

MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg
Rosalyn Baker
Barbara Cheives
Jeffrey Colbath
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Carey Haughwout
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Barry Krischer
Bryan Kummerlen
Christina Morrison
Gerald Richman
Lee Waring

Members Absent:

Priscilla Taylor
William Kramer,
Ex-Officio, Immediate Past Chair
Robert Avossa, Ex-Officio

Guests Attending:

Vince Bonvento, Assistant County Administrator
Brian Fernandes, State Attorney's Office
Mike Gauger, PBSO
Ted Gonzalez, Director, LEX Program
Amy Karpf, OFMB
Eliot Kleinberg, Palm Beach Post
Duane Little, FDLE, full CJC member
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Stephanie Sejnoha, Dir. of Finance/Administration, Public Safety
Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office

Staff Present:

Kristina Henson (nee Gulick), Executive Director
Arlene Griffiths, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Public Safety
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Shahzia Jackson, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Public Safety
Danny Kreshak, Financial Analyst II
Damir Kukec, Research & Planning Manager
Rosalind Murray, Criminal Justice Programs
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Craig Spatara, Program Manager, Public Safety
Pamela Williams, Temporary Staff

- I. Chairman Lee Waring called the meeting to order at approximately 8:05 a.m.
- II. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chairman Lee Waring welcomed members and invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The agenda was unanimously approved motion by Mr. Gerald Richman, second by Judge Jeffery Colbath. The minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved, motion by Mr. Douglas Duncan, second by Judge Jeffrey Colbath.
- V. **Chairman's Comments:** Chair Lee Waring updated members about the changes and the pending first public hearing on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 regarding the revised CJC Ordinance, and asked Mr. Vince Bonvento to summarize the recommendations modifying the membership. Chair Waring added that members should attend the BOCC meeting to show support and for discussion if possible.
- VI. **Executive Director's Comments: None**
- VII. **Old Business – Regular Item(s):**
 - A. **CJC Ordinance Revision Update:**

Mr. Bonvento explained the first reading of the Ordinance with membership revisions reducing the Economic Council (EC) members from 12 to 5 with district appointments from each BOCC district, and the addition of one seat for a clergy member, and to add the BOCC member permanently to the CJC Executive Committee.

Member Comments: Mr. Randy Johnson asked for clarification, and the logic for the added seat representative of the clergy, Mr. Vince Bonvento responded that the BOCC member

directed the Ordinance to include that. Mr. Bonvento explained the process of the public hearing, including possible discussion by the BOCC, and any directives provided to staff. Mr. Dave Aronberg asked for clarification on the point that the Constitutional Officers would not be subject to the regulations of the Commission of Ethics. Gerald Richman asked which BOCC member directed the addition of the clergy seat. Mr. Vince Bonvento responded that it was Commissioner Taylor; in wake of recent shootings throughout the community she felt clergy has developed an important partnership with law enforcement and the community and would serve the CJC well. Both Barbara Cheives and Judge Colbath voiced their support of this. Chair Lee Waring said this item had not been seen until actual inclusion in the current revision of the ordinance. Ms. Barbara Cheives asked for clarification of Alliance recommended member. She said she supports the idea of this member being added, but is opposed to going through the particular group known as the Clergy Alliance as stated. Ms. Cheives felt it important to vet out other representatives of the clergy community. She is concerned with identifying other groups that would be more representative of the clergy community, more multi-cultural, multi-denominational representation. Ms. Carey Haughwout added to ensure a broad-based approach, the language used for the EC nominations should be the basis for this seat as well (i.e. nominating only, no membership of particular group is required). Mr. Gerald Richman expressed concern regarding the process of how this issue was presented and pointed out it did not allow any time for CJC review prior to the BOCC meeting.

B. CJC Meeting Time Survey Results: Executive Director Kristina Henson reviewed the results of the survey sent out to the full CJC membership evaluating different dates and/or times for future CJC full session meetings. Out of the 22 answers received, the consensus across the board was to possibly change the meeting time to 12:00 p.m. but keep monthly the fourth Monday, no other changes were indicated. Chair Waring indicated there would be more discussion **on** this topic at a later time.

C. Annual Planning Meeting (APM): A rough draft agenda of the APM was presented by Executive Director Kristina Henson. Ms. Henson ran through the schedule, set-up, topics, and venue and time allotments. **Member Comments:** Judge Jeffrey Colbath asked if staff would do outreach to CJC members not regularly attending meeting to make sure they can come. He also

commented that it would be more advantageous to assign specific members to groups rather than randomly assigning to properly balance out the groups. Ms. Christina Morrison suggested a brief look back at CJC accomplishments. Chair Waring responded that the PME presentation will focus on the CJC track record. Chief Kummerlen asked about being informed of topics prior to being assigned, Ms. Henson responded that while we are unsure who will be coming, staff will get the consensus of members as to which table they would like to be assigned to and what preference they have. Mr. Richman suggested adding the topic of community responsibility, how the profile of the CJC relates to community perception; and how the CJC can show what it has done and can do in the future.

VIII. New Business – none

IX. CJC Initiatives –

A. Citizen’s Criminal Justice Academy: Executive Director Kristina Henson announced the 29th Citizen’s Criminal Justice Academy (CCJA) has started with approximately 40 participants. She gave an overview of the first session and thanked participants. She also announced the LEX project is moving forward, with 11 law enforcement agencies involved with more coming on board. The MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge phase one is complete. Judge Colbath gave an update on the finalized application process including the proposed 5 programs, with budgets and 2 supporting strategies. They are now waiting on the grant award announcement in March, and Judge Colbath feels optimistic they are in a good position to succeed. Executive Director Henson also thanked Mr. Albert Winkler and Ms. Jeanette Marshall (not present) for their outstanding work on the project. Chair Waring asked what happens next. The CJC will be the funding source and will involve hiring staff and processing infrastructure. Chair Waring asked what impact this would have on the APM; Judge Colbath said there would be intersection on some issues, nothing at cross points. Mr. Barry Krischer asked for a MacArthur presentation at the APM, as they may decide some of the 5 strategies could be made part of CJC priorities.

B. National Stepping Up Summit: Executive Director Kristina Henson summarized the national discussion on mental health and the criminal justice system. The CJC applied for a

grant to allow 5 attendees from the district, April 17 – 19. The grant funding will pay for the cost of travel, award to be determined mid-February.

Operation Fresh Start: Executive Director Kristina Henson announced that Judges, the Clerk's Office, State Attorney and PBSO are partnering on Saturday, April 30 at the Gun Club facility and South County Courthouse to resolve outstanding misdemeanor non violent warrants and traffic warrants. Those eligible can come in to resolve their issues without arrest. A flyer is to be distributed soon. Judge Colbath gave a brief history of the idea, which has ultimately turned into a MacArthur grant strategy to resolve old cases easily. Chair Waring asked how it works, and Judge Colbath explained the court partners will give an added first appearance opportunity at the regular first appearance dockets. Mr. Michael Gauger with PBSO said this attempt is a redo from past successful programs. Ms. Barbara Cheives asked how the public gets notice, as people may be wary. Judge Colbath responded contact is through various ways such as social media, Clerk's office, and flyers. Judge Colbath added they are thinking about recreating an event on a semi-regular basis to establish the programs credibility. Louis Tomeo from the Clerk and Comptroller's Office added that participants have to call and make an appointment with the Public Defender's office to qualify for the event. He also explained that the Clerk and PBSO are partnering to get the word out to various community outreach organizations. Gerald Richman asked who from membership will be attending the BOCC meeting; it will be Chair Waring, possibly Ms. Morrison and Judge Colbath.

Ms. Carey Haughwout added she is curious to hear the Commissioner's perspective on the role of the CJC in community relations, using the example of the Corey Jones shooting and systemic violence within the community and should the CJC take a larger view or involve itself more on a particular case. Chair Waring said he and Executive Director Kristina Henson will be visiting with BOCC members individually in the upcoming weeks and will be able to find out that perspective. He added that going forward he wants to establish a good relationship and find out any concerns, as well as educate on policy.

- X. **Adjourn:** With no further discussions, Chairman Waring moved to adjourn, unanimously moved, meeting adjourned at approximately 8: 50 a.m.