

COURT SYSTEM TASK FORCE



Tuesday, May 10, 2022; 12:00 PM

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Booras, County Court Judge
Daniel Eisinger, Public Defender Office
Louis Tomeo, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Craig Williams, Office of the State Attorney
Michelle Johns, Florida Department of Corrections
April Bristow, County Court Judge
Michelle Cruz, County Administration
Alfonso Starling, Colonel, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Daliah Weiss, Circuit Court Judge
Kelvin Richardson, PPS Probation

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Damir Kukec, Research and Planning Manager
Rosalind Murray, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Bert Winkler, Criminal Justice Programs Manager
Dawn Davenport, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

I. Welcome and Opening Comments

Judge April Bristow welcomed the members and staff.

II. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2021 Meeting

The minutes were unanimously approved without modifications.

III. Case Management Report and Discussion

Bert Winkler presented data on case processing for second and third degree felonies. The judges who were present indicated that they were pleased with the efficiency of case processing and did not see the need for changes at this time. The clearance rate from the Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) was also presented. The aforementioned data and document were also emailed to the members prior to the meeting.

Dan Eisinger made a motion to collect and distribute case processing data for each individual felony judge. Craig Williams seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. It was also announced that the data for both second and third degree felonies would be broken down demographically and that this data would be provided in the future as well as data on the length in stay in jail (LOS) for second degree felonies.

Consensus was reached that no other steps were needed re: case processing at this time.

IV. Adult Probation Work Group Report and Discussion

Michelle Johns of DOC Probation and Kelvin Richardson of PPS Probation outlined the current incentives for early termination of probation in their respective agencies.

Discussion took place regarding improving the process of early termination of probation. Dan Eisinger requested that the Public Defender be sent emails from the probation agencies when an individual is eligible for early termination. Michelle Johns and Kelvin Richardson indicated that their respective probation agencies would do so. Dan Eisinger also suggested that probation terms should be terminated when the only remaining unfulfilled condition is the payment of costs of supervision. Judge Weiss indicated that she would present that concept to the felony judges.

V. Juvenile Probation Work Group Report

Bert Winkler reported that CJC staff is awaiting a specific date request from this workgroup.

VI. Other Comments/Discussion

Judge Bristow and Bert Winkler discussed the need to determine the task force's membership. A list was discussed and will be forwarded to the CJC Executive Director to be presented to the CJC Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 (tentative date)