

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, April 28, 2014

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

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

Members Present:

Chris Allen
Rosalyn Baker
James Barr
Nelson Berrios
Kirk Blouin
Jeffrey Colbath
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Carey Haughwout
Randy Johnson, Sr.
Nellie King
Kathleen Kroll
Duane Little
Christina Morrison
Valentin Rodriguez
Chuck Shaw
Greg Starling
Lee Waring

Members Absent:

Sharon Bock
Dave Aronberg
Ric Bradshaw
Barbara Cheives
Vincent Demasi
Timothy Donovan
Rolando Garcia
Dave Kerner
William Kramer
Barry Krischer
Marshall Manley
John McKenna
Gerald Richman
Robert Shirley
Priscilla Taylor

Guests Attending:

Cristy Altaro, Court Administration
Angela Bess, PBC School District
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Pamela Eidelberg, County Attorney's Office
J Lee, PBC School District
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Mary Olsen, West Palm Beach Police Department (for Chief Demasi)
Julio Quinones, Federal Bureau of Investigation (for Timothy Donovan)
Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office (for Clerk Bock)

Staff Present:

Michael L. Rodriguez, Executive Director
Arlene Griffiths, Administrative Assistant

Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Shahzia Jackson, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Damir Kukec, Research & Planning Manager
Rosalind Murray, Criminal Justice Program Development Specialist
Brenda Oakes, Youth Violence Prevention Planning Coordinator
Craig Spatara, Criminal Justice Programs Manager
Elizabeth Williams, Financial Analyst II

Temporary Staff:

Pamela Williams

- I. Vice Chairman Lee Waring called the meeting to order and extended welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Vice Chairman Waring invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The agenda was unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Douglas Duncan and second by Mr. Chuck Shaw.
- V. The minutes of the March 24, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved after motion by Chief Judge Colbath and second by Mr. Elmore.
- VI. Under Chairman's Comments, Vice Chairman Waring announced the upcoming BCC workshop scheduled for May 13 where the CJC and Court Administration will present on permanent funding for Civil Drug Court, Adult Drug Court and Delinquency Drug Court. Members and guests were invited to attend.
- VII. Under Executive Director's comments, Mr. Rodriguez reported on the Juvenile Reentry Continuum Round Table Discussion held from March 18 to 19, 2014. He noted that the CJC was honored to work with Shay Bilchik of Georgetown University, Nastassia Walsh of CSG Justice Center and DJJ Assistant Secretary Joni Wimmer who facilitated the Reentry Roundtable Discussion. The purpose was to bring attention to challenges, opportunities, and solutions regarding juvenile reentry in our County. Mr. Rodriguez said that the need to develop consistency throughout the reentry process for juveniles was highlighted during the discussion, and advised that a report recommending solutions to effective juvenile reentry would be provided to the CJC at a later date.
- VIII. Old Business
There were no old business item for discussion.
- IX. New Business
 - A. First Quarterly Performance Measures Report
Ms. Nellie King, Chair of the Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Sub-Committee commented on the excellent preliminary report complete, and noted that it was a combination of the Sub-Committee meeting over the last two years. She advised that the full report is available upon request, but noted that

a meeting of the sub-committee will be scheduled to review the preliminary results. She thanked sub-committee members as well as Michael Rodriguez and Damir Kukec for all the work done.

Vice Chairman and former sub-committee Chair Lee Waring remarked about the depth of the report and suggested that members review same and direct questions and/or concerns to Michael Rodriguez.

Mr. Kukec provided an overview of the report, noting that it covers the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 (October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013) for programs being evaluated since 2010. In his presentation, he highlighted the case loads, graduation rate, and recidivism rate of the various programs. With regards to performance measures, he noted that the focus was on the total number of participants served, the average daily population, graduation rate, and recidivism rate. Further details were provided as outlined in the report.

Public Defender Carey Haughwout inquired about the participants as well as times served. She sought clarification on the recidivism rate as it relates to program success.

Chief Judge Colbath suggested that more footnotes and further clarification be included in the report for clarity.

Mr. Rodriguez remarked about getting the report to the various programs for their input before presenting to the CJC. After further discussion, a conclusion to present the report in a more understandable and clear format was agreed on.

Mr. Waring thanked the sub-committee and Mr. Kukec for the efforts in completing the first report.

B. Children and Youth Services Department

Mr. Rodriguez reported that the County is in the process of exploring a new youth department where all youth related services will be housed that will include the CJC's Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator's position. He noted that the idea came out of an effort to change the way the County runs Head Start to the tune of about \$7M. He further noted that one of the recommendations from the Youth Symposium held in September 2013 was to consolidate the youth/kids programs run by the County into one department. Mr. Rodriguez highlighted a list of the new department's proposed responsibilities, and the proposed organizational chart. He said that ad valorem savings of \$3M is projected in the first year and that the savings is expected to increase each year. In addition to the cost benefits of the consolidation, the move is expected to enhance the effectiveness of programs for children and youth from ages 6 and above.

Mr. Rodriguez advised that the CJC and Public Safety have been involved in the planning, and that the youth empowerment centers will be funded under the new department. He also said that the CJC will still be involved in juvenile issues.

Public Defender Haughwout commented that it is a good move for the County,

the youth, the budget, and the CJC as there is always the struggle of determining the dollars spent, and said that this will therefore give the County a better view of what is spent. Judge Kroll noted that the Juvenile Division is in favor of the move and also remarked about the difficulty in knowing how much the County spends and for what juvenile services. She added that the states/counties that have put all their services under one entity have done a better job at spending the dollars in the right way.

Following a motion by Public Defender Haughwout, members unanimously approved sending a letter of support for the new department.

C. Twelve Floor Juvenile Population

Mr. Rodriguez reported that the population on the twelfth floor of the Palm Beach County jail was brought to the Corrections Task Force attention, and that they are requesting the CJC's approval to move forward with looking into the increasing number of kids on the 12th floor of the county jail. The CJC supports the Task Force should proceed with looking into the matter.

X. Under CJC Initiatives/Updates, Mr. Rodriguez:

A. Provided an overview of the grants management worksheet and highlighted a list of agencies that the CJC partners with in obtaining grants. He announced that the Department of Justice is seeking applications for funding under the National Center for Building Community Trust and Justice. The purpose of this grant is to enhance procedural justice, reduce bias and support racial reconciliation. He noted the possibility of partnering with an agency. Public Defender Haughwout questioned if this grant would assist with addressing the concerns of the justice system and racial inequities expressed by Ms. Cheives at the annual planning meeting. Mr. Rodriguez along with Court Administration will further explore the possibility of applying for the grant. The deadline for the application is June 18, 2014.

B. Reported that the CJC received notification of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Solicitation in the amount of \$164,802. Mr. Rodriguez said that because of the usual timing issue, a finance committee meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible to determine allocation of same.

XI. Under Member Comments Mr. Chuck Shaw suggested that a summary of the legislative issues relating especially to weapons and guns be presented to the CJC as the legislators session has ended.

XII. With no further items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.