



## **PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

### **CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council**

Palm Beach County Governmental Center  
301 N. Olive Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, McEaddy Conference Room  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Wednesday, February 6, 2019; 12:00 P.M.

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### **- DRAFT 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.  
**Daniel Eisinger**, Public Defender's Office  
**Brian Fernandes**, Office of the State Attorney  
**William Genem**, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.  
**Latronda Hayes**, Court Services  
**Tommy Richards**, Palm Beach County Bail Agent Association  
**David H. Talley**, PBC CareerSource  
**Louis Tomeo**, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Sheree Cunningham**, Administrative Judge, County Court, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Kimber Heddon**, Florida Department of Corrections  
**Dina Keever**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Glenn Kelley**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (also for Judge Dina Keever)  
**Dave Kerner**, Commissioner, Palm Beach County  
**Alton Taylor**, Drug Abuse Foundation

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

**Mevsim Bacaksiz**, Drug Abuse Foundation  
**David Bernhardt**, Board of County Commissioners (for Commissioner Dave Kerner)  
**Michelle Cruz**, Court Administration  
**Arlene Griffiths**, Public Safety  
**Jessica Hidalgo**, Public Safety  
**Peter Hill**, Palm Beach County Bail Agent Association  
**Stacy Ovil**, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.  
**Richard Riffard**, Palm Beach County Bail Agent Association  
**Mamine Saintil**, Major, Department of Juvenile Justice  
**John Viola**, Palm Beach County Bail Agent Association  
**Craig Williams**, Office of the State Attorney

**CJC STAFF PRESENT:**

**Kristina Henson**, Executive Director  
**Damir Kukec**, Research and Planning Manager  
**Jaqueline Schoenfeld**, FUSE Program Coordinator  
**Candee Villapando**, Criminal Justice Analyst

**I. Welcome, Opening Comments by Chairman Douglas Duncan**

**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 December 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the December 5, 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 1,885. Total In-House Arrest population was 221: 109 pretrial, with 3 direct file; 107 county sentenced, 2 probation; 0 DJJ; AO zero. Total Pay N Gos for the month was 164.

**B. Pretrial Services**

Latrona Hayes reported that as of February 1st, there were a total of 715 defendants on SOR; 524 of those individuals were on SOR only, 191 were on SOR with a money bond. Of the 715 defendants on SOR only, 15 remained in custody, with 1 awaiting treatment, and 14 on bonds or no bonds on other charges/holds. Of the 191 individuals on SOR with a bond, 47 remained in custody due to other holds. The total out of custody SOR population was 653. Of the 653 individuals out of custody, 23 failed to appear for court and 8 had no criminal activity. The rate of failure to appear for court for February was about 4%, and for new criminal activity was about 2%. Total technical violations was 60 which was about 9% of January's out of custody population. The numbers were down compared to this time last month and last month.

**C. Juvenile Detention Center**

Major Mamie Saintil reported a total population of 25 youth secure; 8 youth going to non-secure; 2 possibly going to high risk; 1 youth awaiting PBSO direct file; and 0 direct files.

#### **D. Misdemeanor Probation**

Glenny Cueto reported they had a total of 181 new cases for the month of January; 2,407 total active cases; 151 successfully completed cases; 23 revoked. Defendants on ICE hold was 58.

#### **E. Felony Probation**

No report was presented.

### **VI. New Business**

Kristina Henson reported on BCC resolution on Juvenile Direct Files passed yesterday by the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Henson gave a brief historical background on the issue and its implications. The idea was to put emphasis on the need to get to the juveniles before they get to the direct file route. Another relevant issue was how the resolution is looking into taking juveniles out of the local jails and housing them in juvenile detention centers which is a concern in terms of whether our local juvenile detention centers are equipped to handle juveniles charged with very serious crimes like homicide. The Chiefs of Police Association of Palm Beach County sent a letter opposing this. Ms. Henson said that update will be provided as new legislation comes out. Major Alfonso Starling echoed the concerns presented.

### **VII. Old Business**

#### **A. CJMHSA Reinvestment Act Grant Update**

Ms. Henson reminded the members of the role of this committee which sits as the Corrections Task Force, Public Safety and Coordinating Council, and the CJMHSA subcommittee, in the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment (CJMHSR) Grant. She said that the application deadline for the grant, which was yesterday, had passed. There were no applications submitted, so the matter is not going before this committee.

#### **B. Bond Schedule: Review Subcommittee Members and Process**

Ms. Henson proposed a data-driven approach in the review of the bond schedule and in making recommendations for changes. A subcommittee meeting will be held once data is collected which to help direct recommendations made by the committee.

#### **C. MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Challenge Project Update**

Ms. Henson gave an update on one of the grant's strategies of improving case processing, which is to reduce jail population by 10% by looking at who are sitting

in jail pretrial and realize effective case processing methods to reduce their length of stay in jail. Justice Management Institute analyzed our data; and using this data, Jim Austen, a national jail expert performed a “stress test” of the local jail system, essentially to assess whether there are areas in the length of stay time frame which can be reduced to make a significant impact. Daniel Eisinger discussed an example of the process. Ms. Henson also gave an update on the Court Reminder system which they are working closely with the Clerk’s Office, which is showing great progress. And lastly, Ms. Henson talked about the contract with the Racial and Ethnic Institute to provide implicit bias and systemic racism training to all system actors in Palm County.

**VIII. Additional Member and Guest Comments**

No additional member or guest comments.

**IX. Adjournment**