



**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL
AGENDA**

Thursday, January 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Palm Springs Village Hall
226 Cypress Lane
Palm Springs, FL 33461

Members Present

Chief Sarah Mooney, PBC School District Police Department (*Represented by Rich Moore*)
Chief Thomas Ceccarelli, Palm Spring Public Safety Department (*Represented by Isabel Hernandez*)
Chief Michael Coleman, Riviera Beach Police Department (*Represented by Kevin A. Coppin Deputy Chief of Police*)
Bill Fraser, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit
Captain Carolyn Fanale, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco
Brad M. Uhl, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration

Members Absent

Chief Richard Jones, Gulf Stream Police Department
Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department
Chief Joe DeGiulio, Boynton Beach Police Department
Chief Russ Mager, Delray Beach Police Department
Chief Sean Brammer, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department
Chief Brian Smith, Juno Beach Police Department
Chief David England, Jupiter Police Department
Chief Daniel Kerr, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department
Chief Scott McClure, Ocean Ridge Public Safety Department
Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Chief Nicholas Caristo, Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Gus Medina, Tequesta Police Department
Chief Frank Adderley, West Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department
Honorable Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, PBC Sheriff's Office
Major Robert Chandler, Florida Highway Patrol
Demetrios Thomas, Special Agent Supervisor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement



Major Dustin Bonds, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
Lt. Anthony Mozealous, Bureau of Insurance Fraud
Christopher Caldwell, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Eric Chan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Firearms & Explosives
Brian Deer, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration
Chief Robert Crawford, VA Health Administration

Advisory Members Present

Dr. Catherine Miller, Palm Beach County Chief Medical Examiner (*Represented by Paul Petrino*)

Anthony LaCosta, Managing Assistant United States Attorney
Honorable Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Advisory Members Absent

Vincent Morton, Director, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College
Derek Gibson, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections
Adam McMichael, Chief: Narcotics and Violent Crimes, United States Attorney's Office
Mark Osborne, Chief: Financial Crimes, US Attorney's Office
Shawn Fagan, CJSTC Field Services Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Jonathan Bridges, Chief Assistant, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

Guests

Captain Randy Foley, Palm Beach Sheriff Office
Richard Markoe, Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller
Alexa Lee, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition
Stuart Robinson, Palm Beach County Office of Inspector General
Susan Carlini, Palm Beach County Public Safety Department, Program Manager

CJC Staff Present

Katherine Shover, Manager of Criminal Justice Systems
Dawn Caveness-Davenport, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. **Welcome and Opening Comments** - *Katherine Shover, Criminal Justice Systems Manager of the CJC*
- II. **Roll Call/Sign-in** - *Dawn Caveness-Davenport, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst of the CJC*
- III. **Approval of the Agenda for January 25, 2024**



IV. Approval of the Minutes for October 26, 2023

V. Updates

- a. Congratulations to Chief Deputy Frank Demario and Chief Clinton Shannon on their upcoming retirements.
- b. Criminal Justice Commission Executive Director Search update. - CJC staff discussed the update on the search for a new Executive Director for the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). Regenia Herring retired in December, and her absence has been felt. The open position closed on December 22nd, and 44 applications were received. Currently, the Human Resources Department from Palm Beach County is assisting in the process of assessing if all applicants meet the qualifications. Following this, a selection committee will be formed comprising four members of the CJC and one member from law enforcement to proceed with the selection process.
- c. The Behavioral Health Coalition was just awarded two Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grants. - *Alexa Lee, Executive Director of Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition* introduced the organization and its focus on substance prevention education and advocacy, particularly targeting families and youth. They also manage the Montgomery Residences and have locations in Delray Beach and Lake Worth Beach, with plans to open more. Ms. Lee mentioned an ask for SAMHSA grants aimed at preventing underage drinking, vaping, marijuana use, and misuse of prescription drugs. They plan to conduct compliance checks in collaboration with law enforcement, expanding their efforts to include more communities. The targeted cities include Palm Springs, Lake Worth, Riviera Beach, West Palm Beach, Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay, Loxahatchee, and Royal Palm Beach, with a focus on addressing substance use issues among Hispanic and Black American youth. Ms. Lee highlighted the success in reducing underage drinking rates by 12% over the past decade and a 3% decrease in vaping in recent years. She emphasized the evidence-based strategies employed by the coalition and requested support from the attendees. The attendees then moved on to discuss the sequential intercept model mapping report for Palm Beach County.

VI. Discussions

- a. **Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Report for Palm Beach County, FL (SIM) discussing Priority Area #3 *Strengthen care coordination that follows the individual, including client/peer advocacy from arrest to reentry.*** - The discussion revolved around priority area number three of the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) mapping report for Palm Beach County, which focuses



on strengthening care coordination for individuals from arrest to reentry, including client peer advocacy. Participants highlighted the concept of peer support from the moment of arrest to post-release to assist individuals in accessing services and avoiding recidivism. However, concerns were raised about the feasibility of implementing such a program due to resource constraints, including manpower and funding. Law enforcement representatives emphasized the overwhelming volume of cases and the lack of available resources, particularly in mental health treatment and housing. Suggestions were made to explore ways to expand existing support systems and secure additional funding for mental health services, facilities, and housing. The discussion highlighted the need for collaboration and resource allocation to address the complex challenges faced by individuals in the criminal justice system with mental health and substance abuse issues.

- b. **2024 LEPC Work Plan** - The attendees revisited the work plan for 2024 to ensure that each group within the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) has clear objectives and is not meeting just for the sake of it. Some key areas of focus identified included behavioral health, effective alternatives to arrest, addressing the fentanyl problem, and combating fraud targeting elderly individuals. US Attorney Anthony LaCosta expressed a readiness to address elder fraud cases, noting it as a priority for the Department of Justice, but highlighted resource constraints that need to be addressed in collaboration with the state attorney's office. There was also discussion about real-time crime centers, with an update indicating progress in their implementation. Attendees were invited to share any further updates or insights on real-time crime centers or related initiatives.

The discussion included plans to expand the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), aimed at enhancing the follow-up on intelligence related to shootings. Additionally, updates on the Juvenile First Offender Program were deferred to a later meeting due to the absence of necessary data. The conversation then shifted to the issue of civil citation utilization for juvenile offenders, highlighting efforts to ensure its appropriate use while addressing missed opportunities. Attendees also discussed collaboration with the school district to address the increase in vaping incidents on school campuses, focusing on prevention efforts and potential programming within the schools. Finally, there was a clarification on the statutory requirements for charging individuals found with THC oil in vaping devices on school grounds.

- c. **Open Seats on the CJC Board** - The discussion focused on open seats on the CJC board due to recent changes in the CJC ordinance. The seats include representatives from the Association of Chiefs of Police, a Crime Survivor, a returning citizen, a student between the ages of 17 to 22, and an at-large



community member. Responsibilities for these positions include attending monthly meetings, typically held on the 4th Monday of every month at 8 am, with the location now at the Hanley Center. The deadline for gathering applications is set for February 7th, after which a nominating committee will review applications and make recommendations for selection. The process involves approval from the CJC and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). Attendees were encouraged to suggest agencies or individuals for these positions, emphasizing the importance of expanding the board's representation.

- d. **The Staffing Survey will be going out in February 2024** - The quarterly staffing survey, which is typically distributed to the Chiefs, will commence again in February.
- e. **Review of School and Community Safety recommendations to formulate an ask from the Board of County Commission and other updates.** - *Captain Randy Foley, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office* - provided an update on the recommendations regarding mental health intervention and crisis prevention efforts in Palm Beach County. The committee has been working on these recommendations for several years and is now seeking input from the attendees on prioritizing these recommendations and proposing solutions. Additionally, Captain Foley discussed the development of a new Mobile Response Team (MRT) pilot program to supplement existing mental health response services in the county. This program aims to provide a specialized response to individuals in crisis, particularly those who do not require a traditional law enforcement response. He also highlighted that the program is intended to complement existing services and address gaps in mental health crisis intervention.

VII. Old Business

- a. **FDLE grant submitted on 9/26/2023 are still pending** - The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) grant submissions were made on September 26, with one portion allocated for re-entry (\$240,342) and another for county-wide law enforcement equipment requests (\$82,114). As of now, these requests are still pending, and the group is awaiting a response from FDLE.
- b. **New LEPC chair and vice chair** - LEPC is still searching for candidates to fill the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of LEPC. These are crucial roles within the committee, and finding suitable individuals to fill them is important for the effective functioning of the committee.

VIII. New Business



- a. N/A

IX. Liaison Updates

- a. Sexual Assault Response Team: *Chief Michele Miuccio*
- b. Criminal Justice Institute: *Director Vincent Morton*
- c. State Attorney's Office: *Craig Williams, Chief Assistant State Attorney* - Craig Williams from the State Attorney's Office provided an update on Marsy's Law. He mentioned that a recent Supreme Court case ruled that the victim's name is not protected, so it must be provided. Marsy's Law primarily protects public records, ensuring that information about victims is available for prosecution purposes. However, the law does not protect the victim's name from being disclosed to the defense attorney. He also highlighted the challenges posed by the increasing use of body-worn cameras in law enforcement. While they provide valuable information, the volume of video footage has overwhelmed prosecutors and law enforcement personnel, creating a significant burden on resources and time.
- d. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office: *No updates provided*
- e. Palm Beach County School District Police Department: They are preparing to roll out metal detector programs for all high schools, with training and implementation being phased to ensure a smooth process. This is a significant project aimed at enhancing security measures in schools.
- f. **DV CCR Update** - Susan Carlini provided an update on behalf of the Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response Team (CCR), which consists of over 80 community entities dedicated to addressing domestic violence. The CCR aims to enhance victim safety and hold offenders accountable through coordinated community responses to intimate partner violence. Susan requested the appointment of a liaison between law enforcement agencies and the CCR to facilitate communication, coordination, and information sharing regarding domestic violence incidents. She emphasized the importance of this liaison in ensuring a swift and collaborative response to domestic violence. The CCR meets quarterly, with one in-person meeting per year.

X. Attachments

- a. 2023-09-13 Palm Beach Co FL SIM Report
- b. Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Report for Palm Beach County, FL



- c. 2022-2025 CJC Work Plan
 - d. School & Community Safety Subcommittee Recommendations
 - e. Florida Atlantic University's Annual Evaluation of the Delray Beach Police Department's Community Outreach Program
 - f. SART and DV CCR Report
- XI. Next Meeting: April 25, 2024, at 9:30 AM at Palm Springs Village Hall**
- XII. Adjournment**