



## Criminal Justice Commission

Clayton E. Hutchinson Agricultural Services Center  
559 North Military Trail, Room A & B  
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

**Monday, April 24, 2023, at 8:00 am**

### Final Meeting Agenda

- I. **Meeting called to order** – *Rev. Kevin Jones, Chair*
- II. **Roll Call** – *Katherine Shover, Criminal Justice Systems Manager*
- III. **Approval and/or corrections to Agenda**
- IV. **Approval and/or corrections to Minutes dated February 27, 2023**
- V. **Chair's Comments**
  - A. Congratulations on the reappointment of Rachel Docekal and Lauren Whetstone to the CJC.
  - B. Congratulations and welcome to our newest CJC members: 1) Darcy Davis, CEO, Healthcare District PBC; 2) Earnie Ellison, Managing Partner, Ellison Consulting Group, LLC; 3) Julia Dattolo, President/CEO, CareerSource PBC and 4) Michelle Suskauer, Attorney, Dimond Kaplan & Rothstein, P.A.
  - C. Congratulations to Barbara Cheives for her recognition as the Executive Women of the Palm Beaches Foundation's 2023 Distinguished Honoree for the Private Sector. Barbara was honored at the Women In Leadership Awards (WILA) Luncheon on Wednesday April 19, 2023 at the Kravis Center. Over 300 people attended.
  - D. Special thanks to Judge Gerber for his partnership with the Prison Bus Tour. The tour took place March 29 - 30, 2023. The Prison Bus Tour went well this year. The four CJC seats were offered to School District Director of Support Services Elaine Hubbard-Williams; School District Student Advocacy Specialist Sandra Forbes-Edwards; Legislative Aide Amy Chamberlain; and Fifteenth Circuit Staff Attorney Supervisor Kelly Rowley. According to Judge Gerber, their different backgrounds helped to further educate all of the tour's participants, as everyone on board had the opportunity to share their perspectives with each other during the two-day experience. ***The tentative date for 2024 is March 27-28.***
  - E. Special thanks to Adam McMichael, Rosalind Murray, Arlene Griffith and Orié Bullard for their collaboration in making the Re-entry Simulation a reality. Mr. McMichael requested and received the support of the CJC to collaborate on the implementation of this simulation project. The Re-entry Simulation was held on Wednesday April 5, 2023 in Riviera Beach and over 100 participants and volunteers attended. This simulation was a great exercise demonstrating, as best possible, the challenges individuals released from the jail and prison systems encounter and endure.
- VI. **Presentations**
  - A. Next Steps Pilot, *presentation by Nancy McConnell from Rebel Recovery and Linda Kane from SEFBHN (program summary attached).*
- VII. **New Business**

- A. Approval of Proposed FY 2024 budget to include \$200k Supplemental Request for Reentry in the Glades (*attached*) - *Marianela Diaz & John Port, CJC Finance reps.*
- B. Discussion to make application for BJA FY23 Community Courts Initiative grant in the amount of \$900,000 over 4-years (\$225,000/yr) with a 25% match requirement. Only five grants will be awarded. As an update, the CJC made a legislative appropriation request in the amount of \$367,420 to fund a Balanced Community Justice project, which would serve as an intervention community court model in the West Palm Beach and operated in partnership with the City of West Palm Beach Police Department. However, \$183,710 has been allocated from the House budget, which is pending the Governor's approval.

**VIII. Old Business**

- A. None

**IX. Committee Reports**

- A. Law Enforcement Planning Council – *Chief Richard Jones, Chair*
- B. Community Engagement Taskforce – *Barbara Cheives, Co-Chair*

**X. Director's Comments**

- A. Attached is the grant application packet submitted on March 28, 2023 for the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration grant approved by the CJC and county administration to submit. This is a 3-year grant totaling \$550,000, of which \$100,000 is allocated for one-year planning and the balance is for implementation to create and, in some cases, enhance the systems and processes serving youth with mental health disorders (MHDs) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (MHSUDs) who are at risk of, or who have, encountered the juvenile/criminal justice system.
- B. The MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge All-Sites Conference will be held May 3-5, 2023 in St. Louis, MO. PBC was awarded nine delegate slots, which will be filled as follows: CJC staff, 1) Regenia Herring, 2) Katherine Shover, 3) Dawn Davenport and 4) Margo Smith; 5) CJC Chair, Kevin Jones; 6) Latronda Hayes, Manager, Pretrial Services; 7) Dan Eisinger, Chief of Felony Div., Public Defender's Office; 8) Cheo Reid, Chief of Juvenile Div., State Attorney's Office; and 9) Jaime-Lee Bradshaw, Chief Strategist, Community Partnerships. Regenia and Jaime-Lee were invited to participate in an invitational only Community Engagement Pre-Conference meeting facilitated by Everyday Democracy. Additionally, Regenia will be a part of an in-person and live-streamed panel discussion titled "*Your local Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Becoming More Focused, Sustainable, and Representative of Your Local Community*". This session speaks specific to the work and role of our CJC. (*SJC Convening Final Agenda attached*)

**XI. Proposed Next Meeting's Agenda Items**

- A. CJC Ordinance Revision

**XII. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 22, 2023 - 8am**

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