

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

McEaddy Conference Room
12th Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL

Members Present:

Marcia Andrews
William Dames
Douglas Duncan
Carey Haughwout
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Kevin Jones
Kathleen Kroll
Christina Morrison
Gerald Richman
Greg Starling
Stephen Stepp
Lee Waring

Members Absent:

Frank Adderley
Dave Aronberg
Michael Barbercheck
Sharon Bock
Ric Bradshaw
Sheldon Burkett
Barbara Cheives
Ellen Cohen
Rachel Docekal
George Elmore
Justin Fleck
Keith James
Michelle Johns
Dave Kerner
Nellie King
Krista Marx
Frank Mercurio
Tina Polsky

Guests Attending:

John Van Arnam, Deputy County Administrator
Diane McCarthy, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Dave Bernhardt, PBC BOCC District 3
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Jean Williams, Assistant County Attorney
Derek Gibson, FL Department of Corrections
Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Florida Atlantic University
Seth Fallile, Florida Atlantic University
Vaughn Crichlow, Florida Atlantic University
Dave Talley, PBC CareerSource
Keianna Pierre-Louis, PBC Community Services
Marie Bond, PBC Community Services
Latronda Hayes, PBC Justice Services
Debra Oats, Court Administration
Marcela Millet, Office of Financial Management & Budget
Lauren Whetstone, Greenberg Traurig, LLC
Victoria Nolan, PBC Legislative Delegation

Staff Present:

Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst
Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Jacqueline Schoenfeld, PalmFUSE Program Coordinator
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Chairman Gerald Richman called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chair Richman invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The Agenda for the November 25, 2019 meeting was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr. and a second by Mr. Kevin Jones.
- V. The Minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr. and a second by Ms. Marcia Andrews.

VI. Chairman's Comments

- A. Chairman Gerald Richman bid farewell to Robert Shirley, who retired in September from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The new acting Resident Agent in Charge (RAC) is Mr. Michael Barbercheck.
- B. Chair Richman advised CJC members of the Judge Marvin Mounts Prison Tour scheduled on March 18 and 19, 2020. He said to let Director Henson know if anyone wanted to attend, as the three CJC seats fill quickly.
- C. Chair Richman reminded CJC members the next meeting will be held on Monday, December 16, due to the holidays.
- D. Chair Richman announced the full session CJC meeting dates for 2020 have been included in the agenda packet.

VII. Executive Director Comments:

- A. Executive Director Kristina Henson introduced Ms. Lauren Whetstone of Greenberg Traurig, LLC as the newest nominee of the PBC Economic Council. Ms. Whetstone's CJC application for Seat 24 formerly filled by Barry Krischer, goes before the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for approval on December 3.
- B. Director Henson informed members of the formal organizational meeting of the "Organizing against Racism – Palm Beach County Alliance", held on November

19. Various entities such as the PBC School District, CJC and other County staff, Palm Healthcare Foundation, other non-profits, community partners and others that have used the Racial and Ethnic Institute for training are now involved in a cross-system partnership to work on racial disparity issues.

- B. Director Henson reminded members that the FSU Pretrial Validation Study presentation will be held in the McEaddy Conference Room on Wednesday, December 3. Faculty of the FSU College of Criminology will present the two-yearlong study. All are welcome to attend. A copy of the study is included in this agenda packet.
- C. Director Henson announced on December 4, the CJC's Community Engagement Team in partnership with the PBC Library system will offer another session of its Informed & Engaged Series, a documentary screening and panel discussion of "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools".

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Chairman Gerald Richman introduced Ms. Diane McCarthy from the PBC Clerk and Comptroller's Office. Ms. McCarthy gave an overview of the second Operation Green Light on October 19. The first event was held in 2014, and since then the Florida Legislature has recently mandated this event to occur annually to waive court collection fees where appropriate and restore driver's licenses. Ms. McCarthy reported they served over 5,000 customers, almost 1,500 driver's licenses were made eligible for reinstatement, and many cases were paid in full at four locations across the county. This event proved so successful that many rainchecks were given and the Clerk's Office extended the time period to one week for case resolution. Public Defender Carey Haughwout expressed her appreciation for the Clerk's efforts.
- B. Executive Director Henson introduced Keianna Pierre Louis, Contracts-Grants Coordinator, and Maria Bond, Program Evaluator from the PBC Community Services Department. Director Henson invited them to give an overview of the Continuum of Care (CoC) award of \$4.93 million dollars by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through its Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant at the request of CJC members Judge Kathleen Kroll and Mr. Greg Starling. The two reported that the award is a two year grant with an eight month implementation plan. A core team has been established to meet on a weekly basis, including representation from the PBC School District, Department of Juvenile Justice, Florida Department of Children and Families, and others. Once the final draft has been submitted and approved, and Request For Proposals (RFP) will be advertised for providers. Judge Kathleen Kroll and Ms. Carey Haughwout expressed concern over late notifications of meetings and the inclusion of juvenile clients, as well as criminal justice partners. Mr. Joe Ianno, Jr. asked if the City of West Palm Beach or

PBSO were included in the planning phase. Staff said they would work to address these issues.

IX. New Business:

A. Chair Richman announced the CJC Nominating Committee recommendations for 2020 CJC Officers:

- i. Chair – Joseph Ianno, Jr.
- ii. Vice-Chair – Rev. Kevin L. Jones
- iii. Treasurer – Rachel Docekal
- iv. Secretary – Nellie King

Chair Richman asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, the nominees were unanimously approved upon a motion by Ms. Christina Morrison and a second by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr.

X. Update on CJC Initiatives:

A. MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge:

- i. Director Henson said the renewal grant has been submitted and a decision will come in December from the MacArthur Steering Committee.
- ii. She announced a second site-visit on November 21 and 22 from Everyday Democracy, a strategic ally through the MacArthur Challenge providing in depth technical assistance to three sites: Charleston, SC, Cook County, IL and Palm Beach County. They are working with the Community Engagement Team and the Racial and Ethnic Disparity Team developing projects to obtain feedback from communities. Six Healthier Together neighborhoods will participate in Everyday Democracy's "Dialogues to Change" on the topic of the local county jail, racial and ethnic disparities and the local system. These dialogues will provide input to the MacArthur project.
- iii. Director Henson said she and Ms. Katherine Shover as part of the School Safety Committee attended a "Kids that Kill" conference on November 22, hosted by the Broward County Crime Commission in concert with PBC Parks Department. The presentation followed the psychology and science of the developing brain. A presentation was given by the prosecutor and presiding judge in the 1993 Bobby Kent case.
- iv. The PBSO Work Release report draft was sent to the Corrections Task Force for review. They will meet December 4 to finalize the draft, and depending on the outcome, will bring the report to the next full session CJC meeting for review and approval.

XI. Member Comments:

Judge Kathleen Kroll announced an event at Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Center on December 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. featuring Dr. Carl Hill from the Institute for Problem Behavior and Positive Youth Development. He will discuss the root causes of youth violence and issues of racial equity and what really works using best practices and data.

XII. Adjourn:

With no further member comments, Chair Richman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.