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## 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

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### - SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES -

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Chairman Douglas Duncan**, Roth and Duncan, P.A.  
**August Bonavita**, Administrative Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Ted Booras**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Maureen F. Brickous**, CEO, County Probation, Pride Integrated Services, Inc.  
**Roger M. Crane**, Police Chief, Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association  
**Vice-Chairman Chris Kneisley**, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**Tommy Richards**, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association  
**Louis Tomeo**, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller  
**Shelley Vana**, Commissioner, Palm Beach County  
**Barbara White**, Public Defender's Office

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Rosalyn Baker**, Florida Department of Corrections  
**Bob Bozzone**, Executive Director, Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program  
**Patrick Cannan**, Workforce Alliance  
**Rev. Chaney**, Clergy Representation  
**Jeffrey Colbath**, Administrative Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Sharon D'Eusanio**, Victims Rights Coalition/ Office of the Attorney General  
**Jill Richstone**, State Attorney's Office  
**Alton Taylor**, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation  
**Charles Trotta**, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

**Francene Adderley**, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association  
**Cristy Altaro**, Court Administration  
**Colleen Farnsworth**, Department of Children and Families Legal  
**Barry Fondiller**, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
**Michael Gauger**, Chief Deputy, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
**Pat Hammond**, Assistant Superintendent, DJJ  
**Shelby King**, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
**Yasmin Rivera**, Florida Department of Corrections  
**David Sleeth**, Captain, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
**Michelle Spangenberg**, Court Administration  
**Dorrie Tyng**, Drug Court Manager

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**CJC STAFF PRESENT:**

**Jenise Link**, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst

**Michael Rodriguez**, Executive Director

- I. Chairman Duncan welcomed the members and guests of the task force.
- II. The agenda was approved without additions or deletions.
- III. The minutes of the March 2, 2011 meeting of the CTF/PSCC were approved.

**IV. Reports**

**A. Jail Population Report**

Vice-Chairman Kneisley reported that the daily population count today was 2,385. He noted that there has been a steady decline of the jail population in the past four months. The Sheriff's office has had to shut down a floor at the jail and discontinue any use of overtime. While they have a current shortage of approximately thirty correctional officers, this decline in the population has helped from a budget standpoint.

**B. Jail Counselor Report**

The Jail Counselor, Mr. Fondiller reported that 2 inmates were waiting to be transferred to the state hospitals, and 4 inmates were transferred to the state hospitals in April. He also reported that 2 inmates were waiting to be returned from DCF and 9 inmates were returned from DCF in April. He reported that there were a total of 45 mental health assessments ordered; all were completed (11 with court dates, 32 released, 2 released into treatment).

**C. Juvenile Detention**

Department of Juvenile Justice Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Hammond reported that the population count today is slightly up to 57. She referred to a printed chart that displayed the average daily populations for the past three months.

**D. Pretrial Services Report**

Chairman Duncan referred members to a printed report provided by the Pretrial Services Manager, Mr. Trotta. The report, dated April 29, 2011 showed there were a total of 720 defendants on Supervised Own Recognizance (S.O.R.) and that 665 of these are out of custody; 529 defendants were on S.O.R. only and 191 defendants were on S.O.R. with an accompanying money bond.

**V. Old Business**

**A. Report on direct filed juveniles**

Chief Deputy Gauger provided a report on the direct filed juveniles in Palm Beach County. The report showed the juveniles' current charge description as well as prior charges and arrests. Members discussed the report. Ms. White noted that

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there are also other juveniles that are direct filed that are likely not in custody and not included on this report that have less serious charges with no prior record. Commissioner Vana commented that the charges on the report provided were serious offenses and asked if the Public Defender's office could provide more information on the cases that were less serious but still direct filed. Chairman Duncan explained that the Corrections Task Force will examine issues relating to corrections and that issues relating to state attorney case filings were not in the Task Forces' scope of work but more philosophical in nature. However Judge Booras discussed the aspect that juveniles are booked twice for direct files, once at the Juvenile Assessment Center then at the jail.

**B. SB 372/SB 1398:**

Mike Rodriguez explained that this bill relates to pretrial services programs. He stated that, in summary, it requires that an offender be indigent before he is allowed to be placed on pretrial services programs run by the county or private agencies, as opposed to now when anyone regardless of indigency requirements can be placed on SOR if the judge orders it. He reported that the bill had stopped in committee but the language was added to Senate Bill 1398 as an amendment. It is scheduled for a special hearing this week. He commented that this bill would impact approximately 10-15% of our pretrial population based upon information provided by the county pretrial services division on persons that were not indigent.

**C. SB 124:**

Mr. Rodriguez said the bill reads that every defendant on probation with the Department of Corrections shall have electronic monitoring as part of their conditions. He reported that this bill has not moved forward in the legislature.

**VI. New Business**

**Criminal Justice Commission request for a fact-finding analysis on current front-end services for pretrial inmates at the Gun Club facility:**

Ms. Link explained that the Criminal Justice Commission has requested that this Task Force provide them with a fact-finding report on the front-end services offered to pretrial inmates at the Gun Club facility. She noted that the purpose was for the Commission to review any duplicate efforts and to ensure that the services are being provided in the most effective way.

Ms. Link noted that specifically, the Commission requested the following information:

- What services are offered to pretrial inmates at the Gun Club jail facility at the front end?
- Who operates the service?
- What is the target population?
- What data is collected on the service and by whom? And who utilizes the data?

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- How does the service operate and who is actually served?
  - How is the service funded?

Chairman Duncan appointed a subcommittee to complete this report. He requested the following to serve on the subcommittee: Judge Ted Booras, Maureen Brickous, Mary Ann Duggan, Major Chris Kneisley, Michelle Spangenberg, Charlie Trotta, Dorrie Tyng and Barbara White.

Judge Booras preliminarily identified a few programs that are offered at the jail: the recidivist recovery court, house arrest, drug court, and veterans' court.

## **VII. Updates**

### **A. Video Visitation in the jail**

Captain Sleeth provided information on the new video visitation system at the jails. He said that there is now a central visitation center staffed with civilian personnel. There is also a west county video visitation system in place. He added that at the West County facility visitation is only provided through video now. People have the ability to schedule their visitation by going online and choosing a date and time. The professional visitation component is also being implemented.

Ms. White added that the Sheriff's office has been very efficient in assisting the Public Defender's office with communication requests with their inmates.

### **B. Process for issues considered by this Task Force**

Chairman Duncan explained that the Criminal Justice Commission has created a process for having issues considered by its committees and the Commission itself due to sunshine law violation fears. Mr. Rodriguez explained the process and commented that issues go before the CJC first so that the CJC can assign topics to the appropriate committee or task force for further development.

## **VIII. Additional member and guest comments**

Chief Deputy Gauger noted that it is National Corrections Week. He also commented that the legislature did not cut any funds to mental health and substance abuse treatment this year. Ms. Spangenberg asked if the in house arrest data could be included in the Sheriff's office monthly report.

## **IX. Adjournment**

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