3) To build a data capacity network so that they can analyze and look at what is happening in the system. Right now, the CJC has access to jail data as provided by PBSO; but they need to look more into the Clerk's data.

Ms. Henson also briefly discussed how the MacArthur project ties in with other CJC efforts, such as the newly formed Community Engagement initiative, in a way looking into system reform. They are also looking into a grant from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) that will tie in with the FUSE program in providing services to people with mental health issues. They

have a meeting next week with key players to explore whether or not this is something appropriate for them. There is also a network meeting in May called the Challenge Network which include the 20 sites in the country, and Palm Beach County is the only site in Florida for MacArthur. This indicates how the organizers are interested in keeping PBC and help them get to implementation. A PBC delegation will be going to Chicago, including Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath, Ms. Henson, Mr. Kukec, Bert Winkler, Ms. Link, and Daniel Gibson from the Lord's Place. Ms. Henson introduced Mr. Winkler as the new Criminal Justice Analyst who will be working with Behavioral Health, as well as MacArthur Foundation. The implementation proposal will be due sometime in summer next year, so the core team will have time to avail of the technical assistance being provided and work on some pilot programs.

Chair Duncan asked Ms. Link about the risk assessment that was presented to the committee a year or two ago. Ms. Link recalled that a group created a statewide risk assessment for Florida, but they realized it was not the appropriate tool for PBC. Chair Duncan remarked that he heard for the first time at the last main CJC meeting that there was a risk assessment committee, and was surprised that this committee was not informed. He asked what Chair Lee Waring decided as the Corrections Task Force role in this undertaking. Ms. Henson said it was her understanding that a lot of the people involved in the risk assessment effort last time were also members of CTF, or their agencies were also involved. Moving forward, the MacArthur grant is a little bit different. But they will be looking at the CTF for membership, noting that Judge Shepherd is already involved, for example; but that they will make sure that the CTF is informed and involved. In fact, Ms. Henson has asked Mr. Kukec to include the MacArthur update as a regular item on the CTF agenda for this purpose. She also mentioned the tie in with the FUSE project which will be meeting and working regularly, and come back to report to the CTF. Chair Duncan thanked Ms. Henson.

B. SB12 Update/Impact; Expanding services to address alarming opiate related deaths – *Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network / Alton Taylor, Drug Abuse Foundation*

Alton Taylor was not at the meeting. Danielle Ouellette from the Southeast Florida Behavioral Network provided the update. With the passing of SB12, SEFBHN is addressing the delivery of mental health and substance abuse services. DCF is required to conduct a community assessment every three years to determine an array of services. The managing entity will be producing a needs assessment on an annual basis, as well as addressing three to five priority needs. They are also working with DAF; they are creating a central receiving system to work with DAF for individuals with substance abuse, especially with opiate addiction.

C. Alternative Sanctions for Misdemeanor Offenders (AO 4.412-3/16) – *Judge Leonard Hanser, Probation Advisory Board Chair*

Judge Leonard Hanser was not at the meeting, but Chair Duncan noted that the new AO dealing with misdemeanor violations was included in the packet. Chair Duncan asked Mr. Kukec to forward a copy to Kai Li Fouts, President of the Palm Beach Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

D. Operation Fresh Start (added agenda item)– *Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office*

Louis Tomeo gave a brief report on the success of Operation Fresh Start which took place on April 30th; preliminary data showed that 300 warrants were recalled. A total of 350 warrants were recalled; with a total of 344 appointments. They handled a total of 387 people. It was a successful and well organized cooperative effort between the State Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, and PBCDLA attorneys, PBSO, Clerk's Office, and Department of Motor Vehicles.

VII. New Business

A. In-House Arrest population – *Major Alfonso Starling, PBSO*

Item was discussed earlier by Chair Duncan.

B. Clergy Representative Vacancy

Ms. Henson added a new representative from the clergy. They sent out request for nominations from six different religious agencies. The nominating committee will be meeting next week to look at the process based on the paper work they have at this time. The nomination will go to the CJC for vote, and then the Board of County Commissioners. Major Starling will be reporting on the Clergy representative for the CTF next month.

C. Bond Schedule Review – Next meeting date: May 25, 2016 Wednesday

Chair Duncan gave a brief report on the active discussions by the committee, including the issue of a second DUI, and noted the upcoming meeting next week.

VIII. Additional member and guest comments

No additional member and guest comments.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: June 1, 2016; 12:00 P.M.