



## **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

Wednesday, October 3, 2018; 12:00 P.M.

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### **- MEETING MINUTES -**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Douglas Duncan, Chair**, Roth and Duncan, P.A.  
**Glenny Cueto**, Professional Probation Services, Inc.  
**Daniel Eisinger**, Public Defender's Office  
**Brian Fernandes**, Office of the State Attorney  
**Kimber Heddon**, Florida Department of Corrections  
**Glenn Kelley**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit (also for Judge Dina Keever)  
**Jenise Link**, Court Services  
**Tommy Richards**, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association  
**David H. Talley**, PBC CareerSource  
**Louis Tomeo**, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Sheree Cunningham**, Administrative Judge, County Court, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**William Genem**, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.  
**Dina Keever**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Dave Kerner**, Commissioner, Palm Beach County  
**Alfonso Starling, Vice-Chair**, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**Alton Taylor**, Drug Abuse Foundation

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

**Mevsim Bacaksiz**, Drug Abuse Foundation  
**Ted Booras**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Michelle Cruz**, Student  
**Christel Dufour**, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc. (for William Genem)  
**Lars Essington**, Court Administration  
**Colleen Farnsworth**, DCF Legal  
**Liana Figueroa**, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller  
**Derek Gibson**, Florida Department of Corrections  
**Jessica Jeffreys**, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller  
**William Kinsey, Lieutenant**, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**Weldon Sanders, Captain**, Department of Juvenile Justice  
**Robert Tutko**, Captain, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (for Major Alfonso Starling)

**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**

**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 September 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting were approved without amendments.

**V. Reports**

**A. Jail Population and In House Arrest**

Captain Robert Tutko reported their facility count total is 2,034. Total In-House Arrest population was 202: 87 pretrial; 111 county sentenced, 2 probation; 2 DJJ. Total Pay N Gos for the month was 164.

**B. Pretrial Services**

Jenise Link reported that as of Monday, there were a total of 724 defendants on SOR; 497 of those individuals were on SOR only, 227 were on SOR with a money bond. Of the 497 individuals on SOR only, 18 remained in custody, with 2 awaiting treatment and the rest with other charges or holds. Of the 227 individuals on SOR with a bond, 50 remained in custody due to other holds. The total SOR population out of custody was 656. Total violations for September was 67. Compared to last month SOR was down by 32; and down by about 300 compared to this time last year. Pursuant to the risk assessment being used now, Chair Duncan requested if SOR can be broken down to SOR 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the future.

**C. Juvenile Detention Center**

Captain Weldon Sanders reported a total population of 44 youth; 12 youth awaiting placement.

## **D. Misdemeanor Probation**

Glenny Cueto reported for the month of September they had a total of 224 new cases; 2,163 total active cases; 161 successfully completed cases; 22 revoked. Defendants on ICE hold increased to 48, from 38 last month.

## **E. Felony Probation**

Kimber Heddon reported that for the month of July, they were down by about 300 cases overall from last year, with a total of 6,156 cases, and 4,097 active cases this year. Charts presented by Ms. Heddon also showed a breakdown of their active cases by type of supervision which were all down from last year, except for a slight uptick for Drug Offender Probation (DOP) cases (formerly Community Control Probation). Ms. Heddon also talked briefly about their non-active cases; number of cases on electronic monitoring, and intake, which were also down from last year, and revocations which remained the same.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Court Compliance Team**

Louis Tomeo, Director of Criminal Court Services of Palm Beach Clerk & Comptroller Office, gave a slide presentation on the Court Compliance Team (CCT). The Court and Compliance Team is a department of the Clerk's Office that assists customers who have been assessed court fines and fees navigate through the system, put them on payment plans, and help them along the way so they do not get their licenses suspended. The department is a 5-person team created a few years ago with no additional funding, through efficiencies and technology, e.g. e-filing, e-citations for law enforcement, email bondsmen the bond discharges and paperwork, and artificial intelligence that help them docket. Mr. Tomeo recognized Jessica Jeffreys, Manager, and Liana Figueroa, Supervisor of the CCT, and acknowledged the cooperation of their court partners, e.g., State Attorney's Office, Public Defender, and the judges.

Mr. Tomeo talked about the history of the CCT and explained their payment plan. He reported an increase of 72% of payment plans for criminal cases from in 5,939 in 2014 to in 9,102 in 2018 (as of 9/21/18); an average success rate of 93% in establishing payment plans in the courtrooms from April 2016 to present; and an average of 79% success rate of completion for those who established payment plans from July to October 2017. Their success is due to the follow up they make in terms of outbound phone calls, reminder letters, and DMV and collection agency notifications. From October 2014 to August 2018 they collected close to \$3M from phone calls. In addition, beginning in June this year, the Clerk's Office hired a vendor, nCourt, which enables clients to make payments over the phone. Another initiative the Clerk's Office is undertaking are settlements reducing or disposing of judgements or liens based on established criteria. The Palm Beach County's Clerk's Office is the only one doing this right now. Lastly, Mr. Tomeo talked about their future plans, e.g., online criminal payments, 24/7 interactive voice response

payment system, missed payment text notification, and online driver's license reinstatement program. Palm Beach County's Clerk's Office reduced the charges filed for driving while license suspended from 2014 to 2017, by 74% in criminal cases and 34% in traffic cases.

## **VII. Old Business/Updates**

### **A. MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Challenge Project Update**

Ms. Kristina Henson gave the following updates:

- Case processing – to look at what is happening with the cases of individuals in jail awaiting case disposition with help from Justice Management Institute, and Jim Austin, a national expert.
- MacArthur all sites meeting – Their local delegation will be attending the meeting in Chicago on October 17-19; State Attorney Dave Aronberg will be joining the group.
- Court reminder system – They have been working with the Clerk's Office and their vendor Uptrust, currently in testing phase and hoping to start sending text reminders in the coming six weeks.
- Supplemental grant with the MacArthur Foundation to enhance Community Engagement efforts.
- Implicit Bias Training for all the different criminal agencies in Palm Beach County who make decisions for people in the system. They have a five-member committee who will be designing a bid for train the trainer sessions.

### **A. Additional Member and Guest Comments**

No additional comments.

### **B. Adjournment**