

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Robert Weisman Governmental Center
McEaddy Conference Room - 12th Floor
301 N. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL

MINUTES

Monday, March 11, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

Members Present

Carey Haughwout, Public Defender, 15th Judicial Circuit
Dr. Rachel Docekal, CEO, Hanley Foundation, and CJC Chair
Glenn Kelley, Chief Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Reverend Kevin Jones, Past Chair, Clergy
Marcia Andrews, Palm Beach County School Board Member, and CJC Treasurer
Maria Antuna, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Matt Pawlowski, Next Era Energy, and CJC Secretary
Michelle Suskauer, Dimond Kaplan & Rothstein, P.A.
Mike Burke, School Superintendent (**Ex-officio**)

Members Absent

Earnie Ellison, Managing Partner, Ellison Consulting Group, LLC
Lauren Whetstone, FPL Energy Services, Inc., and CJC Vice-Chair
Michael Barnett, County Commissioner

Guests Attending

Craig Williams, Assistant State Attorney
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Jorge Garrido, Appointee Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

CJC Staff Present

Katherine Shover, Criminal Justice Systems Manager
Damir Kucec, Research and Planning Manager
Stephanie Moliere, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst
Christopher Slydell, Criminal Justice Analyst
Margo Smith, Criminal Justice Analyst
Rosalind Murray, Community Engagement Coordinator

I. Call to Order - Treasurer, Marcia Andrews

Ms. Andrews called the meeting to order in the stead of Chair, Dr. Rachel Docekal.

II. Roll Call - Katherine Shover, Criminal Justice Systems Manager

Ms. Shover completed roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Agenda

Treasurer, Ms. Andrews, entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. A motion was made by Secretary, Matt Pawlowski, seconded by Maria Antuna, and passed unanimously.

IV. Approval and/or Corrections of February 12, 2024 Minutes

Treasurer, Ms. Andrews, entertained a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Maria Antuna, seconded by Rev. Kevin Jones, and passed unanimously.

V. Chair's Comments -

Treasurer, Ms. Andrews, completed in the stead of Chair, Dr. Rachel Docekal.

A. CJC Full Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 25th, 2024 will be held at the Clayton E. Hutchinson Agricultural Services Center - 559 North Military Trail, Room A & B West Palm Beach, FL 33415.

B. Florida Atlantic University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice would like to invite CJC members to attend the Women in Corrections virtual panel that is being held on Tuesday March 26th from 6pm-7pm. (see attachment)

- We would like a strong presence at this event. Anyone who is interested can contact the Chair or CJC Staff, Ms. Shover (kshover@pbgov.org).

Chair, Dr. Docekal, chaired the remainder of the meeting upon arrival.

C. Reminder that the Critical Intervention Mapping Workshop will be held March 12 - 13, 2024 at Palm Beach State College Chair, Dr. Docekal, reminded members that the CJC committed \$1,000 in support of this event by way of purchasing refreshments for attendees. There is availability for the public to attend in case anyone is interested in attending.

- Treasurer, Ms. Andrews, introduced Superintendent, Mike Burke, of the Palm Beach County School Board and stated she is excited for the leadership role the School Board has taken concerning the Critical Intervention Mapping (March 12-13th, 2024). She would like for all stakeholders connected to the CJC to focus on this mapping as we have done so in the past for adults.

VI. New Business - NONE

VII. Old Business - NONE

A. CJC Executive Director Search Update: *Todd Bonlarron, Assistant County Administrator*

- Chair, Dr. Docekal, updated the members on the search, stating the following:
 - Nearly 50 resumes were submitted for the position, which was reduced to ten (10) candidates, which was reduced to four (4) with a goal of interviewing those select candidates during the month of April. This search is also being held in a public format for anyone to attend and listen in on the candidate's interview.
 - Treasurer, Ms. Andrews, has enjoyed working with other members of the Selection Committee, is proud of what they've accomplished thus far and looks forward to working towards the final selection.

B. *Path to College Visit and Presentation to the CJC at the March 25th Meeting: Katherine Shover, Criminal Justice Systems Manager*

- Around 30 students will join our upcoming CJC Full Meeting on March 25, 2024. Winners of a student’s civic exercise (judged by their peers and parents) will present a social issue that impacts the local community with a set of solutions to address those impacts at the tail end of our meeting. The Palm Tran bus will transport the students to our meeting as well.
- C. CJC Nomination Selections will be presented at the following Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meetings: *Dr. Rachel Docekal, Chair (see attachment)*
1. Seat 19 – Black Chamber: Leontyne Brown (3/12 BOCC Meeting)
 2. Seat 20 – Hispanic Chamber: Jorge Garrido (3/5 BOCC Meeting)
 3. Seat 32 – Returning Citizen: Oswald Newbold (4/9 BOCC Meeting)
 4. Seat 33 – Crime Survivor: Karen Hansen (4/9 BOCC Meeting)
 5. Seat 34 – Youth 17-22 years old: Shania Grant (4/9 BOCC Meeting)
 6. Seat 35 – At Large: Vanessa Klein (4/9 BOCC Meeting)
 - The selected CJC nominees will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting in the upcoming months based on the CJC’s new Ordinance making more seats available to be filled. A number of nominees from various community partners were requested, gathered together, and considered by the Selection Committee after meeting with candidates. The final step is a ratification that will go before the BOCC (attached document to Agenda provided detailed dates along with the name of the member going before the BOCC).
- D. Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) and CJC Committee Updates with Assigned Staff Names *(see attachment)*
- Ms. Shover provided an overview to the members on various Committees/Task Forces along with an update on their status and staff linked to support them, specifically highlighting the differences between the responsibilities of the PSCC and CJC.

VIII. Discussion items/ Updates

- A. Discussion about a Narcan Presentation by EMS Division Chief Timothy Alvin from the City of Riviera Beach. He is available for the March 25th full CJC meeting.
- Chair, Dr. Docekal, would like to amplify education around and access to Narcan (through a grant, the Hanley Center has Narcan boxes in 32 counties) more information to dispel any myths or stigmas associated with using Narcan, including any danger in using Narcan.
 - Members of the CJC are open to inviting Chief Alvin to educate the group on Narcan and would like a “Using Narcan101” type class. A clinician will be available as well to answer any questions (meeting will take place at the Hanley Center).
 - Mike Burke explained how the School Board works with the Department of Health and has Narcan available in schools health rooms (almost 250 school police officers have access to Narcan as well; they have great leadership in Chief Sarah Mooney and ongoing support from Marcia Andrews).

Questions, Answers and Statements:

1. Carey Haughwout: Is there any data on the number of referrals to criminal justice systems/programs from the school board?

Mr. Burke: There should be some data available in the next few days and it will be provided to Ms. Haughwout from Mr. Burke.

Chair, Dr. Docekal, wants the CJC to consider inviting John Hulick to a meeting so he can present information/ recommendations around the use of funds flowing into the county that derive from the opioid settlement.

- Members of the CJC are open to inviting Mr. Hulick to provide insight and recommendations on the use of opioid settlement funds. Some members questioned if some of those funds can flow to the CJC and its initiatives surrounding the subject matter (Mr. Hulick will address these type questions).

XI. Member Comments -

1. Ms. Haughwout: Do we have any data on the numbers associated with bond requirements and pretrial detention which directly affects our jail population (specifically the average daily population)?

Research & Planning Unit Manager, Damir Kukec: Jail data pertaining to the average daily population has been provided to the PSCC via a PowerPoint presentation (focusing on the “bottleneck” as a result of the new state law, finding that post and go’s/pay and go’s increased from January 2023). We’re also working with our information technology team to post this information on our web page as well.

2. Chair, Dr. Docekal: What does it mean when you say the average daily population is up a bit?

Mr. Kukec: The average daily population has gone up several percentage points from last month (tracked monthly), but the main focus has been on the “bottleneck” effect (post and go/pay and go). Those numbers aren’t readily available today but can be provided soon.

Chief Judge Kelley: Like Damir said, the bottleneck effect will more than likely exist for individuals who have more difficulty bonding out of jail prior to their first appearance; the 24-hour period between **arrest** and **first appearance** because it’s going to be more difficult to bond out. There’s a current average of 4-5 detention hearings (a result of the new bond schedule) per week at this point. There also needs to be at least six (6) months of data to determine inequities and the like to determine the overall impact on the jail population.

Past Chair, Rev. Jones: Would like a presentation to the commission on the data.

Chair, Dr. Docekal: Wants a presentation to the CJC members in six (6) months on any impact the bond schedule has made on the jail population along with any disparities.

Secretary, Matt Pawlowski: What data is being tracked pertaining to the jail population? Requested a presentation on any current data regarding jail population trends/the impact of the bond schedule on the system (mentioned old dashboards that are currently out of date, but were helpful in the past). Is there data we should be capturing that we currently aren’t, what data is uploaded into the dashboard or graphs based on booking information and the like?

Ms. Shover: Will provide data given to the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) to the CJC members. Florida State University has also agreed to evaluate any racial disparities, changes in the jail population and any other impacts on the system as a result of the new bond schedule as a part of the NIJ award we received. Our Research and Planning Unit, under Mr. Kucek, has regularly collected data as needed for this project.

Mr. Kucek: By the 15th of every month, microdata is provided to our MacArthur Technical Assistant (ISLG) in New York. An internal dashboard was also created and is provided to the PSCC each month. Pay and Go's and case processing are also being tracked. The PowerPoint presentation that was mentioned earlier will provide details on what data points we're gathering. Suggestions for additional data points are welcomed.

3. Ms. Haughwout: Doesn't have a full understanding of the Capstone grant and what data would be needed in order to apply for it (do we need 4-6 months of jail data, etc.).

Ms. Shover: Reached out to Brett from the MacArthur Foundation for more details and has received no word from him as of yet.

Ms. Haughwout: Appreciates the organization of the committees (a breakdown of what staff are responsible for each committee was provided to the members) and requests she be contacted regarding who will represent her office on the committees. She questioned whether the Behavioral Health Task Force (BHTF) has been out together and when Court Systems Task Force (CSTF) will reconvene.

Ms. Shover: CJC staff, Dawn Davenport-Caveness, met with the Chairs of the BHTF to determine the membership (she's looking at members who were previously a part of the School and Safety Committee Initiative). More information will be provided to the CJC as the Task Force is shaped.

Mr. Kucek: Has a meeting with Judge Bristow today to determine when CSTF will reconvene.

Past Chair, Rev. Jones, exclaimed concern over the Community Engagement Team's unexecuted contract with Community Partners, an intricate part of resurrecting non-dialogue groups and providing additional training. Community input into the work of the CJC is vital, all other voices are represented at the table, and something needs to be done to rectify the matter; an update on the status of the contract being signed is requested (*the matter is to be addressed on the next Full CJC Meeting on March 25th, 2024*).

Community Engagement Coordinator, Rosalind Murray, discussed some potential reasons as to why the contract has yet to be signed, but Ms. Shover confirmed that Mr. Bonlarron is working on the matter and is scheduled to meet with Chief Strategy Officer from Community Partners of South Florida, Jamie-Lee Bradshaw, to address the matter.

Chair, Dr. Docekal, will also follow up with Mr. Bonlarron and offer whatever support she can to move the matter forward.

XII. Public Comments – NONE

XIII. Adjournment - Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: **Monday, April 18, 2024, 8:00am**
Office of Finance and Budget Management
Conference Room – **7th Floor**
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