



PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council

Palm Beach County Governmental Center
301 N. Olive Avenue, 10th Floor Criminal Justice Commission Conference Room
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

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- SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Douglas Duncan, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
August Bonavita, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Ted Booras, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Maureen F. Brickous, CEO, County Probation, Pride Integrated Services, Inc.
Patrick Cannan, Workforce Alliance
Jeffrey Colbath, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Roger M. Crane, Police Chief, Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association
Sharon D'Eusanio, Victims Rights Coalition
Vice-Chairman Chris Kneisley, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Jill Richstone, State Attorney's Office
Alton Taylor, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation
Louis Tomeo, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Shelley Vana, Commissioner, Palm Beach County
Barbara White, Public Defender's Office

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosalyn Baker, Florida Department of Corrections
Bob Bozzone, Executive Director, Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program
Rev. Chaney, Clergy Representation
Charles Trotta, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency

GUESTS PRESENT:

Cristy Altaro, Court Administration
Ray D'Eusanio, Guest
Colleen Farnsworth, Department of Children and Families Legal
Michael Gauger, Chief Deputy, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Anthony Flowers, Superintendent, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Shelby King, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Mary Quinlan, Court Administration
Yasmin Rivera, Florida Department of Corrections
Michelle Spangenberg, Court Administration

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Jenise Link, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst
Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director

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- I. Chairman Duncan welcomed the members and guests of the task force.
 - II. The agenda was approved without additions or deletions.
 - III. The minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting of the CTF/PSCC were approved.

IV. Reports

A. Jail Population Report

Vice-Chairman Kneisley reported that the average daily population is approximately 2,500. He noted that the Stockade is closed except for the in-house arrest program and the criminal sexual offender registration desk. On April 9th they moved approximately 800 inmates to the West Detention Center. Video visitation is being used at that facility. Weekenders are reporting to the West Detention Center and work release inmates are housed at the Main Detention Center.

Judge Colbath inquired as to what advantage was gained by moving inmates to the West Detention Center. Major Kneisley reported that the project plan was to empty the Stockade as it was built in the 1950's and to set up a central receiving facility there.

B. Jail Counselor Report

Ms. Farnsworth reported that there were no inmates waiting to be transferred to the state hospitals, and no inmates were transferred to the state hospitals in May. She also reported that judges continue to expedite the execution of the transport orders.

C. Juvenile Detention

Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Superintendent Flowers reported that the population count today is up to 68. He added that 14 juveniles are awaiting a direct file hearing and 3 are awaiting a commitment program. He mentioned that the dual diagnosed program that they send juveniles to at DeSoto is closing. He also stated that a decision regarding local budget cuts to DJJ will be made soon. He anticipates a closure of beds at the Palm Beach County Juvenile Detention Center and staffing cuts. Ms. Link requested that Superintendent Flowers send her information on the reductions and she would update the task force.

D. Pretrial Services Report

There was no report provided this month.

E. In-House Arrest Report

Major Kneisley referred members to a printed report that includes statistics for May 2011. He reported that there are currently 165 inmates on in-house arrest. (84 are pre-trial, 62 are county sentenced, 16 are juveniles, and 3 are county

probationers). Judge Booras requested that the report include reasons why an inmate is not accepted into the program.

V. Old Business

Criminal Justice Commission request for a fact-finding analysis on current front-end services for pretrial inmates at the Gun Club facility:

Chairman Duncan explained that the Criminal Justice Commission has requested that this Task Force provide them with a fact-finding report on the front-end services offered to pretrial inmates at the Gun Club facility. He noted that the subcommittee met and began working on a matrix of services. Ms. Link provided members with a draft working draft of the matrix. She reported that the following services are listed in the matrix and asked members to send her further information on any other services:

- Book and release
- Pretrial services
- Jail diversion specialist
- Drug court
- Recidivist Recovery court
- Veteran's court
- Academic education
- Self help groups
- Law library
- Vocational education
- In-house arrest

Chairman Duncan commented that the subcommittee discussed whether the interviews that are conducted by drug court are duplicative by the interviews completed by pretrial services. They found that the information sought for the drug court program is unique. Also the Office of the State Attorney requested that they be provided with a copy of the interview sheet from pretrial services. He stated that the interview sheet is attached to the draft working draft matrix.

Chairman Duncan also reported that the subcommittee found a discrepancy in weekend first appearances pleas and bonds and noted that there may be a need for additional duty judge training. He added that the subcommittee discussed the newly formed Veteran's court that is being operated at no additional costs. Chairman Duncan asked the task force for input on the working draft matrix.

VI. New Business

Review of non-capital inmates in jail over 9 months

Ms. Link explained that the Sheriff's office responded to a request for a report on how many non-capital inmates were in the county jail for over 9 months. She noted that the full report is lengthy and circulated a few copies but that a cover page was

provided to everyone. She noted that the Sheriff's office report contains the following:

<u>Inmate status</u>	<u>total</u>
Custody- DOC sentenced	18
Custody- Mixed	25
Custody- Pretrial	265
Custody- Sentenced	20
Custody- DOC Sentenced	1
<u>Pretrial</u>	<u>1</u>
Grand total	330

Judge Booras explained that this issue originated from an inquiry by Judge Fine as he is the TD judge with Judge Cohen. Judge Fine was interested in litigating these cases. Members discussed the report and asked if the division could be added as a field on the report to the pretrial cases. Major Kneisley and Ms. Spangenberg stated they would look into this. Judge Colbath, Ms. White and Ms. Richstone reviewed the list of those in custody and commented that many of the cases that are over 9 months are ongoing cases often requiring numerous depositions to be taken or have mental health issues associated with them. They noted that this is likely not indicative of a problem but perhaps a few instances of lengthy jail stays.

VII. Additional member and guest comments

Chairman Duncan cancelled the task force meeting scheduled for July. The next meeting will be held August 3, 2011.

Ms. Link noted that an ethics training for board/committee members is going to be held on June 13, 2011.

VIII. Adjournment

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