

**M I N U T E S**

**MONDAY, January 26, 2015**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

McEaddy Conference Room  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue  
West Palm Beach

***Members Present:***

Dave Aronberg  
Rosalyn Baker  
James Barr  
Nelson Berrios  
Kirk Blouin  
Barbara Cheives  
Jeffrey Colbath  
Douglas Duncan  
Dave Kerner  
Nellie King  
William Kramer  
Kathleen Kroll  
Bryan Kummerlin  
Duane Little  
Christina Morrison  
Gerald Richman  
Chuck Shaw  
Greg Starling  
Priscilla Taylor  
Lee Waring

***Members Absent:***

Chris Allen  
Sharon Bock  
Ric Bradshaw  
George Elmore  
Rolando Garcia  
Carey Haughwout  
Barry Krischer  
John McKenna  
Valentin Rodriguez  
Robert Shirley  
Brian Smith

***Guests Attending:***

Angela Bess, Palm Beach County School District  
James Brako, Assistant County Attorney  
Maureen Brickous, Pride Integrated Services, Inc.  
Sarah Carroll, Southern Strategy Group  
Barbara Dawicke, PBC Court Administration  
Michelle Dyer, Career Source Palm Beach County  
Johnnie Easton, Representative for Commissioner McKinlay  
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office  
Latrona Hayes, PBC Public Safety  
Keith James, City of West Palm Beach Commissioner  
Amy Karpf, Office of Financial Management and Budget  
Jenise Link, Pretrial/PBC Justice Services  
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office  
Laura McLeod, Director, Florida Association of DUI Programs  
Richard Markoe, Clerk and Comptroller

Debra Oats, PBC Court Administration  
Stephanie Sejnoha, PBC Public Safety  
David Shane, Florida House of Representatives  
Emily Slosberg, Dori Slosberg Foundation  
Meagan Rappatta, Magellan Complete Care

***Staff Present:***

Michael L. Rodriguez, Executive Director  
Jacquelyn Esposito, Criminal Justice Analyst  
Arlene Griffiths, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Shahzia Jackson, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Damir Kukec, Research & Planning Manager  
Rosalind Murray, Criminal Justice Program Development Specialist  
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant  
Craig Spatara, Criminal Justice Programs Manager

***Temporary Staff:***

Pamela Williams

- I. Chairman William Kramer called the meeting to order and extended welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum present.
- III. Chairman Kramer invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The Agenda for the January 26, 2015 meeting was unanimously approved after motion by Chief Judge Colbath and second by Commissioner Priscilla Taylor.
- V. The Minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved after motion by Chief Judge Colbath and second by Mr. James Barr.
- VI. Under Chairman's Comments, Chairman Kramer announced the date of the Annual Planning Meeting for Monday, February 23, 2015, and invited comments from Mr. Michael Rodriguez, Mr. Rodriguez indicated there were no updates; more information will follow.
- VII. Under Executive Director's comments, Mr. Michael Rodriguez announced the second class of the Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy to be held this evening and thanked those involved with speaking and providing the various venues for the Academy. He discussed the Workshop held on Friday, January 23, 2015 on Fair and Impartial Policing, at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, with the premise being that there is implicit bias in everyone and the importance of introducing policies and procedures for Law Enforcement and the Court System to fight against it. Mr. Kramer invited comments from Mr. Duane Little; he commented it was well presented by Dr. Lorie Fridell, and it should be offered to officers in the field as training.

Mayor Priscilla Taylor thanked all who attended the Workshop on Fair and Impartial Policing, and noted that more participation is needed. Because the cost of the Workshop is high, the Board of County Commissioners would ask that the CJC look at getting this information out to a broader base at the Annual Planning Meeting. Mr. Rodriguez addressed the Domestic Violence Trust Fund; Palm Beach County is moving forward with some of the funds for Drug Court and Domestic Violence Training; a Request for Proposal is going out to facilitate these services.

Mr. Rodriguez again welcomed new CJC staff members Jacquelyn Esposito, Criminal Justice Analyst and Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant. He announced that Brenda Oakes has been relocated to the new Youth Services office and the resignation of former CJC Financial Analyst Elizabeth Williams.

#### VIII. Swearing in of 2015 Officers

Lee Waring, Vice-Chairman, David Aronberg, Secretary, and Gerald Richman, Treasurer, were sworn in by Chief Judge Jeffrey Colbath.

IX. Business Consent Items - there were no items for discussion.

X. Old Business - there were no items for discussion

#### XI. New Business – 24/7 Sobriety Program Overview

Mr. Michael Rodriguez introduced Ms. Sarah Carroll with Southern Strategy Group, representing the 24/7 Sobriety Program, to determine if the CJC should continue to consider the program and its implementation by the Court System Task Force. Ms. Carroll provided an overview of the Subsequent DUI and Domestic Violence evidence based program for all members and guests. She gave examples of testing and monitoring practices, arrest reduction statistics and target populations in the Jacksonville, Florida pilot program and Rand Corporation statistical data on 24/7 Sobriety programs in various locations throughout the country.

Ms. Carroll introduced Ms. Laura McCloud, Executive Director of the Florida Association of DUI Programs.

Ms. McCloud gave a brief history of DUI programs in the State of Florida, with special mention of the abstinence based program Voluntary Special Supervision Services; she cited emerging best practices including abstinence, regular interaction, accountability and compliance, daily structure and immediate consequences. She noted in national studies 24/7 programs align with identified best practices and have documented reductions in jail population. The 24/7 Sobriety Program is designed for the priorities of a specific circuit or county at a determined level of services. Ms. McCloud invited a question and answer session.

Mr. Randy Johnson noted that in some existing court ordered programs there is little follow through; he stated there needs to be more compliance with immediate consequences set forth.

State Attorney Dave Aronberg contrasted the utilization of features for both the existing First time offender program and the 24/7 Sobriety program.

Ms. Nellie King expressed concern that the large geographical area of Palm Beach

County would dictate a significant number of testing sites, with the possibility of participants driving drunk, in addition to longer jail processing times. She remarked that currently programs that require immediate testing in the participant's car are safer and more effective.

Mr. Douglas Duncan asked for clarification on the differences between current SOR programs in place and the 24/7 Sobriety Program. Ms. Laura McCloud cited the therapeutic and testing control features of the 24/7 program and how it could fit Palm Beach County.

Mr. Kramer asked for clarification of therapeutic components, pre-selection process, statistical backgrounds, timelines, and costs not mentioned in the overview as questions to be reviewed by the sub-committee.

Judge Kathleen Kroll questioned whether this program had been studied previously by a committee and raised the question as to how to procedurally handle a program coming to the full Commission for approval, if committees should be vetting these programs prior to bringing to full CJC.

Mr. Rodriguez remarked the potential option for this should be assigned to the Court System Task Force.

Mr. Kramer noted traditionally sub-committees work for the CJC full commission which needs to direct the committees to study and vet programs. Judge Kroll requested this issue to be put on agenda for the Annual Planning Meeting

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#### CJC Initiatives/Updates

Mr. Michael Rodriguez included staff recommendations for a specific RFP process more in line with Palm Beach County's purchasing process; the internal audit of CJC recommends using this process in the future. This issue will be on the agenda for the Annual Planning Meeting in February.

Mr. Lee Waring added his concern that there needs to be a process to expedite funding requests. RFP presentations and initial assessments based on established CJC priorities should be conducted at the CJC staff level. Subsequent recommendations should be forwarded to the Finance Committee for evaluation before recommendation to the full CJC board.

Mr. Kramer requested that Mr. Gerald Richman move forward with this topic in the next Finance Committee.

Mr. Kramer requested due to time constraints that the Re-Entry Employment Pilot Project included in this agenda packet be added to the next meeting agenda.

With no further business to be discussed, meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.