

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, March 27, 2017

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

McEaddy Conference Room
12th Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg
Rosalyn Baker
Ric Bradshaw
Barbara Cheives
Rachel Docekal
Douglas Duncan
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Nellie King
Frank Kitzerow
Keith James
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Kevin Jones
Karl Martin
James Martz
Sarah Mooney
Gerald Richman
Greg Starling
Lee Waring
Erica Whitfield

Members Absent:

Sharon Bock
Jeffrey Colbath
Michael D'Alonzo
George Elmore
Rolando Garcia
Carey Haughwout
Al Jacquet
Dave Kerner
Barry Krischer
John McKenna
Frank Mercurio
Christina Morrison
Robert Shirley

Guests Attending:

Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Mark Strach, Florida Department of Corrections
David Bernhardt, PBC Commission Aide District #3
Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Sylvia Moffett, WPB Commissioner
Ted Gonzales, PBC Law Enforcement Exchange
Angela Bess, PBC School District
Marianela Diaz, PBC Public Safety Department
Stephanie Sejnoha, PBC Public Safety Department
Craig Spatara, PBC Public Safety Department
Eliot Kleinberg, Palm Beach Post
Richard Radcliffe, League of Cities
Maria Stevens, PBC Drug Court
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration
Nicole Bishop, PBC Public Safety

Staff Present:

Kristina Henson, Executive Director

Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Jackie Price, Criminal Justice Analyst
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Andres Rodriguez, Student Intern
Pamela Williams, Temporary Staff

- I. Chairman Lee Waring called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chairman Waring invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The Agenda for the March 27, 2017 meeting was unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Randy Johnson and a second by Judge James Martz.
- V. The Minutes of the February 27, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Randy Johnson and a second by Judge James Martz.

VI. Chairman's Comments:

- A. Chairman Waring summarized the priorities that were adopted by the full CJC at the Annual Planning Meeting February 27, 2017 that included: Community Engagement Task Force, Body Worn Camera Task Force, MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Project, and Reentry.
- B. Chair Waring referred members to the letter written on behalf of the CJC to the County Commission regarding the opioid epidemic per the discussion at the Annual Planning Meeting.

VII. Executive Director Comments:

- A. Kristina Henson announced that the 31st Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy currently running through April 17, 2017.
- B. Ms. Henson announced that staff is currently working with the Purchasing Department on the Request for Proposal for Misdemeanor Probation Services.
- C. Director Henson announced staff is working on the presentation to the County Commission on the opioid epidemic to be at 2:30 p.m. on April 4.
- D. Director Henson announced the Domestic Violence Strangulation Training will be held at Palm Beach State College on April 19-20, 2017.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Director Henson summarized the proposed funding for the continuance of the Law Enforcement Exchange (LEX) program, for the period of April 1 through September 30, 2017. Additionally, she gave a brief overview of the FUSE (Frequent User's System Engagement) program, developed as part of the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge grant. The re-allocation of LEX funds will be the first funding allocation for the new FUSE program.

A motion to approve \$25,000 from the Crime Prevention Trust Fund for the LEX project through September 30, 2017 was made by Ms. Rachel

Docekal and upon a second by Mr. Randy Johnson the motion passed unanimously.

Director Henson presented the proposed repurposing of the JAG grant balance in the amount of \$56,715 for the FUSE project. A motion to approve the repurposing of these funds was made by Mr. Randy Johnson and upon a second by Judge James Martz the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Chair Waring introduced the projected CJC budget for Fiscal Year 2018. Director Henson gave an overview of the recommended budget as approved by the CJC Finance Committee on March 10, 2017.

Ms. Nellie King questioned the need for Domestic Violence Strangulation Training, suggesting Batterer's Intervention Program participant's attendance numbers are down, and does not want to see the CJC spend the Domestic Violence Trust Fund (DVTF) dollars needlessly. Ms. King stated she would rather see a legislative solution to enable spending DVTF money in broader purpose areas that would benefit the community. There was general discussion, and Chair Waring asked that this issue be looked at by staff and brought back at a future meeting. It was agreed to submit the budget as proposed including the DVTF allocation. If after further review the CJC chose to withdraw the allocation, the budget can be modified later. A motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Mr. Randy Johnson and upon a second by Mr. Joe Ianno, Jr., the motion passed unanimously.

- C. Director Henson summarized the draft resolution recommending to the Board of County Commissioners that they seek state legislative changes for better oversight and requirements governing the providers of Batterer's Intervention Programs. Ms. Nellie King suggested a follow-up for legislative review to include lessening of restrictions in how the DVTF dollars can be utilized, which Chair Waring suggested should be a separate issue after staff brings back recommendations. A motion to approve the draft resolution was made by Mr. Gerald Richman and upon a second by Ms. Barbara Cheives, the motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business:

- A. Chair Waring introduced the topic of the Reentry Program and the Reentry Task Force. Director Henson summarized the issues arising from the Reentry Program being permanently placed within the PBC Public Safety Department, Justice Services Division as of October 1, 2015. Staff from the CJC were transferred to Public Safety with the program. However, the Reentry Task Force (RTF) remained with the CJC. The staff transferred to Public Safety were responsible for both the Program and the RFT causing confusion with staff working in both departments. Chair Waring suggested it may be prudent to consider moving the RTF over to Public Safety for consistency and wanted to introduce the idea for members' consideration. He suggested that members consider this over the next month and the issue will be addressed at the April CJC meeting. Deputy County Administrator Jon Van Arnam spoke to the issue

suggesting that the RFT could be established by resolution of the County Commission. This resolution could include details about membership, reporting to the CJC, and authority. Ms. Sylvia Moffett, WPB City Commissioner and Chair of the RTF gave full support and recommendation for the move with membership of the CJC on the new RTF. Ms. Barbara Cheives commented that the Reentry Program came about when she was CJC Chair and that this move should be considered carefully. Chair Waring recommended bringing this issue back to the CJC for discussion at the April meeting, giving staff time to work out some of the details and members time to consider the impact. Mr. Gerald Richman made a motion to bring the issue back for a vote at the full CJC meeting in April and upon a second by Ms. Barbara Cheives, the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Director Henson explained the recommendations via letter from the Law Enforcement Planning Council (LEPC), opposing Senate Bill 196 regarding juvenile civil citation that would affect the PBC Youth Court operated by the School District. It takes away officer discretion to issue of civil citations in lieu of arrests and require officers who make arrests to submit documentation as to why a civil citation was not used. The LEPC suggests that a probable cause affidavit would suffice in lieu of additional documentation. There was general discussion among the members about the bill, it's purpose and origins. Members also recognized that this bill keep changing and suggested reviewing this at the next meeting. Mr. Doug Duncan made a motion to revisit this topic at the next full CJC meeting in April, and upon a second by Mr. Kevin Jones the motion passed unanimously.

X. Update on CJC Initiatives:

- A. Director Henson summarized some of the activities of the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC). Community Engagement is not included as a priority area and our Community Engagement Task Force (CEFT) efforts will be highlighted at the next All Sites meeting in Denver CO. CETF Co-Chair Barbara Cheives will be presenting during a seminar at the meeting. The next CEFT meeting is this Thursday evening with the addition of more community and religious leaders. A new strategy to be implemented is a court reminder system to reduce the number of failures to appear. Implementation of this automated system is anticipated to greatly reduce the number number of failures to appear resulting in less arrests and less impact to the jail. She informed members that nation jail population control expert and MacArthur Steering Committee member Jim Austin is visiting this Friday to work with the Core Team to walk through some court cases to identify areas of potential reduction to the jail which will result in more strategies to include in the June grant application.

XI. Member Comments: There were no further member comments.

XII. Adjourn: Chair Waring adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:15 a.m.