



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, September 6, 2017, 2017; 12:00 P.M.

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- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Douglas Duncan, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
Glenny Cueto, Professional Probation Services, Inc.
Brian Fernandes, Office of the State Attorney
Dave Kerner, Commissioner, Palm Beach County
David H. Talley, PBC CareerSource
Louis Tomeo, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Barbara White, Public Defender's Office

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosalyn Baker, Florida Department of Corrections
Marni Bryson, Administrative Judge, County Court, 15th Judicial Circuit
Rev. Clarence Ellington, Senior Chaplain, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
William Genem, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.
John Kastrenakes, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Dina Keever, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Jenise Link, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency
Krista Marx, Chief Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Caroline Shepherd, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Alfonso Starling, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Alton Taylor, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mevsim Bacaksiz, Drug Abuse Foundation
David Bernhardt, Palm Beach County Commission, District 3
Emanuel Fornah, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency
Robert Tutko, Captain, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst

I. Welcome, Opening Comments by Chairman Douglas Duncan

Chair Doug Duncan welcomed everyone. He appreciated everyone for coming.

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests by Damir Kukec

III. Approval and/or Amendments/Additions to the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

IV. Approval and/or Amendments to the June 7, 2017 Minutes of the Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting

The minutes of the June 7, 2017 meeting were approved without amendments.

V. Reports

A. Jail Population Report

Capt. Robert Tutko reported that the total population was 2,129.

B. In House Arrest Report

Total In-House Arrest population was 204.

C. Pretrial Services Report

Emanuel Fornah reported that as of 9/1/17, there were a total of 1,019 defendants on SOR; 514 of these individuals were on SOR only, and 505 were on SOR with accompanying money bond. Of the 514 defendants on SOR only, 13 remained in custody, either awaiting treatment or with other hold or charges. Of the 505 individuals on SOR with a money bond, 138 remained in custody. The total out-of-custody SOR population is 868.

D. Juvenile Detention Center Report

No report was presented.

E. Misdemeanor Probation Report

Glenny Cueto reported that there were 184 new cases for the month of August; 1,881 total active cases; 115 successfully completed cases; 42 revoked or terminated by order; and 153 total cases terminated. Last meeting they reported 39 defendants on ICE hold; 18 these were confirmed deported.

VI. Old Business / Updates

**A. New Palm Beach County Misdemeanor Probation Services Contract –
*Kristina Henson, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Commission***

Ms. Henson reported that the request for bids went out on June 1st for 30 days, with two entities submitting proposals. The proposals were vetted by a selection

committee from the Probation Advisory Board (PAB), through the County's Purchasing Department, which organized the whole process. The contract was again awarded to Professional Probation Services, the current provider. It is a three-year contract with two options for annual renewal, so potentially another five years. PAB will continue to monitor the contract through staff. Judge Marni Bryson is the current Chair; replacing Judge Leonard Hanser served as chair for many years. Ms. Henson congratulated PPS through Ms. Glennie Cueto, who extended thanks from the corporate office to the committee for selecting them again.

Chair Duncan asked Brian Fernandes and Barbara White whether they think it will be worthwhile setting up a joint meeting with PPS, and maybe someone from the private criminal defense bar, to discuss any outstanding issues. Chair Duncan remarked that PPS has always been receptive. Similarly, Mr. Fernandes said that he knows that Adrienne Ellis, their Chief Assistant for County Court has always had easy communication with PPS and he is not aware of any issues right now, but would be glad to meet if anyone is interested. Ms. Cueto remarked that they have always has constant communications with Ms. Ellis, and Deputy Chief Richard Clausi. Ms. White concurred, and said she did not see any need for a special meeting right now. Mr. Kukec added that Schnelle Tonge, PAB member from the Public Defender's Office was the Chair of the Selection Committee, and Judge Bryson, PAB Chair also sat in the committee, so there has already been close communication and contact with the provider through that committee.

B. MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Challenge Project Update – Kristina Henson, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Commission

Ms. Henson recalled that they have applied for the grant to be a core site, which means up to two million dollars for two years. They should be hearing within the next two weeks exactly how much they will be getting. Specific updates included:

- a) Risk Assessment Instrument – Slated to be online and start to be used by first appearance Judges on September 14th. There is a database created by the County's ISS department wherein pretrial staff will be able to enter information, to collect data that will later be used for process evaluation. They will be doing a pilot and evaluating data for the first two to three months.
- b) FUSE Program – FUSE stands for Frequent Users Engagement Program for individuals who were admitted to the jail three or more times in the last year, and serviced by the homeless as well as the behavioral health system in Palm Beach County. Ms. Henson talked about the plan to hire a Project Coordinator for the project, as well as current and other upcoming funding sources. She also reported that they have just spent the morning with people on a site visit from the Policy Research Institute that does mental health and behavioral health systems across the nation, as well as local entities, to discuss the FUSE program.

- c) PBC MacArthur core members of eight will be travelling to New Orleans for the October 10th-12th MacArthur all sites visit to share ideas with the other sites. Chair Duncan asked if the new Chief Judge has deferred to Judge Colbath regarding the MacArthur project; Ms. Henson said that she had a meeting with Judge Marx in June before she had officially taken over, and said that she will go with whatever Judge Colbath says, and to keep him in the project for continuity.

VII. New Business

Chair Duncan brought up the article on the newspaper on the Gratitude House. He asked who is going to pick up the female residents; Ms. Henson replied she does not know, but will do some checking. She did say that the Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN) received a grant from the Farris Foundation to do a behavioral needs assessment for PBC which came out just last week. She said this would help direct millions of dollars from the state to the managing entity to distribute throughout the county. Ms. Henson suggested possibly inviting the authors of the report come to a future meeting to give an overview of their findings, wherein they can discuss such potential impacts.

VIII. Additional Member and Guest Comments

Ms. Henson mentioned about issues related to the opioid crisis. She recalled that the County Commission had dedicated \$1M out of the current budget, and \$2M in the next fiscal year, and talked briefly about what has been going on. The County is looking at the old Stockade to create an addiction receiving facility there, as they do not have to do any construction, but mostly just painting and infrastructure, etc.

The State legislature has also allocated \$500,000 out of the state funds to the County to create a peer specialist program modelled after Manatee County. Palm Beach County has the highest number of opioid related deaths; Manatee County has the highest rate so they created a peer specialist program to deal with addicts, so the County will be working with SEFBHN on this initiative.

Lastly, PBC Fire Rescue has started medically assisted treatment for people who have overdosed, administered Narcan, and taken to the hospital. They go into the hospital with peer specialists and case managers to convince the patients to get into treatment. The County is looking into and evaluating this process in terms of doing more of it in the future.

Chair Duncan asked Commissioner Dave Kerner for a comment, and Commissioner Kerner remarked that he felt that the \$2M is very safe, though not so sure about other things, but they are coming together as a collegial body and trying to put their priorities in place.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 4, 2017; 12:00 P.M.