

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

Thursday, May 26, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.

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

Members Present

Chief Javaro Sims, Chairman, Delray Beach Police Department
Chief Gus Medina, Vice Chairman, Tequesta Police Department
Chief Sarah Mooney, PBC School District Police Department
Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department
Interim Chief Joe Degiulio, Boynton Beach Police Department (Represented by Assistant Chief Jack Dale)
Chief Ed Allen, Gulf Stream Police Department
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department
Chief David England, Jupiter Police Department (Represented by Major Adam Hirsch)
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department (Represented by Commander Thomas Mitchell)
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department
Chief Nicholas Caristo, Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department (Represented Sergeant Greg Croucher)
Interim Chief Josh Lewis, Riviera Beach Police Department
Eric Jester, Resident Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Bill Fraser, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit
Captain Frank Briganti, Bureau of Insurance Fraud
Brian Deer, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service

Members Absent

Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department
Chief Sean Brammer, Florida Atlantic University Police Department
Chief Brian Smith, Juno Beach Police Department
Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department
Chief Richard Jones, Ocean Ridge Police Department
Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Chief Frank Adderley, West Palm Beach Police Department
Honorable Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, PBC Sheriff's Office
Major Robert Chandler, Florida Highway Patrol
Troy Walker, Special Agent in Charge, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Major Dustin Bonds, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission
Lieutenant Kent Stanton, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco
Christopher Caldwell, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Sheldon Burkett, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration

Eric Chan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Christopher Orcinolo, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
Assistant Chief Deputy Dan Torchia, U.S. Marshals Service
David Brant, Supervisory Special Agent, Internal Revenue Service
Pete Garcia, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration
Angel Belen, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol
Chief Robert Crawford, VA Health Administration

Advisory Members Present

Vincent Morton, Director, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College
Dr. Wendolyn Sneed, Palm Beach County Chief Medical Examiner (Represented by Paul Petrino, Manager of Medical Examiner Operations)
Honorable Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit
Shawn Fagan, CJSTC Field Services Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Michelle Johns, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections

Advisory Members Absent

Stephanie Tew, Chief Assistant, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Sivashree Sundaram, Chief: Narcotics and Violent Crimes, U.S. Attorney's Office
Anthony LaCosta, Managing Assistant United States Attorney
Adam McMichael, Chief: Narcotics and Violent Crimes, United States Attorney's Office

Guests

Angelique Pickett, Intelligence-Led Policing Manager, Boca Raton Police Department
Lieutenant Kevin Lashells, Florida Bureau of Insurance Fraud
Ortances Thomas-Hawkins, Director of the Mobile Response Team at South County Mental Health
Assistant Chief Josh Mindick, Boca Raton Police Department
Captain John Crane-Baker, Delray Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Russ Mager, Delray Police Department
Captain Michael Moschette, Delray Beach Police Department
Assistant Chief Michael Madden, Riviera Beach Police Department
Captain John Haseley, Gulf Stream Police Department
Craig Williams, Chief Assistant State Attorney, State Attorney's Office
Major John Scanlan, Palm Beach Police Department
Louis Tomeo, Director - Court Operations, Criminal Court Services
David Summers, Trauma Agency Healthcare District
Ariana Ciancio LMHC, MCAP, Service Population Advocate Manager, Delray Beach Police Department
Scott Penney, Chief Investigator of the Public Defender's Office
Marc Freeman, Public Information Officer for State Attorney's Office in Palm Beach County
Lieutenant Jonathan Lent, Bureau of Insurance Fraud
Alexa Lee, M.S., Interim Executive Director, Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition

CJC Staff Present

Regenia Herring, Executive Director
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst
Dawn Caveness-Davenport, Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Opening comments/Updates by Chief Javaro Sims, Chairman.
 - A. Congratulations and welcome to Chief Sarah Mooney, PBC School District Police Department, Interim Chief Joe Degiulio, Boynton Beach Police Department, and Interim Chief Josh Lewis, Riviera Beach Police Department
 - B. Rapid Response Team (RRT) - the Department of Children and Family (DCF) reported a decline in the use of the Rapid Response Team protocol. Chairman Sims reminded everyone to submit their RRT forms to Tom Wills in the State Attorney's office. The criteria was discussed and provided to the group.
 - C. Chairman Sims also spoke about the importance of mental health wellness training for officers.
- II. Roll Call
- III. The Agenda/Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. Presentations/Updates
 - A. **Mobile Response Team (MRT) Presentation:** *Ortances Thomas-Hawkins, Director of the Mobile Response Team at South County Mental Health*, provided an overview of the MRT services in Palm Beach County (PBC). The MRT responds to individuals in the community who could be experiencing grief, loss, depression, and suicidal ideations. They respond within 60 minutes to provide an assessment. Based on the assessment, referrals are made by the team for interventions such as therapist and psychiatric services. MRT will accompany law enforcement to inform families of the death of a loved one. They continue to provide services after the initial crisis by having at least six follow-ups. They also stay with the client until they have initiated services with an agency. MRT is also utilized by law enforcement to provide assessment services in cases that are difficult to determine if an involuntary hospitalization aka Baker Act is needed. The MRT is a free 24/7 service located throughout PBC that can be reached through 211 or calling them directly. They are now establishing telehealth services where they could write Baker Acts through a remote location. They work with DCF on S.A.F.E. calls where a parent/guardian has tested positive or suspicion of drug use in which a minor is in the home. In addition, MRT is working on a transportation service to transport non-violent individuals to the hospital. Director Herring mentioned that they are hearing from the community that there is a need for this type of collaboration with law enforcement. She also noted that the CJC is looking for ways to build these partnerships in an effort to provide additional resources for law enforcement as they are the most utilized agency with these calls.

B. **Community Outreach Program:** *Ariana Ciancio LMHC, MCAP, Service Population Advocate Manager, Delray Beach Police Department*, presented an overview of services provided by the program within the police department. She was hired about five years ago due to the opioid epidemic. Her first task was to follow-up on all the overdoses then to create an outreach program within the police department. Their unit is staffed with a licensed clinician, an intern, a service population advocate, and two sworn officers. The team responds to all the substance use, mental health, and homeless calls in the entire City of Delray Beach. The team works in collaboration with PBC agencies to obtain resources for their population, for example, South County for mental health services and PBC Outreach teams to get individuals into housing or shelter. They provide warm handoffs to other community partners. There is a program in PBC called Travel with Aid where they can drive individuals to the airport and put them on a plane to be reconnected with family members. She advised that she provides all of the homeless outreach for their community. They meet these individuals where they are at and provide assistance when they are ready. She also noted that their officers enforce all of the city ordinances. In addition, she works closely with officers from Boca, Boynton, and PBSO. South County MRT partners with the team doing ride-alongs. Riviera Beach Police Department is working closely with Ariana to create her position as a clinician within their department. She noted that it takes the burden off of cities when other police departments provide these services.

One of the projects the Task Force to End Homelessness in Delray Beach developed was mobile shower truck locations for Delray Beach homeless residents two days a week. They also provide food, bus passes, and bicycles to assist individuals to get back on their path. At this location, individuals can be linked to wraparound services when they are ready such as MRT, PBC HOT team, etc. The services are based on the population's needs. Chief Miuccio noted that Boca Raton Police Department hired a licensed clinician within the last year that works mainly on Baker Acts and overdoses. Director Herring advised that the CJC is looking at studying the effectiveness and impact of the program in Delray Beach. Hopefully, they can also include Boca Raton and Riviera Beach to develop a national model based on the programs offered in PBC. A description of the program was included in the packet.

V. New Business

A. Chief Sims asked for a volunteer to step into the role of the Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response Team Liaison that meets quarterly. Interim Chief Josh Lewis, Riviera Beach Police Department, volunteered for the role.

VI. Old Business - None

VII. Liaison Updates

- A. **Community Engagement Team:** Chairman Sims advised that they continue to assist the nine groups in establishing and accomplishing their goals. Director Herring noted that they will be going before the PBC Board of County Commissioners on June 21, 2022 regarding this project.
- B. **SART:** Chief Miuccio reported that the first in-person meeting is scheduled for 2 PM on May 26, 2022, for law enforcement. Please see the meeting packet for the SART updates for April and May 2022.
- C. **DV Coordinated Community Response:** an update was included in the meeting packet.
- D. **Criminal Justice Institute/Trauma-Informed Care Training:** *Vincent Morton, Director, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College,* reported that the Trauma-Informed Care training will take place in September 2022. Director Morton asked for each agency to send two representatives. The course is train-the-trainer, allowing the information to be shared with their agencies to introduce internally. FAU will be evaluating the training to determine the impact. It will be held at Palm Beach State College at the Lake Worth campus. Chairmen Sims invited the State Attorneys' office, the Department of Corrections, and all law enforcement agencies in PBC to participate in the Trauma-Informed Care training.
- E. **Communications/Interoperability:** No report.
- F. **School Safety:** Katherine Shover reported they are looking at all points of the system: prevention, intervention, and reaction to make sure it is tied into Palm Beach County's Emergency Response Plan. A report of the recommendations will be provided at the next School & Community Safety meeting on June 13, 2022. Please see the Caregivers Guide: Navigating a hospitalization under the Florida Mental Health Act, commonly referred to as a Baker Act, attached to the package, which will be helpful for parents.
- G. **State Attorney's Office:** *Craig Williams, Chief Assistant State Attorney, State Attorney's Office,* discussed Marsy's Law in Florida. There is an opinion from the Supreme Court that states every case should be treated as Marsy's Law; victims do not have to sign off because they are all treated the same. All information whether it is a victim, officer, civilian, or business is being converted to initials. The restitution order and the no contact orders must have the victim's full name. There was a discussion about this request. Craig Williams will send out information to the LEPC concerning the Supreme Court opinion. Also, Greg Kridos is moving to North Carolina, so Liz Neto will be the Chief of Intake. He is going to try to work remotely. In addition, he advised that they are really struggling to hire new employees as they can't afford to live in Palm Beach

County.

H. **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office:** No report.

I. **Palm Beach County School District Police Department:** *Chief Sarah Mooney, PBC School District Police Department*, thanked everyone for their assistance with providing coverage.

J. **State and Federal Updates:** introduction of Brian Deer, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service.

VIII. Member comments: *Director Herring* advised that there have been some inquiries concerning the CJC's role in reducing bonds. She provided some background about the issue. During COVID, the Chief Judge issued an Administrative Order stating certain crimes did not have to go before the first appearance judge. This issue was brought to the CJC to study the impact of the order. An evaluation from FSU indicated that recidivism didn't increase for individuals in which the bond was reduced from \$3,000 to \$1,000. The report was forwarded to the Chief Judge to decide whether to keep the order or change it in the future. As of today, the order reverted to \$3,000. Due to the study, some crimes that were excluded from the list involving children and victims are now being examined. The list was sent to the Corrections Taskforce to review the 16 charges that could be added to the list. The task force tabled the discussion due to the impact on courts and other administrative issues. She advised that the CJC is not advocating for the schedule to be changed, but to examine the impact of this decision. It is still being reviewed. There was a discussion about Broward County's decision that there is no bond up to a 3rd-degree felony. Law enforcement is concerned about the impact of this decision on PBC. Director Herring mentioned that this may be an area that they could examine.

IX. Attachments

A. SART Update

B. DV CCR Update

C. MRT Brochure

D. Caregiver's Guide: Navigating a Hospitalization under the Florida Mental Health Act/The Baker Act

E. Community Outreach Program Information