



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

Wednesday, December 5, 2018; 12:00 P.M.

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- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Duncan, Chair, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
Alfonso Starling, Vice-Chair, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Glenny Cueto, Professional Probation Services, Inc.
Sheree Cunningham, Administrative Judge, County Court, 15th Judicial Circuit
Daniel Eisinger, Public Defender's Office
William Genem, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.
Latronda Hayes, Court Services
Glenn Kelley, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit (also for Judge Dina Keever)
David H. Talley, PBC CareerSource

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian Fernandes, Office of the State Attorney
Kimber Heddon, Florida Department of Corrections
Dina Keever, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Dave Kerner, Commissioner, Palm Beach County
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Agent Association
Alton Taylor, Drug Abuse Foundation
Louis Tomeo, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mevsim Bacaksiz, Drug Abuse Foundation
Jerry Casal, Palm Beach County Bail Agent Association
Michelle Cruz, Court Administration
Colleen Farnsworth, DCF Legal
Cicely Ford, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller (for Louis Tomeo)
Derek Gibson, Florida Department of Corrections (for Kimber Heddon)
Peter Hill, Palm Beach County Bail Agent Association
Jillian Idle, WPTV
Richard Riffard, Palm Beach County Bail Agent Association
Mamine Saintil, Major, Department of Juvenile Justice
Carter Schumaker, WPTV
John Viola, Palm Beach County Bail Agent Association
Craig Williams, Office of the State Attorney (for Brian Fernandes)

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst

I. Welcome, Opening Comments by Chairman Douglas Duncan

Chair Duncan asked for a moment of silence in recognition and to honor the passing of President George Herbert Walker Bush.

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests by Damir Kukec

III. Approval and/or Amendments/Additions to the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

IV. Approval and/or Amendments to the Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council October 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 3, 2018 meeting were approved without amendments.

V. Reports

A. Jail Population and In House Arrest

Major Alfonso Starling reported their facility count as of that morning was 1,936 which was really low compared to the past. Total In-House Arrest population was 200: 85 pretrial, with 2 direct file; 111 county sentenced, 2 probation; 2 DJJ; AO zero. Total Pay N Gos for the month was 163.

B. Pretrial Services

Chair Duncan welcomed Latrona Hayes who took over for Jenise Link, who will be missed; Ms. Link is now with ISS. Ms. Hayes reported that as of December 3, 2018, there were a total of 776 defendants on SOR; 586 of those individuals were on SOR only, 190 were on SOR with a money bond. Of the 586 defendants on SOR only, 17 remained in custody, with 2 awaiting treatment, and 14 on bonds or no bonds on other charges/holds. Of the 190 individuals on SOR with a bond, 48 remained in custody due to other holds. The total out of custody SOR population was 711. The numbers were down compared to this time last year, and up when compared to last month. They had 75 violations of SOR.

C. Juvenile Detention Center

Major Mamie Saintil reported a total population of 50 youth; 9 youth pending direct file; 10 going to program, 8 to low-risk, moderate risk, 1 to high risk.

D. Misdemeanor Probation

Glenny Cueto reported they had a total of 164 new cases for the month of November; 2,407 total active cases; 154 successfully completed cases; 22 revoked. Defendants on ICE hold increased to 56, 18 more from last month.

E. Felony Probation

No report was presented.

VI. New Business

A. CJMHSA Reinvestment Act Grant

Kristina Henson discussed the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment (CJMHSR) Grant, including an overview, brief history, how it works, and the role of this committee which sits as the Corrections Task Force, Public Safety and Coordinating Council, and the CJMHSA subcommittee. The Department of Children and Families just issued a solicitation on November 28th, with applications due on February 5th. Ms. Henson sent the solicitation to prospective interested entities, although was concerned there was not a lot of time and that the committee has not gone through this process before. This body is tasked with reviewing applications, if any, and making recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners which would be the county's designated proposal. Ms. Henson encouraged the members to pass on the information to interested parties who may benefit from it.

B. Alternative Sanctions for Misdemeanor Offenders

Ms. Cueto reported that the alternative sanctions program is not being used. The judges have the discretion and instead have been using notice to appear, violation of probation, or warrant based on the alleged violation of probation. Chair Duncan remarked he was not even aware of the AO signed by Judge Colbath in 2016. Judge Sheree Cunningham said she will make sure that the county judges are aware of it from this point forward, if they are not.

C. Bond Schedule, Revisit

Chair Duncan wanted to establish a subcommittee to review the current bond schedule and procedures. He invited anyone interested in joining the subcommittee to meet and report back to this committee.

VII. Old Business/Updates

MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Challenge Project Update

Ms. Kristina Henson gave the following updates:

- **Pretrial Risk Assessment** – Highlights included the total number of risk assessment instruments completed (12,773) and main reason for not completing the assessment instrument (defendant refused, 47%); however, 86% of those eligible have risk assessment done. Ms. Henson also presented the outcomes of the risk assessment for the defendants; match rate of what the risk assessment and matrix suggested and what the actual judicial decision is (45%). Ms. Henson cautioned that it has only been a year into implementation of the risk assessment instrument and that it will take time for people to understand it and for staff to validate it for our local jurisdiction. Florida State University will do the validation of the study to look at predictive value, outcomes of the individuals released, etc.
- **Court Reminder System Launch** – As of November 19, the county is the first circuit in Florida to send text-based courtroom reminders to defendants. Ms. Henson thanked the Clerk's Office who has been working with their vendor who is working closely with MacArthur project's vendor, Uptrust. They are sending out texts seven days and one day in advance of every criminal case court hearing to people who enrolled. Federal law requires consent from individuals to receive text, due to costs that may be incurred; defendants are asked to complete a consent form by pretrial staff at first appearance, and by public defenders at arraignment and throughout the process. There was close to about 1,000 people enrolled as of last Friday. Coming soon, a text reminder will also be sent when someone fails to appear in court. Staff will continue tracking the numbers and compare them month to month with the previous year. The system is funded for the first year by RFK Human Rights, an international organization.
- **Other Updates** – The FUSE (Frequent Users System Engagement) program has now housed two clients at the Lord's Place, is about to put out an RFP for vendors to basically get the program up and running. The Racial and Ethnic Disparity team is also meeting to review who is booked in the county jail from that lens, focusing on theft, failure to appear, and marijuana possession cases.

A. Additional Member and Guest Comments

Chair Duncan called attention to the Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2019 included in the packet. He thanked everybody for their participation this year, and for always working well together; particularly the Clerk's Office for instituting programs that make collection of fees more convenient and efficient, and the staff for all their hard work this year. Lastly, he wished everybody a happy holiday.

B. Adjournment