



## **PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

### **CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council**

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

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### **- MEETING MINUTES -**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Douglas Duncan, Chair**, Roth and Duncan, P.A.  
**Glenny Cueto**, Professional Probation Services, Inc.  
**William Genem**, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.  
**Kimber Heddon**, Florida Department of Corrections  
**Jenise Link**, Court Services  
**Tommy Richards**, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association  
**David H. Talley**, PBC CareerSource  
**Alfonso Starling, Vice-Chair**, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**Alton Taylor**, Drug Abuse Foundation  
**Louis Tomeo**, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Marni Bryson**, Administrative Judge, County Court, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Daniel Eisinger**, Public Defender's Office  
**Brian Fernandes**, Office of the State Attorney  
**Dina Keever**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Glenn Kelley**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (also for Judge Dina Keever)  
**Dave Kerner**, Commissioner, Palm Beach County

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

**Mevsim Bacaksiz**, Drug Abuse Foundation  
**Michelle Cruz**, Court Administration  
**Jefferey Jackson**, Captain, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**Victoria Ragone**, Sergeant, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**Mark Strach**, Florida Department of Corrections  
**Schnelle Tonge**, Public Defender's Office – for Daniel Eisinger  
**Craig Williams**, Office of the State Attorney

**CJC STAFF PRESENT:**

**Damir Kukec**, Research and Planning Manager  
**Jonathan Hackley**, Criminal Justice Analyst  
**Aleita Kinman**, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
**Althea Mones**, Temporary Employee  
**Jacqueline Schoenfeld**, Program Coordinator  
**Candee Villapando**, Criminal Justice Analyst

**I. Welcome, Opening Comments by Chairman Douglas Duncan**

Chair Doug Duncan congratulated Barbara White who retired last Friday. Ms. White worked tirelessly on this committee and volunteered on various subcommittees and always brought a voice of reason and compassion. She will be missed.

**II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests by Damir Kukec**

**III. Approval and/or Amendments/Additions to the Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**IV. Approval and/or Amendments to the Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council March 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting were approved without amendments.

**V. Reports**

**A. Jail Population Report**

Major Alfonso Starling reported the total population as of that morning was down at 1,988 inmates.

**B. In House Arrest Report**

Total In-House Arrest population was 181: 103 pretrial, with 7 direct-filed juveniles; 75 county sentenced, 0 probation; 3 DJJ; 0 Administrative Order. Total Pay N Gos for the month was 208.

**C. Pretrial Services Report**

Jenise Link reported that as of Monday, there were a total of 842 defendants on SOR; 553 of these individuals were on SOR only, 289 were on SOR with a money bond. Of the 553 on SOR only, 20 remained in custody; 17 with other holds and 4 awaiting treatment. Of the 289 individuals on SOR with a bond, 63 remained in custody due mostly to other holds. The total SOR population out of custody was 759. These numbers compared to last month were very similar; compared to last year, they were down from 1,124. April violations were 72.

#### **D. Juvenile Detention Center Report**

No report was presented.

#### **E. Misdemeanor Probation Report**

Glenny Cueto reported that as of yesterday, they had a total of 224 new cases; 2,145 total active cases; 135 successfully completed cases; 40 revoked. Total termination for the month was 175. There were 20 defendants on ICE hold; 13 were confirmed deported.

Mr. Kukec shared that Professional Probation Services, Inc. (PPS) hosted a delegation from Puerto Rico who looked at their corrections system at the misdemeanor/county and felony levels. They also met with CJC staff and were provided an overview on how the Probation Advisory Board and the Corrections Task Force monitor the jail population, as well as the misdemeanor probation services contract.

### **VI. New Business**

#### **A. DOC to drastically reduce community drug treatment**

Alton Taylor reported that DOC will be reducing drug treatment as a result of increased health cost for their inmates; translating to a 40% reduction in their community based treatment, and for Palm Beach County will mean 14 beds. Mr. Taylor discussed how this will impact longer jail stays as individuals wait for an available treatment bed; and it will reduce overall community treatment bed availability to criminal justice clients. They are working with some of the state associations to see if they could lobby legislature to take action before July 1 to prevent these reductions.

#### **B. In-House Arrest Program Subcommittee Meeting on April 19, 2018 Update**

This issue was initially raised by Public Defender Carey Haughwout at a previous CJC meeting regarding a PD Office's client who had been ordered released pretrial on in-house arrest which allegedly took almost two weeks. The CJC requested the Corrections Task Force to review the case. An In-House Arrest Program Subcommittee was formed and met on April 19, 2018 attended by: Chair Doug Duncan; Major Alfonso Starling, Captain Jeffrey Jackson, Sergeant Victoria Ragone, and Deputy Belinda Murvin from PBSO; Judge Ted Booras; Barbara White (PD); Craig Williams (SAO); Michelle Cruz (Court Administration), and CJC staff. Chair Duncan presented a memo summarizing the findings from the meeting, briefly discussed these findings, and noted that PBSO's Alternative Custody Unit followed procedures and the subcommittee was more than satisfied with the response and cooperation from the Sheriff's Office. Chair Duncan noted the subcommittee recommended writing a letter to the Sheriff's Office commending the great work of the Alternative Custody Unit and requesting consideration of increasing the number of its staff to ensure maximum efficiency of the program.

## **VII. Old Business / Updates**

### **A. MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Challenge Project Update**

Mr. Kukec gave a brief update on the recent developments on the project. He announced that the local delegation of staff and members of the court team will be travelling to Pittsburgh for an all-sites meeting on May 7-9. FSU partners helping them do process evaluation of their risk assessment instrument and pretrial release management matrix recently paid a visit. And they have finalized drafts of four reports which include: a study of jail drivers of population between 2009 and 2017; a report looking at the success rates of individuals on pretrial release for the same time period; a report that looked at the outcomes at first appearance; and a pilot project framework that will evaluate the development and implementation of risk assessment and pretrial release management matrix.

Ms. Link reported that they have received three positions from the grant which have been filled in the last six weeks.

Mr. Kukec also made special mention of and gave thanks to the Alternative Custody Unit which manages the In-House Arrest Program, as they have been very helpful and instrumental in providing data to the MacArthur Project.

## **VIII. Additional Member and Guest Comments**

Dave Talley shared his experience at the recent prison tour which he said is eye-opening, especially for someone who is not in law enforcement like himself; an experience that he will never forget. He recommended it to anyone who has not been on the tour, and thanked the CJC for facilitating the trip and providing transportation.

Chair Duncan announced that the Corrections Task Force will adjourn for summer months.

## **IX. Adjournment**