



PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council

Palm Beach County Governmental Center
301 N. Olive Avenue, 12th Floor McEaddy Conference Room
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Wednesday, December 2, 2009; 12:00 P.M.

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- SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Douglas Duncan, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
Vice-Chairman Chris Kneisley, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
August Bonavita, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Bob Bozzone, Executive Director, Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program
Maureen F. Brickous, County Probation, PRIDE Integrated Services, Inc.
Patrick Cannan, Workforce Alliance
Roger M. Crane, Police Chief, Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Alton Taylor, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation
Louis Tomeo, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller, Director Criminal Court Services
Charles Trotta, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency
Barbara White, Public Defender's Office

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosalyn Baker, Florida Department of Corrections
Ted Booras, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Jeffrey Colbath, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Jill Richstone, State Attorney's Office
Shelley Vana, Commissioner, Palm Beach County

GUESTS PRESENT:

Patricia Brown, Lt., Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Colleen Farnsworth, DCF, Legal
Barry Fondiller, Jail Counselor, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Anthony Flowers, Superintendent, Dept. of Juvenile Justice
David Gillert, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, SAAP
Ken Huxold, Pride Integrated Services Inc.
Wanda Joiner, PRIDE Integrated Services, Inc.
Shelby King, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Walter Lawrence, Sgt., Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Bea Lovelace, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Nicole Saunders, Director, Palm Beach County Justice Services
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration
Tammy Waldrop, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Jenise Link, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst

Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst

- I. Chairman Duncan welcomed the members and guests of the task force. He welcomed new member Judge, August Bonavita to the Task Force.
- II. The agenda was approved without additions or deletions.
- III. The minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting of the CTF/PSCC were approved.
- IV. The members, guests and staff were thanked for all their work on the task force in 2009.
- V. **Reports**

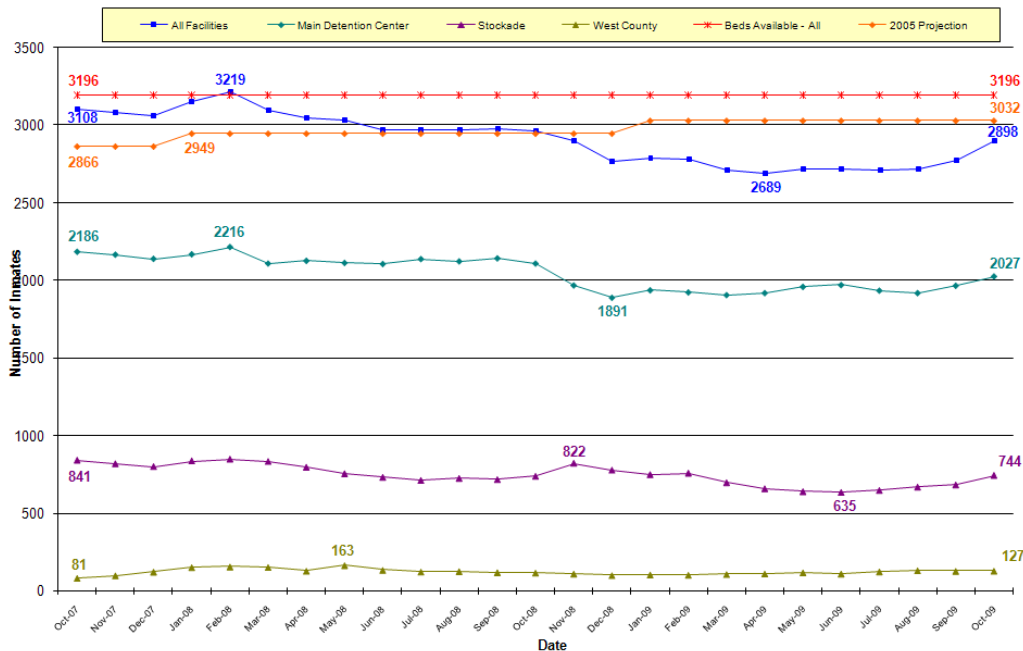
A. Jail Population Report

Major Kneisley reported that the total population of the jail today is approximately 2,823 which is consistent with the population at this time last year. Major Kneisley also reported that the expansion of the west county jail is expected to end on October 2010.

See charts/graphs following from previous month:

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Palm Beach County Correctional Facilities Monthly Population Report January - October 2009							
Data Source: Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Department							
Facility	October Average Daily Population	Jan - Oct Average Daily Population	EXISTING CAPACITY			FUTURE CAPACITY	
			Number Beds*	October Percent Occupied (ADP/Capacity)	Jan - Oct Percent Occupied (ADP/Capacity)	Number Beds*	Jan - Oct Percent Occupied (ADP/Capacity)
Main Detention Center	2,027	1,948	2,114	96%	92%	2,114	92%
Stockade Detention Center (Including 96 bed Drug Farm)	744	688	944	79%	73%	944	73%
West County Detention Center	127	115	138	92%	83%	262	44%
COUNTYWIDE TOTAL	2,898	2,751	3,196	91%	86%	3,320	83%

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Average Daily Populations by Date and Facility
 Data Source: Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Department



B. Jail Counselor Report

The Jail Counselor, Mr. Fondiller, provided a report that showed the status of DCF transfers and misdemeanor booking averages. Mr. Fondiller reported that the total average of days misdemeanants spent in jail in November was 3.49 days. He added that the average number of days for misdemeanants between booking and sentencing was 4.54 days. Mr. Fondiller reported that no inmates were waiting to be transferred to the state hospitals and no inmates were transferred to the state hospitals in November. He also reported that no inmates were waiting to be returned from DCF and nine inmates were returned from DCF last month.

C. Juvenile Detention

Department of Juvenile Justice Superintendent, Mr. Flowers reported that the population count in November was 62 which has been the highest average since March of this year.

D. Pretrial Services Report

The Pretrial Services Manager, Mr. Trotta, provided members with a printed report detailing the Supervised Release Pretrial Services Program. The report notes that it is current as of December 1st. He reported that there are a total of 1,042 defendants on Supervised Own Recognizance (S.O.R.) and that 943 of these are out of custody; 769 defendants are on S.O.R. only; 273 defendants are on S.O.R. with a bond. Sixteen individuals were on S.O.R. and were in custody for the following reasons:

Violation of Probation	1
S.O.R. to Treatment	3
Bonds or No Bonds on Other Charges/Holds	12

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- E.** Fact Sheet on Florida Prison Growth, *Collins Center for Public Policy*
Ms. Link summarized a report that was produced by the Collins Center for Public Policy on Florida prison growth. She noted that staff will work to complete a similar report for Palm Beach County in 2010.

VI. Old Business

- A.** Letter to Criminal Justice Commission and the State Legislature on Senate Bill 782 regarding pretrial services program
Chairman Duncan presented a drafted letter to the Criminal Justice Commission in opposition of SB 782. He asked for comments to be sent to staff no later than Tuesday, December 8, 2009. The letter will be presented to the Criminal Justice Commission at its December 14, 2009 meeting.
- B.** Approval for letter to Criminal Justice Commission regarding Permanent Funding Solutions
Members unanimously approved a motion that the CTF recommend to the CJC establishment of an Alternative Funding Solutions Committee.

VII. New Business

- A.** Revision of House Arrest Program criteria
Chairman Duncan reported that he met with the Chief Judge, Sheriff, Public Defender and State Attorney to discuss possibly expanding the house arrest program. He explained that the primary reason a person is denied access to the program is due to their criminal history. They could identify only one or two areas that could be adjusted or removed from the criteria list that would expand the program possibly; those were for prostitution and some drug charges. He reported that in the meeting, they also discussed improving judicial information on the house arrest program so that judges on weekend duty at Gun Club will be aware of it. Ms. Link added that staff has requested further data on the offenses in the criminal history that is excluding a defendant into the program. Chairman Duncan clarified that the Sheriff's office had discretion on the sentenced population that have no judicial conditions of no house arrest; the judges have the discretion for the pretrial population.

Major Kneisley noted that the Sheriff's office has a historically conservative operating procedure for the program. There may be approximately twenty or thirty more sentenced defendants that could be targeted for the program but a population of one hundred is not there. Major Kneisley offered training assistance to the judiciary if needed. Mr. Trotta commented that a good source of information for the judges is the weekend and holiday packet that Pretrial Services sends out. It was suggested that this packet be included in the duty judge's handbook.

Sergeant Lawrence reported that the population on house arrest has increased this past year. In previous years the average number of defendants in the program was 135 and it is now up to 180 per day.

VIII. Additional member and guest comments

Chief Crane provided a brief update on the FDLE charging and booking tables. He stated that there is a Police Chief's conference in January where they will discuss this.

Mr. Bozzone informed the Task Force that the State Department of Children and Families is considering a management entity model plan for substance abuse and child welfare in each region of the state. This will change the way contracts are handled through DCF. He stated that local providers are forming a new 501c3 organization to create a plan to present to the state while it is considering this option.

Chairman Duncan informed members that the next meeting is scheduled for January 6th at noon.

IX. Adjournment

JL, CJC 12/2/09