



M I N U T E S

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Members Present:

Frank Adderley - *virtual*
Dave Aronberg - *virtual*
Barbara Cheives - *virtual*
Rachel Docekal-*virtual*
Carey Haughwout
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Kevin Jones
Nellie King - *virtual*
Krista Marx - *virtual*
Christina Morrison – in-person
Gerald Richman (Ex-Officio) - *virtual*

Members Absent:

Dave Kerner
Dr. Donald Fennoy (Ex-Officio)

Others Attending:

Dave Bernhardt, District 3 BOCC - *virtual*
Jean Williams, County Attorney's Office – *in-person*
Dave Talley – CareerSource PBC - *virtual*
Marcia Andrews – CJC & PBC School Board Member - *virtual*
Dr. Angela Bess – PBC School District- *virtual*
Jennifer Loyless- Public Defender's Office- *virtual*
Mike Edmondson – State Attorney's Office- *virtual*
Michelle Cruz – Court Administration- *virtual*
Arlene Griffiths – PBC Public Safety Reentry Program- *virtual*
Latrona Hayes – PBC Public Safety Pretrial Services- *virtual*
Stephanie Sejnoha – PBC Public Safety Department- *virtual*
George Elmore – CJC & Private Sector Member - *virtual*
Lauren Whetstone – CJC & Private Sector Member - *virtual*
Keith Clinkscale – PBC Office of Management & Budget - *virtual*
Vaughn Crichlow – FAU - *virtual*
Alfonso Starling – PBSO - *virtual*
Sean Brammer – FAU Campus Police - *virtual*

Staff Present:

Jonathan Hackley, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst - *virtual*
Regenia Herring, Executive Director
Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst
Damir Kukec, Manager, Research & Planning- *virtual*
Rosalind Murray, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst - *virtual*

Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
John Port, Financial Analyst - *virtual*
Jacqueline Jackson, FUSE Program Coordinator - *virtual*
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst – *virtual*
Bert Winkler, Manager, Program Development - *virtual*

- I. Chairman Joseph Ianno, Jr. called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Ms. Christina Morrison motioned to approve the Agenda for the September 14, 2020 meeting, second by Chief Judge Krista Marx and unanimously approved by the Committee.
- IV. Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr. motioned to approve the Minutes from the July 27, 2020 Executive Committee meeting, second by Ms. Christina Morrison and unanimously approved by the Committee.

V. Chairman’s Comments

- A. Chair Joseph Ianno, Jr. deferred to Executive Director Herring for comments.

VI. Executive Director Comments:

- A. Director Herring announced Christopher Orincolo, Resident Agent in Charge of the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) agency, and hopes he will join in the next full session CJC meeting.
- B. Director Herring said the CJC Nominating Committee will need to convene in October, 2020. The Nominating Committee members consist of: 6 members; the current CJC Chair, Vice-Chair, 2 most recent past chairs and 2 members of the public sector appointed by the Chair.
- C. Director Herring has tasked CJC Staff to review all established CJC Task Forces and SJC subcommittees to develop a transition/sustainability plan for the SJC strategies under the MacArthur Grant. Chair Ianno said a streamlined approach would also identify areas where duplicate efforts can be found.
- D. Director Herring suggested the Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Center would be a viable venue to hold in-person (with virtual option) CJC meetings due to its size and the ability to properly social distance, beginning in October. Assistant County Attorney Jean Williams advised all meetings must follow the Governor’s orders for virtual/socially distanced meetings, due to expire October 1. Any expiration or extension of these orders will be followed. This question will be discussed at the next full CJC meeting.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

- A. Director Herring briefly reviewed the proposed submitted Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 budget, as recommended by the CJC Finance Committee in May 2020. She stated a budget amendment adjusted downward of 14,138.00 will be filed to address a shortfall in JAG grant dollars, otherwise the budget had not changed much compared to FY 2019-2020. Chair Ianno commented the budget changes from year to year are small because of funding from federal grants and carryovers from MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge. Chair Ianno asked for a motion to approve the budget as proposed. A motion was made by Ms. Christina Morrison, second by Chief Judge Krista Marx. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Chair Ianno stated the Executive Committee had not met on a regular schedule in the recent past. Director Herring asked the Executive Committee to start meeting monthly, as the purpose of the Executive Committee is to vet issues and make recommendations to the full session CJC. Director Herring suggested the Executive Committee start by meeting once monthly. Members agreed to start monthly, as long as there was a viable reason to meet.

- C. The PBC Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has asked the CJC and other County departments to make recommendations on a recent issue of Ethnic Intimidation. At the BOCC Meeting on August 25, 2020, a PBC resident of Colony Lakes Townhome brought a situation before the BOCC through Commissioner Weiss. This resident experienced an incident with a neighbor that resulted in her statement to the BOCC that she felt harassed and intimidated for no other reason than her ethnicity. Subsequently, the issue was brought to the County Attorney's office. Assistant County Attorney Jean Williams said the BOCC's request was broad in scope in terms of review and recommendations, and are directed to the CJC and the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO). Attorney Williams cited Michigan Statute 750.147, which gives some protection against harassment and intimidation. The Executive Committee discussed possible recommendations such as amendments to ordinances, civility agreements, and for the Community Engagement Team to bring the issue to the public. The members agreed it was important to review this incident and possible other occurrences. Chair Ianno asked CJC Staff to send to all CJC members the emails, Facebook video link and PBCSO report of the incident for further discussion at the next full CJC meeting.

- D. Director Herring stated the CJC had received a letter from the Reentry Task Force (RTF) requesting data analysis and program evaluation assistance. Ms. Jennifer Loyless from the Public Defender's Office explained the Reentry Task Force has been operating from 2013 data analysis baselines, she said it is important for them to update their baseline data for comparisons of recidivism rates and other

items. FSU and FAU have responded to collaborate on this project, and the Reentry Task Force is seeking CJC support and assistance. Ms. Loyless requested to come back to the CJC with a more defined request for support after they have reviewed both FAU and FSU's proposals. Chair Ianno agreed to wait for their request.

IX. CJC Initiatives/Updates

- A. Bert Winkler gave a brief synopsis of each current MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge initiatives, including data from the Court Reminder System and the PalmFUSE program. Future projects include reducing rates on incidents of racial and ethnic disparity, more detailed data analysis by demographics to measure outcomes, and developing sustainability for each project.
- B. Jonathan Hackley reviewed the updated Racial Equity Team Work Plan. Objectives and tasks included are developing a prototype dashboard to be used on the CJC website containing meaningful data on criminal justice decision points, and toolkit containing relevant tools such as a racial equity monthly newsletter and de-bias screensavers.

XII. Adjourn:

After no further comments, Chair Ianno adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.