

M I N U T E S
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021
PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MCEADDY CONFERENCE ROOM
301 N. OLIVE AVENUE
WEST PALM BEACH, FL

Members Present:

Joseph Abruzzo – *virtual*
Marcia Andrews – *virtual*
Dave Aronberg - *virtual*
Sheldon Burkett – *virtual*
Cheryl Caracuzzo – *virtual*
Barbara Cheives
William Dames – *virtual*
Rachel Docekal – *virtual*
Douglas Duncan - *virtual*
George Elmore
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Lawrence Gordon
Michelle Johns - *virtual*
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Kevin Jones
Kathleen Kroll
Christina Morrison
Greg Starling
Stephen Stepp - *virtual*

Members Absent:

Frank Adderley
Ric Bradshaw
Eric Jester
Thomas J. Jones
Dave Kerner
Nellie King
Ariana Fajardo Orsha
Christopher Orcinolo
Matthew Willhite

Guests Attending Online:

Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Stephanie Sejnoha, Public Safety
Dr. Angela Bess, PBC School District
Dave Talley, CareerSource
Dave Bernhardt, BOCC District 3

Staff Present/Online:

Brad Allen, Criminal Justice Analyst
Regenia Herring, Executive Director
Jacqueline Jackson, PalmFUSE Coordinator
Damir Kukec, Manager, Research and Planning
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Katherine Shover, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst
Bert Winkler, Manager, Program Development

- 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 not present.
- III. Chair Ianno invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. Approval of the February 22, 2021 Agenda: No quorum present.
- V. Approval of the December meeting minutes: No quorum present.

- VI. **The Chairman commented on the following:**
 - A. Chair Ianno updated the members on the 2021 Annual Planning Meeting and said the decision had been made for the CJC Executive Committee to decide goals and staff direction for next year. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2021.
 - B. Chair Ianno introduced Mr. Lawrence Gordon, who is the Vice-Mayor of the Town of Haverhill; he now occupies the CJC League of Cities seat.
 - C. Chair Ianno thanked Ms. Barbara Cheives for scheduling the REI Groundwater Training for all CJC members.
 - D. Chair Ianno determined, as did other members the room was having sound issues and in-person and virtual attendees could not hear each other.

- VII. **Executive Director's Comments:**

None.

- VIII. **Old Business:**

- IX. **New Business:**
 - A. Ms. Barbara Cheives announced the next Forum on Policing would take place in the western communities of Wellington, Royal Palm Beach and Loxahatchee.

 - B. Mr. Louis Tomeo announced the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptrollers' office will once again hold their "Operation Greenlight" which gives the public the opportunity to pay discounted fines/fees and reinstate driver's licenses. Executive

Director Herring requested a phone number be updated in the flyer and she would forward the information to the CJC members who wanted the information.

- C. Executive Director Regenia Herring introduced Dr. Rachel Docekal, who gave a detailed explanation of the mental health planning grant applied for by the Hanley Foundation. The CJC Executive Committee had voted to write a letter of support to approve the Hanley Foundation to make application for the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), Criminal Justice Mental Health Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant.
- D. Chair Ianno discussed the approval of waiving attendance requirements, Director Herring said Deputy County Administrator Jon Van Arnam was submitting a query of other County departments who have boards to assess alternatives to quorums in light of non-attendance due to COVID-19. This issue will be put on the CJC Executive Committee meeting for Friday, February 26, 2021.
- E. Program Development Manager Bert Winkler gave members an update on the court date text-messaging program developed in part with Uptrust, LLC. A no-cost extension to the current contract is being requested, as Purchasing was unable to issue an RFP due to COVID-19 issues. Uptrust agreed to extend the contract through May 13 to provide enough time to process through the RFP. This issue will be put on the CJC Executive Committee meeting for Friday, February 26, 2021.

X. **CJC Initiatives and Committee Updates:**
None given

XI. **Member Comments:**
None Given

XII. **Adjournment:**

Due to technical difficulties and lack of a quorum, Chairman Joe Ianno Jr. adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.