

**Criminal Justice Commission**  
**Court System Task Force**  
**Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 12:00 Noon**  
**McEaddy 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**301 N. Olive Avenue**  
**West Palm Beach, FL 33401**

**Task Force Members present:**

Jack Goldberger, Chairman  
Judge August Bonavita, County Criminal Court  
Judge Jeff Colbath, Circuit Criminal Court  
Cherry Grant, Public Defender's Office  
Capt. Ed Jablonski, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Wanda Joiner, PRIDE Integrated Services  
Elizabeth Parker, State Attorney's Office  
Yasmin Rivera, Dept. of Corrections  
Terri Skiles, State Attorney's Office  
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration  
Louis Tomeo, Clerk and Comptroller's Office  
Chief Clay Walker, Manalapan Police Department

**Task Force Members absent:**

Feirmon Johnson, Department of Juvenile Justice  
Capt. Alan Ortman, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Gena Rowlands, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Nicole Saunders, Justice Services

**Others present:**

Cristy Altaro, Court Administration  
John Rivera, Public Defender's Office  
Dorrie Tyng, Adult Drug Court

**Staff present:**

Journey Beard, Criminal Justice Commission  
Becky Walker, Criminal Justice Commission

**1. Welcome**

Chair Jack Goldberger called the meeting to order, and welcomed members and guests.

**2. Roll Call & Introduction of Guests**

Attendees introduced themselves in lieu of roll call.

**3. Approval and/or Additions to the Draft Agenda**

The draft meeting Agenda was approved without amendments.

**4. Approval Draft Minutes**

The minutes for the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, meeting were approved.

**5. Chairman's Comments**

6. **Educational Field Trip:** The field trip is scheduled for Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. Members will be provided an educational presentation on the role and responsibilities of the M.E.'s Office, learn about jurisdictional issues, and view an autopsy.

## 7. New Business

- A. **Post Legislative Update:** JJ Piskadlo, Legislative Aide to Rep. Kelly Skidmore, described relevant bills from the recent FL legislative session, including pain clinic, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), sexting, and pre-trial release programs. There were over 1,000 total bills introduced and 301 bills passed in this session.
- B. **Direct Filing of Juvenile Cases:** Jack Goldberger, Chair, explained the direct filing of juvenile cases for adult prosecution, and directed members to read the attached guidelines. Chair Goldberger described the Dept. of Justice grant proposal that has been released that will be compiling a nationwide survey of juvenile cases that are direct filed. It is anticipated the final grant report will be released in two years. Terri Skiles, State Attorney's Office, informed the Task Force that only 7-8% of all eligible juvenile cases are direct filed into the adult court system.
- C. **Courthouse Facilities, Remodeling, Expansion, and Video Projects:** Jack Goldberger, Chair, provided an update of the Facilities Subcommittee meeting. It was decided that kiosks should be located on Courthouse floors 9, 10, and 11.
- D. **Procedure for Return of Firearms:** Liz Parker, State Attorney's Office, updated the Task Force members about a possible amended administrative order. Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration, stated that Amy Borman, Counsel for Court Administration, is currently evaluating the AO. After receiving her modifications, it will be forwarded to the Law Enforcement Planning Council (LEPC) for approval.

Liz Parker, State Attorney's Office, also described the TV program, "The Legal System" that outlines the legal steps for an individual involved in a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) investigation, arrest, and booking. Liz is prominently featured on the TV show describing the work of a prosecutor handling a DUI case.

- E. **Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision, F.S. 949.07:** Yasmin Rivera, Dept. of Corrections, distributed a checklist outlining the procedures for a defendant desiring to transfer their probation to another state.

## 8. Updates & Initiatives

- A. **Adult Drug Court:** Dorrie Tyng, Justice Services, remarked about the month of May being proclaimed as Drug Court Month by the PBC Board of County Commissioners. Approximately 1,000 individuals have graduated from our drug court, and there are currently 205 active participants.
- B. **BANNER / SHOWCASE & Electronic Access to Probable Cause Affidavit Images:** Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office, explained that data is being converted from BANNER to the SHOWCASE system. It is scheduled to be rolled out in October, 2010. The Clerk's Office is changing its web portal that will provide information to court administration and its justice partners, and has contracted with Applicant Solutions to obtain their recording system. The Clerk's Office will have a fully integrated system for criminal, civil, and official records. Additionally, Journey Beard will be investigating the FL Supreme Court Order that addresses obtaining electronic access to Probable Cause Affidavit images and identifying the obstacle that is present concerning this issue.

- C. **Delinquency Drug Court:** Cristy Altaro, Court Administration, introduced members to the new Juvenile Court Case Manager, Will Hutchings. They currently have 12 participants and completed their second graduation in April. Cristy stated they are continuing to examine expanding their eligibility criteria.
- D. **Community Service Justice Center:** Becky Walker, CJC, commented that funding for the Center has not been renewed and the City of West Palm Beach officials are being approached to pick up future funding. A grant from the Quantum Foundation will be pursued.
- E. **Legal System Accessibility for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Individuals:** Chief Clay Walker, Manalapan Police Dept., The first class was held at Palm Beach State College and had 23 attendees, and a statewide class held in Tampa where 50 participants attended. Additional classes are being considered.
- F. **Member and Guest Comments**

Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration, informed the Task Force the Veterans Court project is ongoing, and a full-time coordinator position has been funded. It is anticipated that Veterans Court will be held on Thursday afternoons with Judge Booras presiding.

G. **Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.