



PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council

Palm Beach County Governmental Center
301 N. Olive Avenue, 10th Floor, Criminal Justice Commission
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Wednesday, September 3, 2014; 12:00 P.M.

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- FINAL MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Douglas Duncan, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
Ted Booras, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Brian Fernandes, Office of the State Attorney
John Kastrenakes, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Vice-Chairman Chris Kneisley, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Dan Lacey, Executive Director, Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program
Jenise Link, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency
Caroline Shepherd, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Alton Taylor, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation
Louis Tomeo, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosalyn Baker, Florida Department of Corrections
Rev. Chaney, Clergy Representation
Jeffrey Colbath, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Glenny Cueto, Professional Probation Services, Inc.
Michelle Dyer, Workforce Alliance
Leonard Hanser, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Brandy Macaluso, Victims Rights Coalition
Joseph Marx, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Krista Marx, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
John Pruitt, Chief, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Shelley Vana, Commissioner, Palm Beach County

GUESTS PRESENT:

Federico Forero, for Glenny Cueto, Professional Probation Services, Inc.
Alan Fuhrman, Captain, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Douglas Kane, Superintendent, Department of Juvenile Justice
Yasmin Rivera, Florida Department of Corrections
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Michael L. Rodriguez, Executive Director
Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst
Ashley Carseni, Intern

I. Welcome, opening comments by Chairman Douglas Duncan

II. Roll call and introduction of guests

III. Approval and/or amendments to the agenda

The agenda was approved.

IV. Approval and/or amendments to the June 4, 2014 minutes of the Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting

The minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting were approved.

V. Reports

A. Jail Population Report

Major Chris Kneisley reported that the jail population was 2,234.

B. In House Arrest Report

Total In-House Arrest population for this month was 214: 107 pretrial; no direct filed juveniles; 102 county sentenced; and 5 DJJ.

C. Pretrial Services Report

Jenise Link reported that as of August 29, there were a total of 872 defendants on SOR; 568 of these individuals were on SOR only, and 304 were on SOR with accompanying money bond. Of the 568 on SOR only, 12 remain in custody awaiting treatment or due to other charges or holds. Total SOR population out of custody was 786. This report compared to last year's around this time was very similar; off only by around 10.

Ms. Link also referred to the chart they did on the comparison between the SOR, OR, and ADP numbers over 20 years. The chart showed SOR peaked in 2008. There was a period of time where SOR was very high, and OR was very low, but that the lines have been getting closer recently, evening out. The chart also shows ADP declining from 2010.

D. Juvenile Detention Center Report

DJJ Superintendent Douglas Kane reported that they are currently housing 34 youths: 28 males, 6 females; with 10 youths awaiting placement. ADP over the last month was 37.5; down about 55% over a 5-year trend. Major Kneisley clarified whether the 10 kids were included in the total count, which Superintendent Kane confirmed. Chair Duncan asked what is their capacity. Superintendent Kane said that right now they have 65 beds available. The previous bed count was 93 which they often exceeded into the hundreds. The ten year trend is definitely down.

E. Misdemeanor Probation Report

Federico Forero reported that they have 2,250 active cases, of which 198 are new cases. Mr. Forero also mentioned the Plea and Pass program with Judge Bonavita that affected their case count; they went down by 100 cases this month. Chair Duncan commented that they always had the Plea and Pass agreement for years. Brian Fernandes said he wasn't aware of anything specific in Judge Bonavita's court, but that he will check with Adrienne Ellis, their (SAO's) Chief of County Court. Mr. Forero further explained that it is for the PTI program, wherein some people used to be placed under PTI, but now they do the Plea & Pass. Mr. Fernandes asked if it was just for suspended license charges; Mr. Forero said they were not alcohol-related charges. Mr. Fernandes said it may just be coming in line with the way it is done in other places; but he will check.

Chair Duncan recalled that Mr. Forero reported in the June meeting that they had 7,000 outstanding cases. Mr. Forero clarified that was a mistake; that number actually included both active cases, and active VOP warrants.

VI. Old Business

A. Jail population report

Damir Kukec first thanked Candee Villapando for setting up for this meeting. He also thanked Ms. Villapando for doing a thorough and in-depth review of the jail data that will be used for this analysis over the summer. The next step will be data analysis. Mr. Kukec hopes to have a draft by October, and a meeting with the subcommittee to review the report.

B. 12th Floor Jail Population

Mr. Kukec provided an update on the project for Katherine Hatos who was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Villapando did the download and cleaning of the jail data, and Mr. Kukec and Ms. Hatos have done some of the initial data crunches. The preliminary results were reviewed by Denise Ellis, PBSO criminal analyst. The

next step will be a meeting of the subcommittee to review the numbers. Mr. Kukec gave a little bit more detail about the statistics that they looked at. However, one challenge with the data was that it is not possible to look at where an inmate was housed historically. So Mr. Kukec developed an algorithm and made assumptions to get this information. They are working with Major Kneisley and PBSO IT people to resolve this issue. Nevertheless, they found that the preliminary ADP numbers from the study and the monthly PBSO numbers compiled by Ms. Villapando are pretty close. They will be back in October to share the results of the study.

VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. Updates

A. Detention Center programs

Superintendent Kane talked about a couple of innovative programs they have going on right now. On July 31st, they had the dedication for their hydroponics greenhouse project which has been in process in the last month and a half. The project had taken off successfully with enthusiastic participation from the youth who are excited to be part of the process from planting to harvesting. They integrated a culinary project with it, coordinating with chefs affiliated with the Youth for Christ ministries.

IX. Additional member and guest comments

Ms. Link referred to a report they did for June and July tracking SORs with money bond attached as requested by Michael Rodriguez at the last meeting. Mr. Rodriguez had looked at the reports briefly but would like review them more. He said he was just curious to see what the bond amounts are for those still being held, but did not really see a pattern. Ms. Link noted that for June, 75 were released and 29 still in custody with different bond amounts; with 8 below \$5,000. For July, a total of 86 were out of custody, with 35 still in custody. Major Kneisley requested for the names associated with those individuals with bonds below \$5,000. Mr. Kukec asked which of the following three bond amounts they use in their computations: the initial bond amount set, current bond (at time of data extract), or bond written. Ms. Link said she will find out.

Judge Caroline Shepherd asked if in the last 10 years or so the county has looked at the jail population and determined individuals who have at large addresses who are charged with nonviolent misdemeanors, or municipal, or county ordinances. Mr. Kukec said that can be included in the study.

Chair Duncan recognized and welcomed Mr. Dan Lacey, Executive Director of CARP, who was attending for the first time. Chair Duncan briefly mentioned to Mr. Lacey

about one of the issues that the committee addressed over the last year was getting people to their facility; Mr. Lacey said they want to get that pipeline streamlined as quickly as possible. Judge Kastrenakes asked if CARP has the capability of having someone on in-house arrest (with a monitor) in their facility; Mr. Lacey said yes.

X. Adjournment

Attachments:

June 4, 2014 Draft Minutes
Jail Corrections Average Daily Population (as of August 2014)
In-house Arrest Summary (as of September 2, 2014)
Pay & Go (as of August 2014)
Palm Beach County Pre-Trial Services Report (as of August 29, 2014)
20 Year Overview SOR and ADP
Juvenile Detention Data, DJJ and JDAI, May 2014 Report
Misdemeanor Probation Services Report (as of August 2014)

Next Meeting: October 1, 2014; 12:00 P.M.