

MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 2021 12:10 P.M.

Palm Beach County School & Community Safety Initiative Behavioral Health Track

Online via Zoom



Members Present:

Chairman Judge James Martz, Circuit Court Judge
Chief Sean Brammer, LEPC Chairman, FAU Police Department
Darcy Davis, Chief Executive Officer, Health Care District of Palm Beach County
William Delaney, Vice President, Beacon Health Options
June Eassa, Ed.S, Assistant Superintendent of Student Wellness, PBC School District
Tammy Fields, Director, Palm Beach County Youth Services Department
Captain Randy Foley, Behavioral Services Division, PBC Sheriff's Office
Nicholas Fricke, Director of Acute Care, South County Mental Health Center, Inc.
Barbara Gerlock, Ph.D., Organizational Development Consultant
Deputy Chief Robin Griffin-Kitzerow, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Sharon L'Herrou, President/CEO, 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast
Beau Lynch, Behavioral Health Executive Director, JFK Medical Center North Campus
Kevin McCormick, Director Exceptional Student Education, PBC School District
Dr. Gena Rowlands, Senior Planner, PBC Sheriff's Office
Robin Russo, Director of Student Well Being, Palm Beach State College
Jill Sorensen, Director of Children's System of Care, SE FL Behavioral Health Network
Sharon Tarlow, Education Coordinator, JFK Medical Center North Campus
Captain Mike Waites, PBC School District Police Department
Craig Williams, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit
Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D., CEO, Children's Services Council
Lauren Zuchman, LCSW, Executive Director, BeWellPBC

Guests Present:

Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Ph.D., Associate Director and Associate Professor, FAU

Marcia Bahia, Gang Prevention Coordinator, PBC Sheriff's Office

Vaughn Crichlow, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Associate Professor, FAU

Sergeant Chelsea John-Williams, FAU Police Department

Stephen Plunk, Graphic Designer, Plunk Designs

Jennifer Roisland-Rivera, Counseling Center Specialist, Palm Beach State College

CJC Staff Present:

Regenia Herring, Executive Director

Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Welcome and Opening Comments – Chairman Martz
Mentioned the need for real sustainable goals for the committee. He noted that there will be a more formal approach to address goals this year.
- II. Introductions were made. Nicholas Fricke introduced himself. He recently took over as the Director of Acute Care for South County Mental Health Center. He has been with the organization since February 2020.
- III. The agenda/minutes were approved by consent. Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D. made the motion that was seconded by Tammy Fields.
- IV. Achieving Greater Impact from the System of Care Report: Lauren Zuchman, LCSW, Executive Director, BeWell PBC briefly highlighted the report that was distributed to the group by email. In response to House Bill 945, Palm Health Foundation commissioned Dr. David Shern and Dr. Mary Armstrong to assess the current system of care in Palm Beach County for youth and families. They reviewed documents from local initiatives and conducted 51 interviews with leaders across 29 child serving organizations and their funders. A lot of great work is happening through the collective impact initiatives of Healthier Together, Bridges, and Birth to 22. They were impressed by the strong leadership and collaboration among key stakeholders to meet the goals of improving the lives of children and families in PBC. The largest barrier is geographic and racial inequities. Other barriers mentioned in the report include silos, non-interopertive data systems, work force limitations, and communication issues. There is an openness in considering a new system-level governance model that is consistent with national trends. This would include shared stewardship, portfolio management, and an interoperable data system. Lauren Zuchman noted that she will have more information about the needs that the

committee can address after the 2/22 Systems Leader Table meeting. Please let her know if you are interested in attending the meeting.

Chairman Martz mentioned the desire to have a stronger community voice in the group. Tammy Fields noted that the meeting time would need to be changed to create an atmosphere of inclusion. She mentioned that there are already forums that are available for community input. The group could go to the community and highlight the work instead of changing the meeting schedule. She invited anyone that is interested to participate in the community conversations that are being held every Tuesday through February. Tammy Fields and Lisa Williams-Taylor, Ph.D. mentioned that the community has asked for more storytelling to explain how programs are effecting individuals.

V. Business

Branding and Informational Campaign Update:

- *Branding, Website and Magnet* – Stephen Plunk, Graphic Designer, Plunk Designs presented a mockup of the website design. Some minor edits were made since the last meeting. The campaign materials will have the same look as the website to create a consistent message. Soft cool colors were used to create a calming effect for the site. They should have a better idea of the marketing strategy by the end of the month. Right now they are focused on developing and implementing the brand for the campaign. Chairman Martz thought that the changes looked great. He noted that the branding really helps to unify the message.

- VI. Feedback and thoughts from members – Chairman Martz was wondering if we are maximizing the use of the identified mental health issues in the criminal justice system. He noted the challenge in getting defendants to attend a more comprehensive program that isn't court ordered. Captain Foley reported that they are having discussions in their JFO and alternative services unit of how they can get more participation from the youth and their families. Dr. Gerlock was wondering if they could have a social worker in court that would serve as an advocate for the client. She also inquired if we should take a look at the JFO assessment process to get a better picture of the first time offenders. She recommended using a systemic evaluation technique to determine the issues. Chairman Martz mentioned there is an evaluation as part of the process. He also highlighted the success of the Best Foot Forward program in Boca Raton. Kevin McCormick advised that they have an internal system that is used to issue referrals for problem solving and intervention when flags are raised. He noted that parents determine if they will communicate with the school system when there is a Baker Act. For these cases, a wraparound approach could be used when the child is in the school environment. He mentioned that there is an opportunity to improve collaboration. Deputy Chief Griffin-Kitzerow

and Captain Waites noted that the JFO program has mechanisms in place to communicate with the schools. Deputy Chief Griffin-Kitzerow also mentioned that additional conversations are taking place with Captain Foley and Captain Waites to collaborate about the Regional Domestic Security Task Force.

There was a discussion about the schedule. Chairman Martz mentioned that he has more flexibility with his schedule if members would prefer a different time. He also asked that members look out for any fails in the system for youth or adults that can be addressed by the group. Jill Sorensen advised that in response to House Bill 945 they are putting vignettes together based upon their care coordination data. They are specifically targeting the children that have very complex needs to ensure that all systems are connected to the data.

VII. Next Meeting Date – March 8, 2021

VIII. Adjourn