



PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE/ Public Safety Coordinating Council

Palm Beach County Governmental Center
301 N. Olive Avenue, 10th Floor, Criminal Justice Commission
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Wednesday, November 5, 2014; 12:00 P.M.

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- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Douglas Duncan, Roth and Duncan, P.A.
Glenny Cueto, Professional Probation Services, Inc.
Brian Fernandes, Office of the State Attorney
Vice-Chairman Chris Kneisley, Major, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Jenise Link, Manager, Palm Beach County Pretrial Services Agency
Brandy Macaluso, Victims Rights Coalition
John Pruitt, Chief, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department
Caroline Shepherd, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Louis Tomeo, Director Criminal Court Services, Office of the Clerk and Comptroller
Barbara White, Public Defender's Office

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosalyn Baker, Florida Department of Corrections
Ted Booras, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Rev. Chaney, Clergy Representation
Jeffrey Colbath, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Michelle Dryer, Workforce Alliance
Leonard Hanser, Administrative Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
John Kastrenakes, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Dan Lacey, Executive Director, Comprehensive Alcohol Rehabilitation Program
Joseph Marx, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Krista Marx, Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit
Tommy Richards, Palm Beach County Bail Bond Association
Alton Taylor, Executive Director, Drug Abuse Foundation
Shelley Vana, Commissioner, Palm Beach County

GUESTS PRESENT:

Colleen Farnsworth, DCF Legal
Michelle Gary, Intern, Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.
Douglas Kane, Superintendent, Department of Juvenile Justice
Alfonso Starling, Captain, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Schnelle Tonge, Public Defender's Office

CJC STAFF PRESENT:

Michael L. Rodriguez, Executive Director
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Craig Spatara, Criminal Justice Programs Manager
Candee Villapando, Criminal Justice Analyst
Ashley Carseni, Criminal Justice Commission Intern

I. Welcome, Opening Comments by Chairman Douglas Duncan

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

III. Approval and/or Additions to the agenda

The agenda was approved.

IV. Approval and/or Amendments to the October 1, 2014 Minutes of the Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting

The minutes of the October 1, 2014 meeting were approved.

V. Reports

A. Jail Population Report

Major Chris Kneisley reported that the average jail population for October was 2,234; slightly down from the previous month of 2,263.

B. In House Arrest Report

Total In-House Arrest population as of Monday was 238: 111 pretrial; 115 county sentenced; 5 DJJ.

C. Pretrial Services Report

Jenise Link reported their numbers were very similar in the last couple of months, with a total of 877 defendants on SOR; 577 of which were on SOR only, and 300 were on SOR with accompanying money bond. Those with holds pending release was 92; 18 were on SOR only, and 74 were on SOR with a bond.

D. Juvenile Detention Center Report

DJJ Superintendent Douglas Kane reported that they are currently housing 36 youths; with a 12-month trend average of around 40. He passed out a report containing juvenile detention statistics for October 12-25, 2014 and information

on upcoming meetings. Chair Duncan asked about the Alternatives to Secure Detention (ATSD) scheduled for November 17th. Ms. Schnelle Tonge said that at these meetings they address issues relating to the release of juveniles on alternative status.

E. Misdemeanor Probation Report

Ms. Glenny Cueto reported that they received 252 new cases for the month of October. Total active cases were 2,252. They closed out 154 cases successfully; and 82 cases were revoked.

VI. Old Business

A. 12th Floor Jail Population

Ms. Schnelle Tonge gave a brief background about the subcommittee; how it was formed, its members, and its purpose. The subcommittee has had two meetings, and Ms. Tonge was elected as Chair at the first meeting on September 16, 2014. The issue the committee wants to look at is a recent increase of juveniles on the 12th floor of the jail. The subcommittee agreed to collect and analyze data to explain the increase. The State Attorney's Office, Public Defender, and Department of Juvenile Justice will provide data on juveniles (name and date of birth) that were direct filed in the last three years to CJC staff, who will then request for criminal histories from FDLE.

At the second meeting on October 28, 2014, Mr. Greg Starling from DJJ presented aggregate data on direct filed juveniles for three fiscal years: 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14. The data showed a decline in direct files from 2011-12 to 2013-14. After some discussion, the group agreed to look at the data in the last two fiscal years, and find out the reason for the decline. The SAO & PD will also be providing their data.

Ms. Katherine Hatos briefly discussed the slide presentation she presented at the first subcommittee meeting. The report was on the jail population using data extracted from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office IMACS data system, based on individuals housed in the jail between January 1, 2011 and May 31, 2014. The focus of the study are juveniles 17 years of age or younger. Since CJC staff does not have ready access to historical housing data of each inmate while in custody, staff made the assumption that all juveniles 17 years or younger at the time of booking and were in custody for more than one day were housed on the 12th floor; and juveniles that turned 18 years while in custody were assumed to be housed with the general population. Ms. Hatos presented historical data on the 12th floor's and general population's average daily jail population, as well as a breakdown of inmate characteristics.

Mr. Brian Fernandes remarked that the current SAO administration has worked hard to reduce the number of direct filed juveniles, and that who would like the

report to reflect that and show that the policy changes to reduce direct files have been working.

Ms. Tonge added that the subcommittee will also look at mental health and educational services on 12th floor. Major Chris Kneisley reminded the group of the original purpose of the subcommittee which is to look at population on the 12th floor, and how the direct filed youth got there. He acknowledged the concerns about programming issues, but suggested looking at them separately. Chair Duncan commented that the benefit of this committee is that they are able to come together and cooperate to make the system work best as it can, and thanked Major Kneisley and the Sheriff's Office, and Ms. Tonge for an excellent report.

B. Jail Population Report (Recidivism & Risk Analysis)

Mr. Damir Kukec noted that the jail population report is almost done, but would like to get everyone's feedback on several issues or topics. He gave a slide presentation on and discussed about a proposed recidivism (in terms of reentry) and proxy risk assessment analysis (1-year follow up). The study period for the jail report includes those who were housed in the jail between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2013 regardless of when they were booked or released, or whether they were still in the jail at the time data was extracted. In looking at recidivism, we need to identify the following: first event (release from jail); second event (first booking date after release date); group (cohort) [defined group + timeframe]; follow-up period (timeframe); levels of recidivism; and offense types (felony, misdemeanor, drug, violent, etc.). Results of the jail study in terms of aggregate recidivism (or global recidivism, as coined by the Program Monitoring and Evaluation Subcommittee) showed that 62% of the inmates have been there only once, and 38% have been there more than once. The discussion generated interesting questions and issues such as how recidivism is defined; what constitutes new arrest what is the goal of the study; does the data reflect only new charges or recommitments also; etc.

Mr. Kukec also discussed the cohort view of the 2009 population (representing 34,000 inmates released in 2009) tracked over periods of 90 days, 6 months, 1 year, 3 years, and 5 years and how they did over time. There was concern over the results showing that 56% of inmates released in 2009 returned to jail. Mr. Kukec commented that this was about the average rate and just reflects the nature of the jail, as compared to prison which showed a lower number. The proxy risk assessment of the data showed approximately 77% of the inmates as low risk; 19.5% as medium risk; and 3.5% as high risk. Mr. Kukec noted that the Kent County report's data look similar. Judge Caroline Shepherd asked if that was the case, then why did 56% come back. Mr. Kukec replied it may have to depend on how you calibrate your measuring tool, and noted that it is not whether someone will reoffend, but rather how often an individual will reoffend. Mr. Michael Rodriguez wanted to know if it is possible to know how many of the low risk individuals fall in the group of 56% reoffending in a period of 5 years; Mr. Kukec said yes. Judge Shepherd wanted to know if we can compare 2013 data to now;

Mr. Kukec also said yes. He said he is thinking of taking 2012 exits and see how they match up to the data. Mr. Kukec talked about the opportunity of focusing on the low- and medium-risk individuals and targeting the limited resources on these individuals. Judge Shepherd added finding out what brings these individuals back, and if new charges, what are they? He said he will include all of these in the report.

VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. Additional member and guest comments

Ms. Brandy Macaluso announced that the National Crime Victims Rights week is April 19-25, 2015. She invited everyone to attend, and she will be sending information to be emailed to everyone.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: December 3, 2014; 12:00 P.M.