

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, March 26, 2018

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

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

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg
Ric Bradshaw
William Dames
George Elmore
Carey Haughwout
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Keith James
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Kevin Jones
Nellie King
James Martz
Krista Marx
Sarah Mooney
Gerald Richman
Greg Starling
Stephen Stepp
Lee Waring
Erica Whitfield

Members Absent:

Sharon Bock
Barbara Cheives
Michael D'Alonzo
Rachel Docekal
Douglas Duncan
Rolando Garcia
Kimber Heddon
Al Jacquet
Dave Kerner
Barry Krischer
John McKenna
Frank Mercurio
Christina Morrison
Robert Shirley

Guests Attending:

Mike Gauger, PBC Sheriff's Office
Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Angela Bess, PBC School District
Pat McCutcheon, PBC School District
Todd Bonlarron, PBC Assistant County Administrator
Rebecca DeLaRosa, Legislative Affairs
Richard Radcliffe, League of Cities
Arlene Griffiths, PBC Public Safety Department, Reentry Program
Michelle Cruz, PBC Court Administration
Mark Strach, Florida Department of Corrections
Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Florida Atlantic University
Dave Bernhardt, BOCC District 3

Staff Present:

Jonathan Hackley, Criminal Justice Analyst
Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Aleita Kinman, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Danny Kreshak, Financial Analyst
Damir Kukec, Manager, Research and Planning
Althea Mones, Temporary Clerical Staff
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Jacqueline Schoenfeld, Program Coordinator
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Chairman Richman called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chair Richman invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The agenda for the March 26, 2018 meeting was unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. George Elmore and a second by Mr. Keith James.
- V. The Summary Minutes of the February 26 Annual Planning Meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Mr. Keith James and a second by Chief Judge Krista Marx.

VI. Chairman's Comments:

- A. Chair Richman announced the May 21st CJC meeting will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department to tour their new training center and participate in active shooter, shoot-don't shoot, and vehicle pursuit scenarios.
- B. Chair Richman referenced for members and guests the listing of the CJC 2018 Priorities and related organizational chart in the agenda packets.
- C. Chair Richman noted National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 8-14, 2018.
- D. Chair Richman announced beginning April 22, PBC Reentry Week activities commence; Commissioner Kerner will present the Palm Beach County Proclamation at the April 10 Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting.
- E. Chair Richman acknowledged the Youth Summit 2018 Flier in the agenda packets.

VII. Executive Director Comments:

- A. Executive Director Kristina Henson introduced two new CJC staff members, Ms. Aleita Kinman, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst for the Racial and Ethnic Disparity Project, and Jacqueline Schoenfeld, FUSE Program Coordinator.
- B. Director Henson presented the staff direction received from the PBC BOCC

meeting on March 13, 2018, regarding the uncertainty of Justice Assistance Grants. The shortfall is approximately \$500,000. The BOCC directed staff to continue the programs and if the JAG funds are not released, the County would provide the funds. Further, the BOCC directed staff to include a supplemental budget request in the 2019 Fiscal Year budget planning, to ensure the programs will continue.

VIII. Old Business:

A. Chair Richman introduced Assistant County Administrator Todd Bonlarron to address items of interest to the CJC and the outcomes of the 2018 Florida Legislative session. Mr. Bonlarron gave an overview of the political climate and how it affected the process.

i. HB7031 – public meeting exemption for the CJC was passed.

ii. SB1392 – criminal justice uniform data reporting was passed. Director Henson commented that this is a very big deal in the nation that arose out of the need to analyze racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system. She stated that the bill requires various criminal justice agencies to provide monthly data to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. In addition, the bill provides FDLE additional staffing to transition the national Uniform Crime Reporting system from summary based to the new National Incident-Based Reporting System required by all local law enforcement agencies. iii. SB7026 – Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act was passed.

iiii. Reentry Program state allocation - A \$250,000 appropriation in for the PBC Reentry Program was passed. Additionally, Mr. Bonlarron provided a written summary of the highlights of other bills and appropriations from the legislative session.

Deputy County Administrator Jon Van Arnam gave an update on the search for an addiction stabilization facility. He said that converting the stockade facility was not cost effective. The PBC Health Care District and County Administration are partnering to identify programs needed that will ultimately aid in determining the size and scope of the facility. The BOCC recently authorized a \$550,000 expenditure to establish more treatment beds with partnering agencies.

B. Director Henson gave an update on legislation related to the Batterers' Intervention Program. The Court Systems Task Force (CSTF) made a variety of recommendations on this issue to the CJC which in turn were made to the County Commission. Those recommendations were included in the County's Legislative Agenda but the legislator sought to sponsor the legislation was not reelected so the County will seek action in the 2019 Legislative Session.

IX. New Business

A. Sheriff Ric Bradshaw presented the initiatives of PBSO to address school safety. He spoke of PBSO's Behavioral Health Unit that has been in place for years and their objective to work with law enforcement to assist in assessing individuals for

appropriate action and referral to services instead of arrest if appropriate. He presented a new version of PBSO's cellphone app called Connect and Protect designed for students to report people they believe pose a threat to school safety. He also shared that he has invited the national think-tank on policing, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), to conduct a review of PBSO policies and procedures related to active shooting incidents to ensure PBSO has the benefit of the best practices in place. Director Henson stated the LEPC has created a subcommittee to examine issues of school safety.

Discussion then ensued among members on school safety. PBC School Board member Ms. Erica Whitfield commended Palm Beach County and its School Police in already applying several strategies in the District that are outlined in the School Safety Act. The PBC School District has also brought forth a resolution opposing the optional armed school personnel program called the "Guardian Program". She stated other School District priorities including, adding more officers, behavioral health programs, and school hardening. Mr. Gregory Starling outlined a program in some schools that places juvenile probation officers to work closely with the school administration to prevent juvenile recidivism, and alternative education.

X. Adjourn:

Chair Richman adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.