



PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council

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

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- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Duncan, Chair, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
Glenny Cueto, Professional Probation Services, Inc.
Sheree Cunningham, Administrative Judge, County Court, 15th Judicial Circuit
Brian Fernandes, Office of the State Attorney
Kimber Heddon, Florida Department of Corrections
Glenn Kelley, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit (also for Judge Dina Keever)
Jenise Link, Court Services
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
David H. Talley, PBC CareerSource
Alfonso Starling, Vice-Chair, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Alton Taylor, Drug Abuse Foundation
Louis Tomeo, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Daniel Eisinger, Public Defender's Office
William Genem, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.
Dina Keever, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Dave Kerner, Commissioner, Palm Beach County

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mevsim Bacaksiz, Drug Abuse Foundation
Dave Bernhardt, BCC District 3 (for Commissioner Kerner)
Jerry Casal, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Derek Gibson, Florida Department of Corrections
Latronda Hayes, Pretrial Services
Kelly V. Landers, CARP
Michele Lutz, CARP
John Viola, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Craig Williams, Office of the State Attorney

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Jonathan Hackley, Criminal Justice Analyst
Althea Mones, Clerical Assistant
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst

I. Welcome, Opening Comments by Chairman Douglas Duncan

Chair Doug Duncan welcomed Judge Sheree Cunningham and Daniel Eisinger, and expressed gratitude to Judge Marni Bryson for her service last year.

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 May 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting were approved without amendments.

V. Reports

A. Jail Population Report

Major Alfonso Starling reported the total population as of that morning was at 2,039 inmates.

B. In House Arrest Report

Total In-House Arrest population was 193: 81 pretrial; 108 county sentenced, 1 probation; 3 DJJ; 0 Administrative Order. Total Pay N Gos for the month was 186.

C. Pretrial Services Report

Jenise Link reported that as of Tuesday, there were a total of 756 defendants on SOR; 526 of these individuals were on SOR only, 230 were on SOR with a money bond. Of the 526 on SOR only, 23 remained in custody, mostly with other holds and charges, and 3 awaiting treatment. Of the 230 individuals on SOR with a bond, 65 remained in custody due mostly to other holds. The total SOR population out of custody was 668. These numbers compared to last month were down by about 86; compared to this time last year, they were way down by 263. August violations were 79, consistent with the other months.

D. Juvenile Detention Center Report

No report was presented.

E. Misdemeanor Probation Report

Glenny Cueto reported that for the month of August they had a total of 130 new cases; 1,846 total active cases; 105 successfully completed cases; 33 revoked. Total termination for the month was 138. There were 38 defendants on ICE hold; 6 were confirmed deported.

VI. New Business

A. Comprehensive Alcoholism Rehabilitation Programs, Inc. (CARP, Inc.) Overview

Chair Duncan welcomed and thanked Mr. Kelly V. Landers, President of the Board of Directors for CARP. Mr. Landers handed out brochures. He reported that they are in the process of building two new 12-step homes, one for men and one for women each with 24 beds. They plan on being self-supporting through their own contributions and fund raisings from the public; they will not be accepting state funds. He gave a brief history of how they have evolved and restructured from the old CARP, but basically with the same mission of helping people get and stay clean and sober, and improve their lives. The services are free. They expect to open the women's facility approximately in February, and the men's around June/July 2019. Mr. Landers also introduced Ms. Michele Lutz, Director of Community Affairs.

B. PBSO Booking Information Retrieval System (BIRS), Status Update

Mr. Damir Kukec gave a brief update about what they have been doing with PBSO jail data, especially in relation to the MacArthur project. He acknowledged and appreciated Major Starling and PBSO for allowing them to access their data daily. They are required every month to provide MacArthur data on the number of admissions, releases, end of the month snapshots, and computation of the average daily population. Mr. Kukec briefly touched upon the trends they are seeing in the data, particularly the increase in the pretrial average daily population (for which they consulted with Major Starling, PBSO IT specialist, and legal counsel in June); and an increase in the aggregate amount of bond set after first appearance (in consultation with PBSO, Clerk's Office, and Court Administration). Mr. Kukec also mentioned working closely with PBSO's Alternative Unit on In House Arrest data to look at who were in the program historically.

VII. Old Business / Updates

A. Doug Duncan letter to Sheriff Ric Bradshaw regarding In-House Arrest review

Doug Duncan recalled the issue that was brought by Public Defender Carrie Haughwout before the CJC regarding a defendant who was allegedly on IHA longer than necessary. The IHA subcommittee reviewed the case and concluded that this incident was an aberration, and that IHA actively worked and processed this individual accordingly, as well as other individuals on in house arrest. Ms. Kristina Henson added she does not see any indication that Sheriff is planning any cuts to the program, and that letter also encourages the Sheriff to continue supporting the program. Chair Duncan again thanked the Sheriff's Office for their cooperation in resolving issues.

B. MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Challenge Project Update

Ms. Henson gave an update on what transpired over the summer:

- a) Court reminder system – The Clerk's vendor will send data to their vendor who will send text reminders to individuals about their court date about a week, and then a day in advance. This has been shown nationally to reduce failures to appear by about 50%. It is currently in the testing phase, but they are hoping to start sending text reminders by the end of the year. Mr. John Viola, a bondsman, confirmed that it works, based on their experience.
- b) Racial and ethnic disparity (RED) project – They are working with National W. Haywood Byrnes Institute in Spokane Washington, paid by MacArthur to work with their site. Their site was the one chosen out of all the MacArthur sites. Ms. Henson talked about the RED team comprised of the typical players in the system, as well as private counsel, Hispanic bar association, criminal defense bar association, etc. They looking at jail admissions data by race, using the RRI (Relative Rate Index) method which essentially takes the white population as one, and then counts how many it takes to equal, for example, for the black population. They study the disparity in the system, if any, and work to see if anything can be done to reduce this disparity. Ms. Henson invited anyone interested to attend their monthly meetings.
- c) Frequent Users System Engagement (FUSE) – Ms. Henson briefly recalled the purpose of FUSE, and reported that they just took their first client into the program from a list of 31 individuals across the criminal justice, behavioral and mental health, and homeless systems, that they are doing in-reach and outreach. Their first client is a 70-year-old woman whom they found at the Lewis Center, and is now at the Lord's Place. The idea is to provide these individuals with whatever they need, to stabilize them, to prevent them from going back in and out of the system. They hope to ramp up to about 100 clients in a period of two years.

- d) MacArthur all sites meeting – Their local delegation will be attending the meeting in Chicago in October, and State Attorney Dave Aronberg will be joining them.

A. Additional Member and Guest Comments

Dave Bernhardt spoke on behalf of Commissioner Dave Kerner about the bill introduced last year by Senator Brandes regarding how initially relatively minor offenses escalate because some individuals at the lower end of the socioeconomic ladder are unable to pay the fines, which make criminals of individuals, for example those who just cannot pay a traffic ticket. Mr. Bernhardt mentioned that the bill did not get enough support at the legislation but they are working to see if they can help bring it back. He remarked that the Clerk fought the bill because it would be considered a loss of revenue for them. Mr. Louis Tomeo countered that from a statewide perspective, the Clerk is behind the bill. He said that bigger problem lies the state model as to how the Clerk gets its funding and explained how it must change, otherwise, they could not sustain themselves. Mr. Taylor echoed that point.

B. Adjournment