



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

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- SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Douglas Duncan, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
August Bonavita, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Ted Booras, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Bob Bozzone, Executive Director, Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program
Jeffrey Colbath, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Roger M. Crane, Police Chief, Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association
Jill Richstone, State Attorney's Office
Alton Taylor, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation
Charles Trotta, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency
Shelley Vana, Commissioner, Palm Beach County
Barbara White, Public Defender's Office

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosalyn Baker, Florida Department of Corrections
Maureen F. Brickous, CEO, County Probation, PRIDE Integrated Services, Inc.
Patrick Cannan, Workforce Alliance
Vice-Chairman Chris Kneisley, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Louis Tomeo, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller

GUESTS PRESENT:

Barry Echols, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Colleen Farnsworth, Department of Children and Families, Legal
Anthony Flowers, Superintendent, FL Department of Juvenile Justice
Barry Fondiller, Jail Counselor, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
David Gillert, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, SAAP Program Manager
Shelby King, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Walter Lawrence, Sergeant, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Elizabeth Parker, State Attorney's Office
Nicole Saunders, Director, Palm Beach County Justice Services
Michelle Spangenberg, Manager, Court Administration
Ruby Starks, Captain, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Jenise Link, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst
Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Chairman Duncan welcomed the members and guests of the task force.
- II. The agenda was approved without additions or deletions.
- III. The minutes of the March 3, 2010 meeting of the CTF/PSCC were approved.
- IV. **Reports**

A. Jail Population Report

Captain Starks reported that the average population of the jail today was 2,824.

See charts/graphs following from previous month:

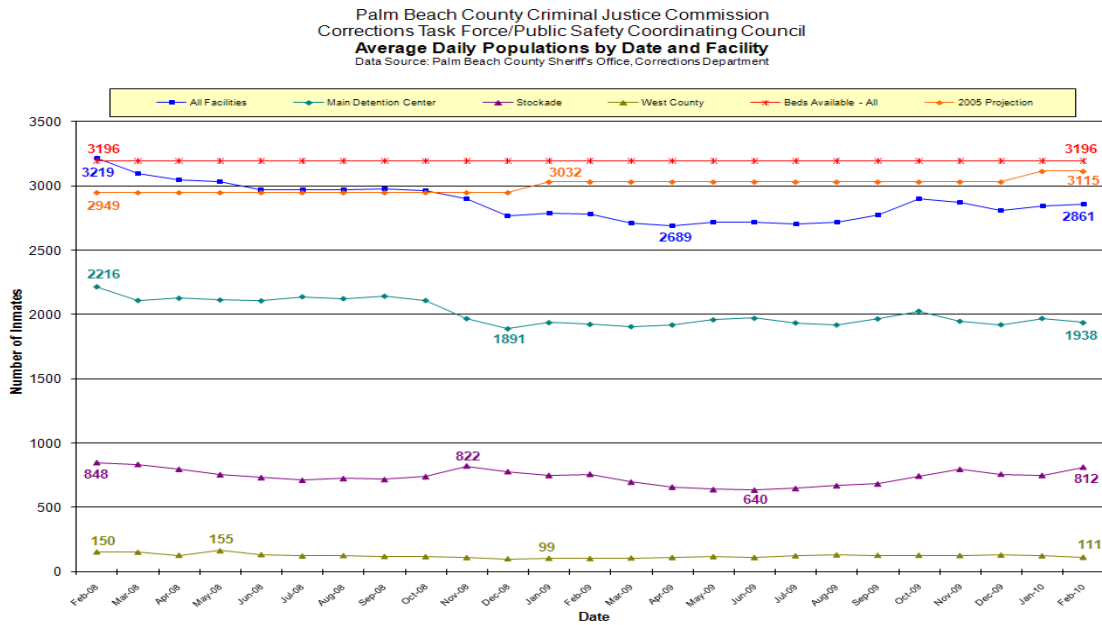
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Palm Beach County Correctional Facilities Monthly Population Report
January - February 2010

Data Source: Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Department

Facility	February Average Daily Population	Jan - Feb Average Daily Population	EXISTING CAPACITY			FUTURE CAPACITY	
			Number Beds*	February Percent Occupied (ADP/Capacity)	Jan - Feb Percent Occupied (ADP/Capacity)	Number Beds*	Jan - Feb Percent Occupied (ADP/Capacity)
Main Detention Center	1,938	1,954	2,114	92%	92%	2,114	92%
Stockade Detention Center (Including 96 bed Drug Farm)	812	781	944	86%	83%	944	83%
West County Detention Center	111	117	138	81%	85%	262	45%
COUNTYWIDE TOTAL	2,861	2,852	3,196	90%	89%	3,320	86%

*Does not include 106 beds for medical.



B. Jail Counselor Report

The Jail Counselor, Mr. Fondiller, provided a report that showed the status of DCF transfers and misdemeanor booking averages. Mr. Fondiller reported that the total average of days misdemeanants spent in jail in March was 3.73 days. He added that the average number of days for misdemeanants between booking and sentencing was 4.73 days. Mr. Fondiller reported that 1 inmate was waiting to be transferred to the state hospitals and 10 inmates were transferred to the state hospitals in March. He also reported that 2 inmates were waiting to be returned from DCF and 5 inmates were returned from DCF last month. He reported that there were a total of 120 evaluations and assessments ordered for February 2010. There were 79 SAAP evaluations, 34 mental health assessments and 7 drug farm evaluations.

C. Juvenile Detention

Department of Juvenile Justice Superintendent, Mr. Flowers reported that the population count in March was 53 and has remained on a steady decline. He also reported that the alternative to secure detention program currently has 6 juveniles in the program.

D. Pretrial Services Report

The Pretrial Services Manager, Mr. Trotta, provided members with a printed report detailing the Supervised Release Pretrial Services Program. He corrected the printed report by noting that the total column for in custody and out of custody S.O.R.'s. The report notes that it is current as of April 5th. He reported that there are a total of 897 individuals on Supervised Own Recognizance (S.O.R.) and that 811 of these are out of custody; 665 defendants are on S.O.R. only; 232 defendants are on S.O.R. with a bond and 75 of those have not been released. Eleven individuals were on S.O.R. and were in custody for the following reasons:

Violation of Probation	2
S.O.R. to Treatment	2
Bonds or No Bonds on Other Charges/Holds	7

V. New Business

A. Foundation funding for corrections programs

Ms. Link reported that the Criminal Justice Commission has approved the Corrections Task Force's recommendation to resurrect the Permanent Funding Solutions Committee and that Barry Krischer has agreed to chair that committee. She noted that after reviewing information for foundation funding for corrections programs she found a recent proposal from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Mr. Bozzone and Mr. Taylor stated that they would be interested in reviewing the proposal. Ms. Link also reported that she was asked to contact the Hanley center for possible funding. She learned that the center did not have any funding opportunities at this time and does not routinely have any funding opportunities.

B. Bond Schedule Review

Chairman Duncan explained that the Task Force normally reviews the bond schedule periodically to recommend any revisions to the schedule. A copy of Administrative Order No. 4.202-9/08 containing the current bond schedule was provided to the task force members. He appointed a subcommittee to do this and report back to the task force. *(those appointed were Judge Booras, Judge Colbath, Jill Richstone, Barbara White, in addition to Mr. Duncan)*

- C. Draft presentation to the Board of County Commissioners on jail population
Ms. Link noted that Commissioner Vana suggested to staff after the last meeting when we heard an update on the jail expansion, that it would be an optimal time to provide the Board of County Commissioners with an update from the Task Force. She stated that Chairman Duncan recently provided an update of the Corrections Task Force to the Criminal Justice Commission that contained information on the current jail population as well as current issues the task force is working on and commented that staff was going to expand that presentation and bring a draft version back to the Task Force for their review in an effort to provide this information to the BCC at a July workshop.
- D. Amendment to Corrections Task Force Resolution to include membership appointment from the Victims Advocacy Coalition
Ms. Richstone explained that the Victims Advocacy Coalition feels it appropriate to have a membership seat on the Corrections Task Force and noted that the resolution creating the task force provides that the task force “may include representatives from county and state jobs programs and other community groups who work with offenders and victims, as appointed by the Chair of the Corrections Task Force.” Ms. Richstone provided that the mission of the Coalition is to provide advocacy for victims, provide training and sexual assault rape kits, the Coalition supports victims’ rights week, seek funding sources, and various other activities. Members unanimously voted in approval to include an appointment from the Victims Advocacy Coalition.

VI. Old Business

- A. Approval to submit support letter regarding In House Arrest Program Administrative Order to Chief Judge Blanc
Ms. Link reported that since the last meeting, the State Attorney’s office and the Sheriff’s office have met to discuss concerns that the State had in reference to supporting this recommendation. She also noted that since the last meeting, the Sheriff’s Office has suggested including felony non-violent offenders under the proposal. Ms. Parker noted that there is not an issue for the misdemeanor offenders with the caveat that the State would have the option to enter an objection to the judge recommending that certain offenders not be considered for the In House Arrest program. She stated that they are still in discussions regarding the felony offenders.

Sergeant Lawrence entered that this particular proposal pertains to the pretrial population only. Commissioner Vana suggested that we look further into the proposal regarding how many days the possible participant is in jail before being reviewed for eligibility and also to review the cost savings of having these defendants not in the jail. She cautioned that the proposal for pretrial participants

should only be non violent offenders. Members discussed the proposal and Chairman Duncan requested that statistics, a cost analysis and draft letter be provided for the next meeting.

VII. Update

A. Pretrial Legislation, H.B. 445/S.B. 782

Ms. Link referred members to a legislative packet in their agendas and reported that the Senates' Criminal Justice Committee has temporarily postponed the bill while current activities of the House Committees have received favorable votes through its Criminal & Civil Justice Appropriations Committee last week. She stated that the packet includes contact information for the committee chairpersons. Mr. Rodriguez reported that one amendment included changing any prior failure to appear to having one failure to appear within the past year. Chairman Duncan commented that it was disappointing that the bills have progressed as far as they have.

VIII. Additional member and guest comments

Chairman Duncan mentioned that there is a new initiative to establish a Veteran's Court in Palm Beach County. Judge Booras explained that it would be similar to the drug court and that it is being subsidized by federal funds. He noted that Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Association has been a partner in this initiative. Ms. Spangenberg mentioned that she has information on a model veteran's court in Buffalo and would provide that information to the members.

Ms. Richstone updated members with information on a new expansion of drug court. First time offenders are now eligible for a one year treatment program called the drug education phase. She reported that there are currently 196 participants in the drug court program; of those 47 are in the drug education phase; 999 participants have graduated from drug court since its inception; and 35 babies were born drug-free to females in the program. The drug court reports an 11% recidivism rate.

Chairman Duncan informed members that the next meeting is scheduled for May 5th at noon.

IX. Adjournment

JL, CJC 4/7/10