



## PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

### CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council

Palm Beach County Governmental Center  
301 N. Olive Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor McEaddy Conference Room  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

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### - SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES -

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Bob Bozzone**, Executive Director, Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program  
**Rosalyn Baker**, Florida Department of Corrections  
**August Bonavita**, Administrative Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Ted Booras**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Maureen F. Brickous**, CEO, County Probation, Pride Integrated Services, Inc.  
**Patrick Cannan**, Workforce Alliance  
**Sharon D'Eusanio**, Victims Rights Coalition/ Office of the Attorney General  
**Vice-Chairman Chris Kneisley**, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
**Krista Marx**, Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Tommy Richards**, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association  
**Jill Richstone**, State Attorney's Office  
**Alton Taylor**, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation  
**Louis Tomeo**, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller  
**Charles Trotta**, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency  
**Barbara White**, Public Defender's Office  
**Shelley Vana**, Commissioner, Palm Beach County

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Rev. Chaney**, Clergy Representation  
**Jeffrey Colbath**, Administrative Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
**Roger M. Crane**, Police Chief, Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association  
**Chairman Douglas Duncan**, Roth and Duncan, P.A.

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

**Ray D'Eusanio**, Victims Rights Coalition/ Office of the Attorney General  
**Colleen Farnsworth**, Department of Children and Families, Legal  
**Barry Fondiller**, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
**David Gillert**, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, SAAP Program Manager  
**Shelby King**, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
**Elizabeth Parker**, State Attorney's Office  
**David Sleeth**, Captain, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
**Ann Simpson**, Public Defender's Office  
**Michelle Spangenberg**, Court Administration

#### **CJC STAFF PRESENT:**

**Jenise Link**, Sr. Criminal Justice Analyst  
**Michael Rodriguez**, Executive Director  
**Candee Villapando**, Criminal Justice Analyst

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- I. Vice Chairman Kneisley welcomed the members and guests of the task force.
  - II. The agenda was approved without additions or deletions.
  - III. The minutes of the August 4, 2010 meeting of the CTF/PSCC were approved.

IV. **Reports**

**A. Jail Population Report**

Major Kneisley reported that the average population of the jail is currently increasing to just over 2,900. He noted that the population is expected to decrease by 100 after October 1<sup>st</sup> when the drug farm closes.

**B. Jail Counselor Report**

The Jail Counselor, Mr. Fondiller, provided a report that showed the status of DCF transfers and misdemeanor booking averages. Mr. Fondiller reported that no inmates were waiting to be transferred to the state hospitals and 13 inmates were transferred to the state hospitals in August. He also reported that no inmates were waiting to be returned from DCF and 4 inmates were returned from DCF last month. He reported that there were a total of 108 evaluations and assessments ordered for July 2010. There were 64 SAAP evaluations, 44 mental health assessments and no drug farm evaluations.

**C. Pretrial Services Report**

The Pretrial Services Manager, Mr. Trotta, provided members with a printed report detailing the Supervised Release Pretrial Services Program. The report notes that it is current as of August 30<sup>th</sup>. He reported that there are a total of 979 individuals on Supervised Own Recognizance (S.O.R.) and that 898 of these are out of custody; 745 defendants are on S.O.R. only; 234 defendants are on S.O.R. with a bond and 66 of those have not been released. Fifteen individuals were on S.O.R. and were in custody for the following reasons:

S.O.R. to Treatment	1
Bonds or No Bonds on Other Charges/Holds	14

V. **Old Business**

**A. Proposal for the SAAP Program and Drug Farm emergency/alternate funding, Barbara White, Subcommittee Chairperson**

Ms. White reported that the subcommittee met on August 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss and develop recommendations on alternate funding sources for the SAAP program. She reported that the use of video conferencing to perform some of the assessments is being explored. She noted that Mr. Bozzone had offered assistance with his current level of staffing. Ms. White explained that a proposal was developed for an emergency request for funding for the critical components of the SAAP. Ms. Link referred members to a printed proposal in their agenda packets. She reported that the proposal is for a portion of the SAAP program that includes three components:

- centralized assessment services for all individuals booked into the County Jail and/or appearing at Saturday Civil Drug Court
- Restoring 40 of 70 intensive residential treatment beds
- Limited case management/outcome tracking of individuals served through this initiative

Ms. Farnsworth added that the Department of Children and Families has lost \$200,000 in funding this year also for treatment in Palm Beach County. She explained that child welfare is the departments focus and those individuals in the criminal justice system do not fall under that category. She noted that if the emergency funding proposal does not pass, these individuals will be placed on a waiting list as there are no other avenues for treatment.

Ms. Link explained the components of the proposal. She noted that the centralized assessments serve the following systems:

- Criminal division of the courts
- First appearance court
- Pre-trial services
- Criminal drug court
- Saturday civil drug court
- All three jail facilities
- Belle Glade court

This served approximately 2,100 individuals annually. The intensive residential treatment component is to replace 40 of the 70 beds from the SAAP program. These are intensive residential treatment beds that will be used to move individuals from jail to community treatment placement that is a 30-60 day program. The systems that rely on this service include:

- Criminal division of the courts
- First appearance court
- Pre-trial services
- All three jail facilities
- Belle Glade court

This would serve approximately 280 individuals annually.

The third component of the proposal is for case management and outcome reporting. Ms. Link reported that the subcommittee discussed that it would be imperative that a commitment to this be made as it is a critical service. These services are designed to track the outcome of individuals serviced through this initiative and to report on the general performance of the initiative.

The proposed costs include:

Centralized substance abuse and mental health assessments	\$220,000
40 Community Treatment beds	\$666,490
Case Management/outcome tracking	<u>\$ 60,000</u>
Total Emergency Request	<b>\$946,490</b>

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This request would be a formal request to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Link also noted that the subcommittee is exploring grant opportunities for the program.

Judge Marx discussed how the funding would affect the drug court. Mr. Taylor stated that this proposal includes the staffing for the drug court assessments. Judge Marx noted that it is important to maintain the continuity of assessments for the drug court.

Mr. Taylor explained that it has taken a number of years to create the single point of access for the assessments. He said this is the framework of the program. He noted that once it is eliminated it would be difficult to resurrect as it is in many locations such as the jail and in the courts. As a diversionary impact it is important to have the community based treatment beds available. Mr. Bozzone explained that the Department of Corrections and the Department of Children and Families are in support of the proposal. He also stated that providers are providing match and this cost is not reflected in the proposal.

Mr. Taylor explained that assessments would not be eliminated if the program does not exist but that it would take a longer amount of time to have the assessment done because these individuals would have to put on a waiting list. He stated that the time frame would be approximately 3-5 weeks.

Commissioner Vana discussed the funding request and noted that it would be helpful to have a clear picture of the funding streams that pay for all these types of programs. She noted that the county does not currently plan on funding this program but that she would support the issue in the short time frame that she has among the other commissioners during their meetings. She added that diversion is preferred over incarceration. Commissioner Vana added that the committee structure makes it difficult for everyone to talk to each other.

Ms. Richstone mentioned that it would be beneficial to describe how the individuals are entered into the drug court from this program so that is clear as well. Judge Marx suggested that we focus the proposal on the individuals in drug court as they are statutorily eligible for treatment. Mr. Taylor explained the importance of having an outcome tracking system in place for reporting purposes.

Members discussed that the drug court population is being placed in other facilities throughout the state. Ms. Richstone and Mr. Gillert explained that individuals are being placed in Orlando and Miami or any areas that have openings.

The approval to recommend the proposal to the Criminal Justice Commission was moved by Commissioner Vana and seconded by Judge Marx. The members voted unanimously in favor of the motion with Mr. Taylor abstaining from the vote.

- B.** Update on Corrections Task Force workshop presentation to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

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Mr. Rodriguez reported that the workshop presentation originally scheduled for August 31, 2010 has been postponed.

**VI. Additional member and guest comments**

Ms. Link reported that the County Attorney's office will be providing Sunshine Law training at the next meeting.

Vice Chairman Kneisley informed members that the next meeting is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**VII. Adjournment**

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