



PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council

Palm Beach County Governmental Center
301 N. Olive Avenue, 10th Floor, Criminal Justice Commission
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Wednesday, March 4, 2015; 12:00 P.M.

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- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Douglas Duncan, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
Rosalyn Baker, Florida Department of Corrections
Ted Booras, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Paulette Burdick, Commissioner, Palm Beach County
Glenny Cueto, Professional Probation Services, Inc.
Leonard Hanser, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
John Kastrenakes, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Jenise Link, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Caroline Shepherd, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Alfonso Starling, Captain, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Alton Taylor, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation
Louis Tomeo, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Barbara White, Public Defender's Office

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian Fernandes, Office of the State Attorney
Jeffrey Colbath, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Michelle Dryer, Workforce Alliance
Brandy Macaluso, Victims Rights Coalition
Joseph Marx, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
S. John Pruitt, Chief, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department

GUESTS PRESENT:

Alan Johnson, Office of the State Attorney (for Brian Fernandes)
Colleen Farnsworth, DCF Legal
Alan Fuhrman, Captain, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Michelle Gearty, Intern, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.
Latronda Hayes, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency
Al Miller, Public Defender's Office
Alessia Perez, Intern, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.
Stewart Saalfield, Court Administration
John Viola, Bail Agents Association
Becky Walker, Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Michael L. Rodriguez, 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

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

III. Approval and/or Additions to the agenda

The agenda was approved.

IV. Approval and/or Amendments to the February 4, 2015 Minutes of the Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting

The minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting were approved.

V. Reports

A. Jail Population Report

Captain Alfonso Starling reported that the average jail population was 2,135.

B. In House Arrest Report

Total In-House Arrest population was 237; 132 pretrial (including 10 direct filed juveniles); 95 county sentenced – 6 misdemeanor probation, 4 DJJ; and zero AO.

C. Pretrial Services Report

As of Monday, March 2nd, there were a total of 960 defendants on SOR; 596 of these individuals were on SOR only, and 364 were on SOR with accompanying money bond. Of the 596 on SOR only, 12 remained in custody; 3 awaiting treatment, and 9 due to other charges or holds. Of the 364 individuals on SOR with a bond, 89 remained in custody due to holds or bonds. Total SOR population out of custody was 859. Compared to this time last year, total number of individuals on SOR was higher by 171.

D. Juvenile Detention Center Report

No report was presented. But a monthly report was included in the packet.

E. Misdemeanor Probation Report

Ms. Glenny Cueto reported that they received 172 new cases for the month of February. Total active cases were 2,156. They closed out 115 cases successfully; and 99 were revoked or terminated in court totaling to 214 terminated cases.

VI. New Business

A. Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SFBHN)

Ms. Becky Walker talked about the CARP transition plan and also gave some background information about SFBHN. SFBHN was the managing entity of CARP. They receive money from DCF to contract with substance abuse and health services (SAMHS) in five counties in southeast Florida, which includes PBC. Part of this was their contract with CARP for a little over \$3M per year. CARP's contract expired on January 31. SFBHN had extended CARP's contract and they had been under a corrective action plan for over a year (18 months). SFBHN worked with CARP on a number of issues, including clinical, health and safety, licensing, data management, issues among others which they were not able to remediate, so SFBHN had let CARP's contract to expire. Before CARP's contract expired, SFBHN put together a plan and had contracts in place with four different agencies to help in the transition particularly with regards to: where to place adolescent males and females; outpatient and detox services; and helping DOC which did not have a contract with them, but had requested their assistance.

Drug Abuse Treatment Association (DATA) is now the sole provider for adolescent residential substance abuse services. DATA added four beds, two intervention programs, and expanded adult and adolescent outpatient capacity. For females, SFBHN added capacity to pay for ten more beds at Wayside House, and 10 more beds at Gratitude House, and more outpatient capacity within these organizations. For males, Drug Abuse Foundation (DAF) also added beds, although they have not settled on the exact number. Judge Leonard Hanser asked what adding beds really mean; physically adding beds, or just paying for additional beds. Ms. Walker said some of both, and in response to a question from Barbara White, she explained they are paying for existing beds which in many cases are empty or are coming from other paying sources. Alton Taylor noted that at DAF, they literally added beds because when SAAP was closed, they closed two wings at their facility, which have now been reopened. Colleen Farnsworth if SFBHN was able to attain waivers needed for licensing to address the additional capacity; Ms. Walker said they had no licensing problems.

Damir Kukec asked Ms. Walker to provide a little more information about SFBHN. Ms. Walker said their agency exist because legislature took the responsibility from DCF for contracting with SAMHS agencies and gave it to SFBHN, a not-for-profit entity. They have been in existence since October 2012, and their mission is to contract with agencies to build an array of continuum of SAMHS; look at where to

put the money, where the needs are, and how to respond to these needs; and oversee quality control aspect. They are given a budget of \$51M for five counties.

Al Miller asked if all SFBHN beds are considered indigent beds. Ms. Walker said yes. They are payer of last resort; financial guidelines need to be met to access the beds. Judge Hanser asked if transportation assistance is provided for outpatients who live a distance from DAF. Mr. Taylor said they have an outpatient office in WPB. Ms. Walker reported that they have also added some positions at DAF to do court services, which Mr. Taylor will discuss later.

Detox at CARP is still open because of some money still available. But this will go before the board on Tuesday to stop that contract. They are looking for another provider for the detox beds, which will DAF. Four beds are temporarily available at Jerome Golden to cover the northern end of the county. And they are still looking at other options to build existing capacity.

Chair Duncan asked what is the net effect of the loss of CARP. What's the bottom line? Ms. Walker said the bottom line is that right now, treatment is available. They are committed to continue expanding capacity to meet the need. She said DAF had stepped up in a major way to help with that, as well as Gratitude House, and Wayside House. It is an ongoing process, but if anyone needs treatment now, they are going to get treatment. Mr. Taylor added that the beds that had been opened after CARP's closing had met the needs, so it is more like an even swap. The other issue is that even when CARP was open, there were some bed needs that need to be met, which SFBHN is continuing to work on. Ms. White asked if there was ever a discussion to buy the facility. Ms. Walker said Delray Recovery Center is purchasing CARP, a private-for-profit entity. However, part of the agreement of the sale is to put aside 50 indigent beds; and that proceeds from the sale go into a foundation to hopefully continue the mission of CARP.

Ms. White asked if any of the beds do diagnoses; will DAF accept people on psychotropic medication. Mr. Taylor said that about 35% of their caseload is on psychotropic medication. Ms. Farnsworth asked if SFBHN anticipates that funding will be available next fiscal year to maintain the additional beds. Ms. Walker responded that if they get the money, they plan not just to maintain the existing beds but also try to expand capacity. John Viola requested for a list of the contact information for SAMHS agencies. Ms. Walker said she will send it through Candee Villapando, along with a copy of her PowerPoint presentation.

B. Court Intervention Services

DAF in partnership with SFBHN created a Court Intervention Services (CIS) unit the purpose of which is to ensure that, in this transition, individuals in the civil and criminal court systems know what services are available, how to access these services, and know who to contact if they need assistance. CIS staff will look at not only their own services, but also indigent services in the system to help bring individuals to where they need to be. Mr. Taylor provided an FAQ sheet providing

a more detailed description of CIS. The goal is to attain timely and appropriate resolution to issues.

Mr. Alan Johnson asked how far are we in getting to the point before CARP closed. Mr. Taylor said that by next week, all of the beds in their system will be online. They have 105 beds, and with that as well as the beds at the other providers, they are at the capacity before CARP closed; except for detox where they are still looking for a centrally located facility. Ms. Walker added that they are already way ahead of the point of where they were when CARP closed because they are not just looking at bed capacity but providing better quality services that have a chance of working. Judge Shepherd asked if they can provide bus passes to defendants coming from First Appearance instead of waiting for jail transport to get them to where they need to go. Capt. Fuhrman said they are now providing bus passes. Mr. Taylor added that the bus stops right in front of their facility. Chair Duncan asked if anyone is looking at the mistakes made by CARP to make sure these do not happen again. Ms. Walker said that is her job as the Director of Network Services. They have been looking at billing, doing monitoring, etc., and are making every effort not to have this situation repeated. She shared that in the past there had been issues with other providers as well, but that these providers complied once SFBHN worked with them, except for CARP. Chair Duncan said he felt better after hearing Ms. Walker's and Mr. Taylor's presentation and he thanked them for their efforts moving forward. He said they will continue to reach out to Delray Recovery Center and invite them to come in to hear about their commitment to providing 50 indigent beds.

C. MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge

Mr. Michael Rodriguez presented on behalf of Craig Spatara. The McArthur Foundation is investing \$75M in the Safety and Justice Challenge over the next few years. The first part is \$150,000 planning grant which CJC and PBSO staff agreed to look at. An advantage with the grant is that it is not specific, but can be applied for use in arrest, diversion, reentry, etc. Mr. Rodriguez asked anyone who has a particular interest in working on the grant with them to contact staff.

VII. Old Business

A. Jail Study Report Update

Mr. Kukec mentioned that he will be reconvening the subcommittee looking at the report and come back in April for final presentation.

VIII. Additional member and guest comments

No additional member and guest comments.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 1, 2015; 12:00 P.M.