



M I N U T E S

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Members Present:

Dave Aronberg - *virtual*
Barbara Cheives - *virtual*
Rachel Docekal - *virtual*
Carey Haughwout
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Kevin Jones
Nellie King - *virtual*
Christina Morrison

Members Absent:

Frank Adderley
Judge Krista Marx/Judge Cheryl Caracuzzo
Dr. Donald Fennoy (Ex-Officio)
Gerald Richman (Ex-Officio)

Others Attending:

Dave Bernhardt – BOCC District 3
Jean Williams - County Attorney's Office – *virtual*
Jennifer Loyless - Public Defender's Office- *virtual*
Mike Edmondson – State Attorney's Office- *virtual*

Staff Present:

Regenia Herring, Executive Director
Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst
Damir Kukec, Manager, Research & Planning- *virtual*
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst – *virtual*
Bert Winkler, Manager, Program Development – *virtual*

- I. Chairman Joseph Ianno, Jr. called the meeting to order.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Welcome to the members and guests attending the meeting online.
- IV. Director Regenia Herring requested to add to the February 8, 2021 agenda to accept the Public Safety Coordinating Council/Corrections Task Force recommendation to approve the Hanley Foundation making application for the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), Criminal Justice Mental Health Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant. Ms. Christina Morrison motioned to approve the addition to the agenda; second by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr. and unanimously approved by the Committee.

- V. Chairman Joseph Ianno, Jr. requested to correct the January 11, 2021 Executive Committee minutes to read the meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Reverend Kevin L. Jones. Ms. Christina Morrison motioned to approve the change to the Minutes; second by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr. and unanimously approved by the Committee.

VI. Old Business:

None.

VII. New Business:

- A. Executive Committee Protocols. At the January 11, 2021 Executive Committee meeting, a request was made that staff draft a document that speaks to protocols for conducting Hybrid meetings (members attending in-person or virtually). Director Herring provided a draft copy as requested. Additionally, discussion was held on the work of the Executive Committee and establishing protocols for the structure, role, membership and tenure of the various CJC committees. Director Herring said she would send the expanded draft of protocols, which will model the Palm Beach County Rules of Procedure. These protocols will cover guidelines regarding the operations of the board, staff, and committee. Revising these operations will enable the Executive Committee and full session CJC to be more productive and focused on its intended purpose. There was member discussion about reducing the number of sub-committees that exist and some overlapping roles they have. To ensure the sustainability of the Safety & Justice Challenge (SJC). It was suggested that the SJC workgroups transition to existing CJC Taskforces or committees, as appropriate. Director Herring suggested that some viable committees such as Program Monitoring and Evaluation and the Racial Equity Team should be infused in the work of all committees. Due to Florida Sunshine Law restrictions, Ms. Carey Haughwout suggested the CJC should task its various committees with issues and make recommendations back to the CJC. Additionally, Chair Ianno suggested CJC staff keep a master list of all topics and items that committees are reviewing to avoid possible conflicts that could violate Sunshine Law.
- B. Chair Ianno and Director Regenia Herring suggested the CJC Annual Planning Meeting (APM) include just the Executive Committee to establish the goals and priorities of the CJC. The members discussed the necessity of rescheduling and alternative venues. CJC Staff will work to finalize meeting details this week. The membership approved.
- C. The Corrections Task Force recommends the CJC's approval of the Hanley

Foundation-Palm Beach making application for the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) Criminal Justice Substance Abuse and Mental Health Re-Investment grant and providing a letter of support. Ms. Rachel Docekal provided more detail on the request, indicating that the Hanley Foundation-Palm Beach has considerable experience working with this particular grant program and application. They will be pursuing the planning portion of the grant. The focus of this grant will be on the state of mental health in the area of West Palm Beach Rise Community, which serves residents from the Intracoastal west to Australian and north from 59th Street and Banyan south. Director Herring indicated a letter will be drafted for the Chairs signature. She was unsure if it needed Board of County Commission approval and if so, staff will develop the Agenda Item and route through the appropriate channels to include the County Attorney's Office. The state statute requires that this grant be presented through the Palm Beach County Public Safety Coordinating Council, which is also the Corrections Task Force. Chair Ianno expressed support and asked members for a motion. This letter will be submitted to the BOCC for application approval. Motion was made by Ms. Christina Morrison to authorize the CJC to provide a letter of support on behalf of the CJC Public Safety Coordinating Council, second by Mr. Randy Johnson and approved unanimously by the Committee.

VIII. Member Comments:

Mr. Randy Johnson asked when the Racial Equity training would be scheduled. Chair Ianno stated the Executive Committee should schedule the training with the Racial Equity Institute; Ms. Barbara Cheives agreed to reach out to determine a date.

Chair Ianno told the members the 2019 CJC Annual Report is now available in print and digitally. Staff is currently developing the 2020 edition.

Mr. Randy Johnson asked about the Community Engagement forum held in the Glades last week. Ms. Barbara Cheives said it was very successful and hopes the Lake Worth event this week on February 10 will be as well attended and engaged as well.

IX. Adjourn:

Chair Ianno adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.