

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, April 24, 2017

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

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

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg
Roselyn Baker
Barbara Cheives
Jeffrey Colbath
Rachel Docekal
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Carey Haughwout
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Kevin Jones
Dave Kerner
Nellie King
Barry Krischer
James Martz
Frank Mercurio
Sarah Mooney
Christina Morrison
Gerald Richman
Lee Waring
Erica Whitfield

Members Absent:

Ric Bradshaw
Sharon Bock
Michael D'Alonzo
Rolando Garcia
Al Jacquet
Keith James
Frank Kitzerow
John McKenna
Karl Martin
Robert Shirley
Greg Starling

Guests Attending:

Diane McCarthy, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Mark Strach, Florida Department of Corrections
Olufemi Sodipo, Florida Dept. of Corrections
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Sylvia Moffett, WPB Commissioner
Ted Gonzales, PBC Law Enforcement Exchange
Angela Bess, PBC School District
Stephanie Sejnoha, PBC Public Safety Department
Craig Spatara, PBC Public Safety Department
Arlene Griffiths, PBC Public Safety Department
Danielle Ouellette, PBC Public Safety Department
Richard Radcliffe, League of Cities
Clay Walker, Department of Children & Families
Debra Oats, Court Administration
Darren Romelus, Board of County Commissioners
Jon Van Arnam, Deputy PBC County Administrator

Guests Attending continued:

Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Denise Coffman, County Attorney's Office
Dave Talley, PBC CareerSource
Tammy Fields, PBC Youth Services Department
Michael Gauger, PBSO
Dr. John Smykla, Florida Atlantic University

Staff Present:

Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Danny Kreshak, Financial Analyst
Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Rosalind Murray, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Jackie Price, Criminal Justice Analyst
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Andres Rodriguez, FAU 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 April 24, 2017 meeting was unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Gerald Richman and a second by Mr. Randy Johnson.
- V. The Minutes of the March 27, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Randy Johnson and a second by Judge Jeffrey Colbath.

VI. Chairman's Comments:

- A. Chairman Waring acknowledged a letter sent by Judge Jonathan Gerber thanking the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) for providing bus transportation for the 2017 Judge Marvin Mounts Prison Tour. Ms. Rosalyn Baker attended the tour and encouraged all to attend when able. Judge Jeffrey Colbath acknowledged it to be a well worthwhile experience.
- B. Chair Waring congratulated Ms. Nellie King on her award for 2017 Women In Leadership-Private Sector from the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches for her work on President Obama's Clemency initiative for disparate treatment of African Americans serving life sentences for drug offenses.

VII. Executive Director Comments:

- A. Kristina Henson gave an update on the Domestic Violence Strangulation Prevention Training held at Palm Beach State College April 19 and 20. She reported that there were 80 participants the first day and 60 the second. Mr.

Clay Walker acknowledged the excellent program and its presenters, and thanked CJC staff for facilitating the training.

- B. Ms. Henson announced Reentry Week in Palm Beach County, with many events scheduled throughout the week to promote awareness in the public.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Ms. Henson, along with comments by Judge James Martz summarized SB 196 Juvenile Civil Citation issue and the Law Enforcement Planning Council's (LEPC) opposition. However, the bill is considered dead in the Florida Legislature and requires at this time no other discussion. Carey Haughwout expressed concern that not enough data is being collected to assess program efficacy and said that the reporting requirements of the bill were good. She would like to see a push for coordinated data collection countywide. Chair Waring asked if the CJC should have a role in this issue. Judge Marx recommended that the CJC ask for an update from Major B.K. Davis from the PBC School District Police. Chief Sarah Mooney said she would bring this issue back to the LEPC and agreed that the School Board is a good place to begin with coordinated data collection efforts. Dr. Angela Bess added the School District is strongly data driven and is highly supportive of coordinated efforts.
- B. Chair Waring introduced the proposed draft resolution which seeks to permanently move the Reentry Task Force (RTF) from the CJC to the PBC Public Safety Department (PSD). Discussion resulted in additional language to be added to Section 7, allowing non-members of the RTF to serve on the various subcommittees. A motion to approve the resolution with the additional language was made by Ms. Barbara Cheives and upon a second by Ms. Haughwout, the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Director Henson introduced Ms. Tammy Fields, Director of the PBC Youth Services Department (YSD). Ms. Fields gave a brief overview of the YSD, and addressed the status of the Youth Empowerment Centers. Member discussion resulted in support of YSD, especially around Summer youth jobs. Chair Waring directed CJC staff to further discuss possibilities of where the CJC can assist Ms. Fields.
- D. Director Henson deferred to Deputy County Administrator Jon Van Arnam to summarize the opioid crisis presentation to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on April 4. Mr. Van Arnam reported that the BOCC approved a set of comprehensive staff recommendations, including expansion of treatment options, advocacy, prevention, allocation of one million dollars for this fiscal year, more staff for the county Medical Examiner's Office, and a staff position in county administration that will work with leadership and key organizations. The BOCC also committed to spending an additional two million dollars for next fiscal year. There was a discussion of the current legislative efforts to change and impose regulations governing the treatment industry as a result of the State Attorney's Sober Home Task Force, and urging Governor Scott when he arrives for a dialogue on May 1, 2017, to declare the opioid epidemic an emergency public health issue in Florida.

IX. New Business: None.

X. Update on CJC Initiatives:

- A. Co-Chair Barbara Cheives gave an update on the activities of the Community Engagement Task Force (CETF). The first community event is being planned in the Glades in May or June.
- B. Director Henson gave a summary of the current strategies within the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge grant. She announced that a delegation of 9 will be in Denver for the All-Sites Meeting May 7-9. Staff will be working diligently to complete the grant application due June 1st. New strategies include a court date reminder system, expedited case processing for pretrial detainees to include a Client Navigator position at the Public Defender's Office, and a staff position to work on data to identify racial and ethnic disparity.
- C. Ms. Henson gave an update on the last meeting of the Body Worn Camera (BWC) Committee, which included a presentation on the latest technology by a vendor in the industry. The BWC Clearinghouse is now up and active on the CJC website.
- D. Ms. Haughwout reminded the members of the Reentry Presentation later in the day in the BOCC chambers.

XI. Member Comments:

Barry Krischer commented on Ms. Fields report on the YSD, and he suggested the media should publish their work. Ms. Henson agreed, and will reach out to the media to encourage coverage on positive initiatives. Judge Colbath stated the that in palm Beach County there was one opioid death every 15 minutes last year.

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