

# MINUTES

Monday, March 9, 2020 12:10 P.M.

## Palm Beach County School & Community Safety Initiative Behavioral Health Track

McEaddy Conference Room  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue West Palm Beach



### Members Present:

**Chairman Judge James Martz**, Circuit Court Judge

**Darcy J. Davis**, Chief Executive Officer, Health Care District of Palm Beach County (Represented by Ginny Keller)

**Megan Eaton**, Circuit 15 Juvenile Justice Advisory Board Co-Chair

**Lieutenant Randy Foley**, PBC Sheriff's Office

**Dr. Barbara Gerlock**, Organizational Development Consultant

**Deputy Chief Robin Griffin-Kitzerow**, Florida Atlantic University Police Department

**Jeff Kadel**, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition

**Sharon L'Herrou**, President/CEO, 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast

**Beau Lynch**, Behavioral Health Executive Director, JFK Medical Center North Campus

**Assistant Chief Pat McCutcheon**, Palm Beach County School District Police Department

**Danielle Ouellette, LCSW**, Behavioral Services Division, PBC Sheriff's Office

**Gena Rowlands**, Senior Planner, PBC Sheriff's Office

**Jill Sorenson**, Director of Children's SOC, Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network

**Sharon Tarlow**, Education Coordinator, JFK Medical Center North Campus

**Craig Williams**, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit

**William Wims**, South County Mental Health Director of Acute Care

### Guests Present:

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

**Vaughn Crichlow, Ph.D.**, Interim Associate Director and Assistant Professor, Florida Atlantic University

**Sergeant Chelsea John-Williams**, Florida Atlantic University Police Department

**CJC Staff Present:****Kristina Henson**, Executive Director**Katherine Shover**, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst**Jonathan Hackley**, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Welcome and Opening Comments – Chairman Martz
  - a. Vaughn Crichlow was recognized as the Interim Associate Director for the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida Atlantic University.
- II. Introductions were made.
- III. The agenda and minutes were approved by consent.
- IV. Business:
  - a. Mary Claire Mucenic, Ph.D., Director, Behavior and Mental Health, School District of Palm Beach County presented the Caring First Website and Application. They are in the second phase of the application. The site allows users to search by category and to locate contact information for specific issues such as bullying. Behavioral Health professionals can also access information about students for their school. Chairman Martz mentioned that he was very impressed by the site.
  - b. Director Henson thanked the committee and Sophia Dang for all their help in developing the Aware and Care site. She reviewed changes to the site that were based upon feedback received from the committee. The main page is broken down into three (3) ways to respond via 911, 211 or one of the Apps. Icons were added for the FortifyFL, Student Protect PBC and PBSO's See Something Say Something apps. There is a page for potential warning signs and the prevention & intervention page includes three (3) links to recognize suicidal behavior. The Services & Resources page has direct links to the 211 provider list that are broken down by issue. There was a discussion about next steps. Director Henson mentioned that the county has funds that can be used for brochures, flyers and postcards. They can also send out mailers at no cost. Other suggestions included billboards, bus stops, PSAs, and a 5K event. PBSO and staff will work on the awareness campaign. There was a discussion about the proper terms to use for substance use.
  - c. Chairman Martz mentioned the flyers in the meeting packet for the Youth Summit, Blue Help 5K Walk, and Blue Line 5K Walk & Run events. Deputy Chief Robin Griffin-Kitzerow mentioned that the Florida Atlantic University Police Department is partnering with the Criminal Justice Commission to setup an Academy in April. Director Henson provided background information about the Citizens Criminal Justice Academy. Chairman Martz suggested that a presentation by 211 should be included as part of the academy schedule. Sharon L'Herrou would love to present or provide information for the academy. Sergeant Chelsea John-Williams provided an overview of the Academy that will be held at FAU.

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- d. Beau Lynch, Behavioral Health Executive Director, JFK Medical Center North Campus provided information about the Crisis Stabilization Unit. The CSU is a 12 bed unit that will be expanded. Initially they will add 12 children and 12 adult beds. He also offered a tour of the unit to anyone that is interested.

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