



Criminal Justice Commission Full CJC Committee Meeting

Clayton E. Hutchinson Agricultural Services Center
559 North Military Trail, Room A & B
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Monday, October 23, 2023, at 8:00 am

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Earnie Ellison, Managing Partner, Ellison Consulting Group, LLC
Gregory Starling, Circuit 15 Manager, District 9, Florida DJJ
Julia Dattolo, President/CEO, CareerSource PBC
Kathleen Kroll, Administrative Judge, Juvenile Division
Katherine Waldron, State Representative, District 92
Kevin Jones, Reverend, Clergy, and CJC Chair
Lawrence Gordon, Palm Beach County League of Cities
Marcia Andrews, Palm Beach County School Board Member
Michael Barnett, County Commissioner
Randolph K. Johnson, Sr., Communications by Johnson

Members Absent

Anthony LaCosta, Asst. US Attorney, WPB
Carey Haughwout, Public Defender, 15th Judicial Circuit
Carmen Mattox, Representative, PBC Chiefs of Police Association
Christopher Caldwell, Senior Representative in PBC, FBI
Darcy Davis, CEO, Healthcare District
Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit
Eric Jester, Special Agent Supervisor, FDLE
Frank Adderley, Chief, West Palm Beach PD
Glenn Kelley, Chief Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Joseph Abruzzo, Clerk of the PBC Circuit Court & Comptroller
Lauren Whetstone, Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Maria Antuna, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Matt Pawlowski, Next Era Energy, and CJC Treasurer
Michael D Barbercheck, Supervisory Special Agent, Federal Bureau of ATF
Michelle Johns, Circuit Administrator, Florida DOC, 15th Judicial Circuit
Michelle Suskauer, Attorney, Diamond Kaplan & Rothstein, P.A.
Nellie King, Attorney, PBC Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Rachel Docekal, CEO, Hanley Foundation, and CJC Vice-Chair
Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff
Sheldon Burkett, Resident in Charge, PBC Office, DEA

Guests Attending

Laura Hanley, Commissioner Barnett's Office Staff
Jessica Hidalgo, Manger Criminal Justice Programs, Public Safety
Diane McCarthy, Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Jen Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Hal Hutchins, FAU Police Department
Masimba Mutamba, County Attorney
Todd Bonlarron, PBC Assistant County Administration

CJC Staff Present

Regenia Herring, Executive Director

Katherine Shover, Criminal Justice Systems Manager

Damir Kukec, Manager, Research & Planning

Dawn Davenport, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

Stephanie Moliere, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

Margo Smith, Criminal Justice Analyst

Rosalind Murray, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst – Racial Equity Coordinator

Amii Blount, Administrative Assistant III

I. Meeting called to order – Rev. Kevin Jones, Chair

Chair Rev. Kevin Jones *called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM*

II. Roll Call – Regenia Herring, CJC Executive Director

Director Herring called the roll and determined there was a quorum.

III. Approval and/or corrections to Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda. Motion was made by Marcia Andrews, motion to second was made by Julia Dattolo. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval and/or corrections to Minutes September 26, 2023

Motion to approve Minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnette, motion to second was made by Marcia Andrews. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Chair's Comments

Reverend Jones welcomed Katherine Waldron to the board, she was nominated by the legislative delegation. She is the House Representative for District 93 in Palm Beach County. He also thanked Amii Trivedi Blount for her efforts and wished her well as she leaves Palm Beach County for Tennessee.

We were reminded that the Nomination Committee met on Friday October 20th. They have come up with a new slate of officers that will be reviewed later on under “New Business”. Unfortunately, Maria Antuña has regrettably turned down her role as the Treasurer for the time being.

Chair Jones spoke about the CJC's ordinance revision which was approved for its first reading and will go in front of the BOCC for a final reading on November 21st. He also mentioned that the letter of opposition for circuit consolidation was forwarded to the Chief Judge and has been submitted for CJC's stance on the issue. We believe the recommendation goes from Chief Judge to the Supreme. At that point they review it and then makes a recommendation from all of the circuits that have all the information that's been submitted, and then it goes to the Legislature.

Marcia Andrews spoke about the Green Garnet Award. This is an award that Palm Beach County School District is a part of, we are currently number 10. She says The Green Garnet Award is given to an accomplished person who has made a difference for students who struggle, and students who succeed and make it happen in spite of their struggle. Marcia Andrews will get a chance to represent the School District of Palm Beach County in San Diego in a few days as a finalist for this prestigious award, and she hopes to bring it back to Palm Beach County because part of being able to be selected as the Green Garnet recipient is a \$10,000 scholarship for a student in Palm Beach County.

VI. New Business

Chair Jones went over the slate of officers that were from the meeting held by the Nomination Committee. The officers are:

Rachel Docekal – Chair

Lauren Whetstone – Vice-Chair

Matt Pawlowski – Secretary

They also choose Maria Antuña for the Treasurer position, but she is unable to fill that position at this time. The Board had a discussion and decided to fill the Treasurer position with Marcia Andrews, who accepted. Motion was made by Kevin Jones, motion to second was made by Commissioner Barnett. Motion passed unanimously to accept the new slate of officers.

Katherine Shover, Criminal justice Systems Manager at the CJC, presented on the top five priorities for sequential intercept mapping. Data was derived from the two day event that took place at Palm Beach State College in September 2023. There was a motion made to endorse the sequential intercept mapping top five priorities. Motion was made by Katherine Waldron, motion to second was made by Marcia Andrews. Motion passed unanimously. There was also a discussion on the Behavioral Health Taskforce to address juvenile and adult issues. There was a motion to create the taskforce under the CJC. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnett, motion to second was made by Marcia Andrews. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Director's Comments

Director Herring spoke about the summary of grants/projects spreadsheet that was in the meeting packets. The spreadsheet shows all the grants that we currently have and the projects associated with those grants, and you can see all of the ones that we have where the projects that fall under the MacArthur grant, which are quite a few, and then the other grants that we have as to our funding of projects. This was something that was requested at the previous meeting and so it was created for the members to read through and review.

VIII. Reports

Stephanie Moliere, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst at the CJC, gave a report on Jail Stress Test Assessment that was done back in September. In the assessment they looked at about 42 random cases and discussed them. We had someone from the public defender's office, the state attorney's office, probation, reentry. We had a couple people involved to have this discussion and look at the jail population. And so what came about that was that we were going to continue to look at the jail population and take a look at felony based technical violations and custody arrests. We want to look at the guidelines for scheduling next court events based on using the National Center of Courts recommendation. We want to have, maybe propose a jail population management review team just to keep an eye on the jail population. We also want to evaluate the initial case conference and that was something that came off with the last jail stress assessment to determine whether if that was something that worked out and beneficial. So overall they're going to look at third degree non in custody cases based on bail amounts and length of stay to see if there's any way we can alleviate that with the jail population. And number one overall that they looked at, they want to see how many cases were down filed from felony to misdemeanor or dismissed within 30 days. So that's something that they want to make sure that people are not sitting in jail for more than 30 days and it determines later on that the case was dismissed or it was downgraded. Okay. So overall, they want to look at early intervention policies to see how

we can look at the jail population to see if we can safely reduce it so we won't have that many people. So our next discussion will be Friday, November 3, 2023 with the same participants and to see what information came out of all the data source that we and that that group really, I'm appreciative that we had a good number of systems players around the table. The goal that we set and this was one of those projects under MacArthur and remember that whole point is how do we effectively reduce the jail population safely here in Palm Beach County, and we're only a fraction off of that mark.

IX. Adjournment – *meeting adjourned at 8:51 am*

Next Meeting: Monday November 27, 2023

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