

Criminal Justice Commission
Court Systems Task Force

Tuesday, December 11, 2012 – 12:00 Noon
McEaddy 12th Floor Conference Room
301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Draft Minutes

Members Present:

Nellie King, Criminal Defense Attorney's Association
Chief Matt Immler, City of Boynton Beach
John Rivera, Public Defender's Office
Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller
Deputy Ed Jablonski, PBC Sheriff
Terri Skiles, State Attorney's Office
Judge Krista Marx, Judiciary
Jeffery Ivory, Court Administration
Paula Carvajent, Court Administration
Feirmon Johnson, Department of Juvenile Justice
Judge Ron Alvarez, Judiciary

Staff Present:

Rosalind Murray
Mike Rodriguez

Guests Present: Christy Altero, Dorrie Tyng, Public Safety, Tony Ryan – Office of Criminal Counsel, Maria Stevens – Drug Court, Carie Abreau – Drug Court, Nika Paul – SOR Services

I. Welcome:

The meeting was opened by Chairperson Nellie King at 12:10 pm. She also introduced Tony Ryan from the Office of Regional Counsel to the group.

II. Roll Call and Guests:

Ms. Murray provided a roll call and introduction of guests. A quorum was present.

III. Approval and/or Additions to the Draft Agenda

There was a motion made by Matt Immler and seconded by Terri Stiles to approve the agenda as presented.

IV. Approval Final October 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes

There was a motion made by Judge Marx and seconded by Terri Stiles to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2012 meeting as presented.

V. Chairman's Comments – Chairman King discussed the fact that **Court Systems Task Force** has bylaws. They were included as handouts. Please be prepared to discuss them at an upcoming meeting. The Bylaws state that a Vice Chairman should be elected and other positions of importance.

VI. Reflections of Adult Drug Court – Judge Marx Judge Marx surmised that she has enjoyed the Adult Drug Court experience and thanked the staff for running such a strong drug court.

She welcomes Judge Shephard in mid-January knows she leaves it in good hands. She believes that Adult Drug Court is saving lives.

Juvenile Drug Court – Judge Alvarez expressed that they are attempting to improve Juvenile Drug Court. The biggest obstacle is the Public Defender's Office. We have only three kids in the program. There are more than 3 kids in PBC with a drug problem. He stated that there needs to be a public discussion on how to improve the program. All parties should be present. They have been using PTI as an easier avenue. Judge Marx offered up a few suggestions such as getting the parties together at the Private Defense Bar. Judge Alvarez stated that each juvenile case is different, and they need access to all the same services as adults. We used a consultant team to develop this program using a nationally recognized evidence based model. There is also Drug Court Lite for the Juveniles. We never had one child to qualify for the program. It has been in existence for a year.

Mike Rodriguez stated that we should work on a presentation to vet the Drug Court program before the BCC for 2014 funding. We should bring it back to the Task Force in February 2013. We should also determine how Drug Courts are funded across the state for the presentation.

B. Interim Report: Outcome Evaluation Program Monitoring and Evaluation – Damir Kukec
Mr. Kukec discussed the ongoing monitoring project. He is currently in the midst of providing evaluations for Adult Drug Court, Civil Drug Court, and Juvenile Drug Court. These three projects receive funding from the CJC. We will invite feedback as the project nears completion. He presented a preliminary report on the outcome evaluation process and discussed the qualitative and quantitative analysis. He will contact the center for Court Innovation in NYC for some baseline data. Chairman King thanked him for his work. Interviews will be conducted in January with the stakeholders. Perhaps a participant or two would come forward to speak at the BCC meeting. It would be compelling. There was a motion by Terri Stiles to include a group of human subjects as part of the drug court methodology for the evaluation. It was seconded by Matt Immler. The motion carried.

- VII. Nellie King offered an update of Senate Bill 1960. She discussed the limited registry process. She stated that it was not in effect yet. She shared the Miami Herald Article. She stated that Miami Dade is out of funding already and have to wait for July 2013 to replenish it. It is a crisis in the indigent defense arena. There is a recommendation to track the cases. Others include that the lawyers fill out an exit sheet. A full survey might be suggested. The Clerk's office will track the casing using their file numbers.

The Meeting dates for 2013 were distributed again. Please review and put on calendar.

VIII. Updates and Initiatives

A. Adult Drug Court:

Dorrie Tyng commented that as of November 2012 it is the 13th years of Adult Drug Court. There are 130 graduates this year. The evaluation will cover an eight year period.

Delinquency Drug Court/ Juvenile Drug Court is the recipient of a new federal grant courtesy of the CJC. It is to include co-occurring disorders. The grant will begin by early 2013. Report form Delinquency Drug Court – C. Altaro stated that the 501c (3) is up and running called Making Every Day Count. They will have a fundraiser in February 2013.

IX. **Member and Guest Comments: None**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm. **The next meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 2013.**