

# F I N A L     A G E N D A

**MONDAY, March 26, 2007, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING**

McEaddy Conference Room  
301 N. Olive Avenue  
West Palm Beach



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- I. Welcome and Opening Comments – Chairman Harry Johnston, II**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Introduction of Guests**
- IV. Approval and/or Additions to the Agenda**
- V. Approval and/or Additions to the Minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting**
- VI. Chairman’s Comments**
  - A. Farewell and best wishes to Diana Cunningham, our Executive Director of over 16 years.
  - B. The Selection Committee met on Monday, March 12 and interviewed 9 applicants for the Executive Director position of the CJC. The interview consisted of six oral questions, a written exam and an extemporaneous oral exam. All candidates were extremely qualified and we appreciate their interest in the Criminal Justice Commission. The 9 applicants were narrowed down to 3 finalists and after much discussion a final vote was taken and Michael Rodriguez was selected to succeed Diana Cunningham as the Executive Director. This is to be confirmed by the Board of County Commissioners on March 27, 2007.

A special thanks to my fellow members of the Selection Committee: James Barr, Barbara Cheives, Public Defender Carey Haughwout, State Attorney Barry Krischer, Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, and Assistant County Administrator Vince Bonvento.
  - C. Congratulations to Rebecca Walker on her promotion to Program Manager.
  - D. The CJC’s first Youth Violence Prevention Project’s Youth Empowerment Center at West Palm Beach had its grand opening on Thursday, March 1, 2007. The Youth Empowerment Center will provide young adults 12 to 18 years old with an opportunity to be in a an relaxed safe, fun place to develop skills and talents for jobs and careers, and is the first in West Palm Beach. Lake Worth, Riviera Beach and Boynton Beach will soon follow, and Belle Glade will be planned.

Florida State University School of Criminology Center for Public Policy began development of the Evaluation design for all five Youth Violence Prevention Project sites on Tuesday, March 20, 2007.

- E. A Select Committee will be appointed to review the recommendation by County Administration for CJC enabling ordinance amendment.

## **VII. Executive Director's Comments**

- A. Congratulations and welcome to William Kramer, Senior Vice President of Sugarcane Growers Cooperative of Florida, appointed for a 3 year term on the CJC by the Board of County Commissioners on March 13, 2007.
- B. Sheriff Ric Bradshaw is hosting a Town Hall meeting (*Presentation and Panel Discussion*), on Gang Violence on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Duncan Theatre, Palm Beach Community College, 4200 Congress Avenue, Lake Worth. (*Press Release included in final agenda on pink paper*)
- C. Miami-Dade Criminal Justice Council is hosting their Annual Gang Summit on April 13, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the McDonald Center, next door to North Miami Beach City Hall. It is coordinated by a contract agency entitled "The Children Psych Center". CJC staff and members have been invited to observe this day long conference. Please RSVP Jenise Gibson, CJC staff: 355-1503.

A second Gang Summit will be held in South Miami on April 16, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Signature Gardens.

## **VIII. Special Presentation**

Lenny Berger, Assistant County Attorney, 30-minute presentation on Ethics for County Boards and staff.

## **IX. Business – Consent Item(s)**

### **X. Old Business**

### **XI. New Business – Regular Item(s)**

- A. The Selection Committee seeks to have the full CJC ratify the selection of Michael Rodriguez as the new CJC Executive Director
- B. Recommendation by State Attorney to send letter or Resolution of support to Congress to reinstate Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) / Byrne block grant funding for local government. (*Letter and Resolution of Support included in final agenda on ivory paper*) Michael Rodriguez
- C. Recommendation of the Weed & Seed Steering Committee for approval of Riviera Beach Police Department's proposal to sustain FY 07 site funding in the amount of \$50,000 with funding from the CJC \$1 million account. (*Proposal included in final agenda on blue paper*) Andrew Lourie
- D. Representative Priscilla Taylor and Senator Arthenia Joyner are lead sponsors of legislation to establish the Florida Parole Commission as the state transition authority. Hugh McMillan, Governmental Relations Consultant and Public Interest Lobbyist, has worked with the faith & character initiative in the Department of Corrections from the beginning and the issue comes down to sustained community

- volunteer contact with prisons. About 30% of the money for new beds - a lot of money - is for men (and a few women) that really don't need to be heading back to prison. (*HB14/SB2478 included in final agenda on yellow paper*)
- E. Request by Commissioner Newell to join in support of his letter to Senator Aronberg endorsing the Community Budget Issue Request for four portable classrooms for use at the Juvenile Detention Center in West Palm Beach. (*Letter and follow up included in final agenda on goldenrod paper*)

**XII. CJC Initiative Updates**

**XIII. Member Comments**

**XIV. Adjourn**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**3/26/07**, Monday, 8:00 a.m., Criminal Justice Commission, McEaddy Conference Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach

**3/26/07**, Monday, 6:00-9:00 p.m., The 19<sup>th</sup> Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy, #8 – Juvenile Justice, Juvenile Assessment Center, 3400 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach

**3/27/2007**, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, Gang Violence Town Meeting (Presentation and Panel Discussion), Duncan Theatre, Palm Beach Community College, 4200 Congress Avenue, Lake Worth

**3/28/07**, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Westgate CJSC Community Advisory Board, 4215 Cherry Road, West Palm Beach

**4/2/07**, Monday, 6:00-9:00 p.m., The 19<sup>th</sup> Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy, #9 – Palm Beach County Sheriff's Eagle Academy, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Belle Glade Substation, 2976 State Road #15, Belle Glade

**4/04/07**, Wednesday, 8:00 a.m., Palm Beach County Weed & Seed Steering Committee, Juvenile Assessment Center, 3400 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach

**4/4/07**, Wednesday, 12:00 p.m., Corrections Task Force/Public Safety Coordinating Council, McEaddy Conference Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach

**4/5/07**, Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Law Enforcement Planning Council, Clayton Hutcheson Exhibit Hall B, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach

**4/09/07**, Monday, 8:00 a.m., Criminal Justice Commission Executive Committee, McEaddy Conference Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach

**4/9/07**, Monday, 6:00-9:00 p.m., The 19<sup>th</sup> Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy, #10 – Special Investigations, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Headquarters Building, 3228 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach

- 4/10/07** - Tuesday, 12 noon Court System Task Force, McEaddy Conference Room, 12th floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach
- 4/13/07**, Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Miami-Dade Criminal Justice Council, McDonald Center, 17051 NE 19th Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL 33162 (next door to North Miami Beach)
- 3/19/07**, Monday, 6:00-9:00 p.m., The 19<sup>th</sup> Citizen’s Criminal Justice Academy, #11, Graduation with Keynote Speaker, South County Courthouse, Court Room Six, 200 W. Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach
- 4/23/07**, Monday, 8:00 a.m., Criminal Justice Commission, McEaddy Conference Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach
- 5/2/07**, Wednesday, 8:00 a.m., Palm Beach County Weed & Seed Steering Committee, Juvenile Assessment Center, 3400 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach
- 5/8/07** - Tuesday, 12 noon Court System Task Force, McEaddy Conference Room, 12th floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach
- 05/14/07**, Monday, 8:00 a.m., Criminal Justice Commission Executive Committee, McEaddy Conference Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach
- 05/23/07**, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Westgate CJSC Community Advisory Board, 4215 Cherry Road, West Palm Beach
- 05/29/07**, Monday, 8:00 a.m., Criminal Justice Commission, McEaddy Conference Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach