

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

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Meeting Date: August 25, 2026
Department: Public Safety Department
Advisory Board: Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC)
Submitted For: Criminal Justice Commission

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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:

- A) Appointment of five (5) new members to the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) of Palm Beach County (PBC) in seats designated with no term, effective August 25, 2026. These seats are held by statutory office holders or positional designees who serve for the duration of their appointment in the qualifying position:

<u>Seat No.</u>	<u>Appointee Name</u>	<u>Seat Designation / Nominated By</u>	<u>Term</u>
A - 1	Adriana Lopez	State Attorney or designated Assistant State Attorney	No Term – Statutory Office
B - 2	Daniel Eisinger	Public Defender, or designated Assistant Public Defender	No Term - Statutory Office
C - 3	Sarah Willis	Chief Circuit Judge, or designated Circuit Judge	No Term - Statutory Office
D - 4	Ashley Zuckerman	Chief County Judge, or designated County Judge	No Term - Statutory Office
N - 19	Michelle Cruz	Local Court Administrator, or designee	No Term - Statutory Office; and

- B) Appointment of five (5) new members to the PSCC of PBC for a four (4)-year term beginning August 25, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2029:

<u>Seat No.</u>	<u>Appointee Name</u>	<u>Seat Designation / Nominated By</u>
F - 6	Derek Gibson	State Probation Administrator, Region 4, Circuit 15, or designee
I - 9	Stephanie Thompson	Director of local substance abuse treatment program, or designee
J - 14	Andrea Rocha	Community representative (county/state jobs programs or community groups)
P - 21	Maura Merkai	DCF Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program representative, 15th Circuit
S - 24	Dr. Joanna Reid-Enoise	Representative from a Palm Beach County homeless or supportive housing program

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Background and Justification: Continued on page 3
Attachments:

1. Advisory Board Applications and Resume/Biographies
2. PSCC Membership List
3. Florida Statutes 951.26 (PSCC)
4. Florida Statutes 394.656 (CJMHSA Reinvestment)
5. Palm Beach County Resolution R2023-0334

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Recommended by: DeMora 8/4/26
Department Director Date

Legal Sufficiency: Jean-Adel Williams 8/5/26
Assistant County Attorney Date

II. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Other Department Review:

Department Director

Summary: The PSCC coordinates the planning and operation of PBC's criminal justice system, including jail capacity, diversion programming, and system-wide coordination. The PSCC also serves as PBC's Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse (CJMHS) Reinvestment Committee under Florida Statutes 394.656. The PSCC was established pursuant to Florida Statutes 951.26 and PBC Resolution R2023-0334, which establishes PSCC's membership, organization, and responsibilities. Membership includes statutory designees from the judiciary, law enforcement, corrections, prosecution, defense, behavioral health, and community sectors. The PSCC has a total of 24 seats.

The following five (5) seats carry no term designation as the appointees serve by virtue of their statutory office or positional designation. These members hold their PSCC seat for the duration of their qualifying appointment and do not require reappointment upon the expiration of a fixed term: Seat A-1: State Attorney (SA) or Assistant State Attorney designated by SA, Seat B-2: Public Defender or designee; Seat C-3: Chief Circuit Judge or designee; Seat D- 4: Chief County Judge or designee; and Seat N-19: Local Court Administrator or designee.

The remaining five (5) members listed in Motion B are appointed for a four (4)-year term beginning August 25, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2029. Seat S-24: Representative appointed to a four (4)-year term is a PBC employee as reflected under R2023-0334. Stephanie Thompson has disclosed a contractual relationship with Palm Beach County through her employer, the Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County, Inc. (DAF) (Contract No. 017-02, Substance Use Treatment Services, October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2028). DAF has a contract with Palm Beach County for services; however, the PSCC does not provide regulation, oversight, management, or policy-setting recommendations regarding this contract or transaction. Accordingly, the contractual relationship exception provided in Section 2-443 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics applies. Disclosure of this contractual relationship at a duly noticed public meeting is provided in accordance with Section 2-443 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. Countywide (JW)

Background and Justification: The PSCC was established pursuant to Florida Statutes 951.26 and PBC R2023-0334, which establishes the membership, appointment process, and responsibilities. The PSCC facilitates coordination, planning, and oversight of PBC's criminal justice system, including jail and detention services. PSCC also serves as the PBC's CJMHS Reinvestment Committee under Florida Statutes 394.656. The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) provides staff support to the PSCC and assists in fulfilling its statutory and County responsibilities.

The PSCC serves a dual function as PBC's CJMHS Reinvestment Committee under Florida Statutes 394.656, overseeing the planning and reinvestment of funds to reduce incarceration and improve behavioral health outcomes across PBC. The PSCC meets quarterly and coordinates with county agencies, the judiciary, law enforcement, and community partners to monitor system performance, identify gaps, and recommend strategies to improve public safety outcomes.

The CJC of PBC provides staff support to the PSCC. The CJC was established by Ordinance No. 88-31 on August 16, 1988, and is the largest Advisory Board to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

SECTION II - continued (to be completed by applicant)

CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS: _____ NONE _____ X _____ NOT APPLICABLE/(Governmental Entity)

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_____	_____	_____	_____

SERVING ON OTHER ADVISORY BOARDS / COMMITTEES:

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If YES, please list: _____

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING: _____ X _____ COMPLETED DATE: _____ 7/9/2026

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SIGNATURE: Derek Gibson PRINTED NAME: Derek Gibson DATE: 7/9/2026

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # _____

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: _____ YES _____ NO
BCC MEETING: _____ DATE _____

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Derek Gibson began working for the Florida Department of Corrections in 1995. He started his career as a Correctional Probation Officer working his way up to his current position as a Circuit Administrator in Region 4 Circuit 15.

Derek is in-charge of the 6 West Palm Beach Probation offices. He played a significant role in the production of the 1st Mobile Probation Unit (MPU) in the State of Florida. The Mobile Probation Unit (MPU) parks at a pre-determined location allowing probationers to report monthly to their Probation Officer rather than in the Probation Office.

Derek is very passionate about his job and strives to make positive changes between the Department of Corrections and the community of Palm Beach.



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SECTION I (OFFICE USE ONLY) ☒ Advisory ☐ Not Advisory

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Public Safety Coordinating Council

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: ☒ AT-LARGE ☐ DISTRICT # ☐
☐ REAPPOINTMENT ☐ NEW APPOINTMENT

TERM: 08/25/2026 START DATE 12/31/2029 END DATE

LENGTH OF TERM: 4 YEARS

SEAT #: 19

SEAT REQUIREMENT: Director of local Substance Abuse Tx or designee

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM? ☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES: DUE TO: ☐ RESIGNATION ☐ OTHER

COMPLETING TERM FOR: ☐

ORIGINAL TERM EXPIRES: ☐

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SECTION II (to be completed by applicant) *MUST BE A PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENT

NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last) Stephanie Thompson

ADDRESS: FS119 Exempt, Director Substance use treatment agency

CITY: ☐ STATE: ☐ ZIP: ☐

PHONE #: ☐

EMAIL: ☐

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County, Inc.

OCCUPATION: Health Care Administration/ Executive VP/ COO

ADDRESS: 400 S Swinton Ave

CITY: Delray Beach STATE: FL ZIP: 33444

MAILING PREFERENCE: ☐ RESIDENCE ☒ BUSINESS

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY: ☐ YES ☒ NO

(conviction of a felony is not an automatic disqualifier from appointment)

IF YES - STATE THE COURT, NATURE OF OFFENSE, DISPOSITION OF CASE AND DATE:

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017-02	Community Services/FAA	Substance Use Treatment	10/1/2025 to 9/30/2028

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If YES, please list: _____

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING: _____ Yes _____ COMPLETED DATE: 7/9/2026

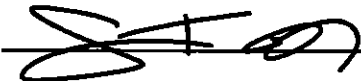
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SIGNATURE:  PRINTED NAME: Stephanie Thompson DATE: 7/9/2026

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COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: _____ YES _____ NO
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Stephanie Thompson

Boynton Beach, FL 33472

Stephanie_thompson@dafpbci.org 561 352 4188

Highly accomplished healthcare executive with over 25 years of progressive leadership in behavioral health and substance use treatment services. Proven track record of managing complex operations across clinical, administrative, and compliance domains. Skilled in strategic planning, regulatory compliance, team building, budget development, human resources, and accreditation processes. Adept at leading interdisciplinary teams, optimizing organizational performance, and ensuring service excellence within highly regulated environments. Committed to ethical practices, operational efficiency, and improving client outcomes through collaborative leadership.

Work Experience

Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County, Inc. September 1999 to Present

Executive Vice President/ COO

March 2008 to Present

Provide strategic and operational leadership for a comprehensive substance use treatment organization, overseeing all core service areas including clinical services, human resources, budgeting, environmental services, food services, risk management, and regulatory compliance. Direct the day-to-day operations of the agency while aligning services with best practices and evolving behavioral health practices.

- Successfully led the organization to full CARF accreditation,
- Manage all regulatory audits, site visits, and licensure processes, maintaining continuous compliance with federal, state, accreditation, and local requirements.
- Oversee cross-functional teams and departmental leadership to drive efficiency, service quality, and positive treatment outcomes.
- Collaborate with executive leadership on long-term strategic planning, organizational development, and fiscal oversight.

Consultant

September 2003 to March 2008

Compliance Director

September 1999 to August 2003

Education

M.H.A. in Healthcare Administration

Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis - Indianapolis, IN

J.D. in Law

University of Dayton School of Law - Dayton, OH

Key Competencies

- Healthcare Administration & Strategic Operations, Legal Research & Policy Development
 - Budgeting & Financial Oversight, Community Outreach & Stakeholder Engagement
 - Regulatory Compliance & Risk Management, External Audit & Licensure (including CARF Accreditation)
 - Human Resources & Talent Development
 - Clinical & Medical Services Coordination
 - Environmental & Facility Services Management
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SEAT #: J 14

SEAT REQUIREMENT: Representatives from county or state jobs programs and other community groups who with offenders and victims

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM? ☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES: DUE TO: ☐ RESIGNATION ☐ OTHER

COMPLETING TERM FOR: _____

ORIGINAL TERM EXPIRES: _____

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NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last) Andrea G. Rocha

ADDRESS: FS119 EXEMPT 205 N. Dixie Hwy Rm 4.220

CITY: West Palm Beach STATE: FL ZIP: 33401

PHONE #: 561-355-6257

EMAIL: arocha@mypalmbeachclerk.com

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME: Palm Beach County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's Office

OCCUPATION: Director, Criminal Court Operations

ADDRESS: 205 N. Dixie Hwy Room 4.2200

CITY: West Palm Beach STATE: FL ZIP: 33401

MAILING PREFERENCE: ☐ RESIDENCE ☒ BUSINESS

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If YES, please list: Court Systems Task Force

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING: X COMPLETED DATE: 7/20/2026

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SIGNATURE: Andrea Rocha PRINTED NAME: Andrea Rocha DATE: 7/20/2026

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COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: DATE:

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: YES NO

BCC MEETING: DATE

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Andrea G. Rocha
23319 Tranquil Lane
Boca Raton, Florida 33428
Cell: (561) 305-0283
Andreagrocha17@gmail.com

EDUCATION:

University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana
BACHELOR OF ARTS/COMMUNICATIONS

EXPERIENCE:

01/23 – Current Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller, West Palm Beach, Florida
DIRECTOR, CRIMINAL COURT OPERATIONS

Responsibilities

- Provide strategic planning, development, evaluation, and direction for criminal operations.
- Oversee management, legal, fiscal, statewide reporting, project management and human resources functions.
- Develop, implement, and maintain policies, processes, and programs relating to Court Services through work with the department managers.
- Ensures that operational and administrative functions are handled according to statutory and organizational directives through work with the department managers, executive management, and legal counsel.
- Communicates organizational policies and procedures, goals, and objectives to staff and works with the department managers to review staffing levels and organizational structure for effective work performance and efficient resource allocation.
- Participates in organizational strategic planning and directs court services departments to achieve the strategic objectives.
- Conducts meetings with court services department staff to identify concerns; meet with managers both individually and as a team to identify concerns, plan, and implement processes to meet the organization's objectives.

Achievements

- Merged the Circuit Criminal front counter with County Criminal to allow a better customer service experience.
- Worked in partnership with the Director of Civil Court Operations to consolidate our family, civil, and criminal appellate divisions into one unified department to improve efficiency and communication with the 4th District Court of Appeals.
- Enhanced reporting of felony convictions report to the Supervisor of Elections.
- Partnered with the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office to electronically e-file the Department of Corrections packets.

03/16 – 01/23 Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller, West Palm Beach, Florida
OPERATIONS MANAGER – CIRCUIT CRIMINAL

Responsibilities

- Lead, coach, supervise and mentor staff.
 - Oversee department activities in accordance with State Reporting, Florida Statutes and Administrative Orders to ensure the integrity of court records.
 - Effectively communicate and work in partnership with outside government agencies and justice partners.
 - Identify initiatives to streamline processes.
 - Scrutinize and approve internal written procedures.
 - Respond to heightened customer concerns or issues.
 - Review Legislative updates to ensure compliance.
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- Research Best Practices.
- Meet all State mandated processing time standards.

Achievements

- Electronic Bond process to comply with House Bill 247 with an annual cost savings of \$45,000.
- Achieved high productive output while increasing morale therefore eliminating vacant positions.
- Built strong sense of teamwork and purpose by exerting positive influence.
- Developed a climate providing motivation, participation and opportunities for employee initiative.
- Rule of 22 Confidentiality guidelines as set forth by the Florida Supreme Court.
- Heightened awareness of the Mental Health Competency Database (MECOM) reporting process.
- Successfully mentored and trained four Supervisors.
- Worked in partnership with the Judiciary and other agencies to expand electronic filings.
- Collaborated with Court partners to implement Initial Case Conference hearings to reduce inmate population at the Palm Beach County Jail.
- Responsible for creating One Stop Ops database for Criminal Operations.
- Initiated recycling file folders for an annual department cost savings of \$18,000.

07/12-03/16

Clerk & Comptroller, Delray Beach, Florida

ASSISTANT BRANCH MANAGER/MANAGER

Responsibilities

- Acting Branch Manager from October 2014 – March 2016.
- Lead, supervise and coach staff of 74 clerks.
- Assess and allocate daily workload to ensure required goals are met.
- Research Florida Statutes and Administrative Orders to ensure compliance.
- Oversee Violations Bureau, Criminal, Civil, Probate, Family, Juvenile, Mental Health, Domestic Violence, Self-Service Center, Passports, and Marriage Licenses.
- Oversee and ensure special projects are completed accurately, thoroughly and timely.
- Kronos time keeping, performance evaluations, corrective actions, interviewing.

Achievements

- Achieved 100% rating for Department of State Passport audit.
 - Successfully managed largest Branch from October 2014 – March 2016 in absence of Manager.
 - Implemented cross training.
 - Actively involved in the planning, training and implementation of Civil and Criminal E-filing, Operation Green Light, Historical Same-Sex Marriage event and In-Court Criminal Process.
 - Built relationships with Court Administration personnel.
 - Responsible for reporting and monitoring Civil court productivity across all locations to meet required turnaround time.
 - File-less in Criminal and Civil courts.
 - Conduct one-on-one meetings with staff.
 - Received multiple Kudos awards.
 - Organized workflow processes to improve efficiency.
 - Researched and advised department head of necessary procedural changes to be compliant with Florida Statutes.
 - Improved relationships with Inter Office agencies.
 - Represent Clerk's Office at Inter Agency Meetings.
 - Vital contributor to a new Case Management System.
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SEAT #: P 21

SEAT REQUIREMENT: Representative of the SAMH Program Supervisor of DCF, 15th Circuit

COMPLETING AN UNEXPIRED TERM?

☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES: DUE TO:

☐ RESIGNATION ☐ OTHER

COMPLETING TERM FOR:

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NAME: (First/Middle Initial/Last)

Maura C. Merkai

ADDRESS: 12334 175th Rd. N

CITY: Jupiter

STATE: FL

ZIP: 33478

PHONE #: 561 339-9610

EMAIL: mauramerka1@namipbc.org

BUSINESS/EMPLOYER NAME:

National Alliance on Mental Illness Palm Bch. County

OCCUPATION:

Resource Specialist

ADDRESS: 5205 Greenwood Ave. # 101

CITY: West Palm Beach

STATE: FL

ZIP: 33407

MAILING PREFERENCE:

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YES

NO ☒

If YES, please list:

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING:

☒ COMPLETED

DATE:

7-15-26

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SIGNATURE: Maura C. Merk PRINTED NAME: MAURA C. MERKAL DATE: 7/15/26

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY)

DISTRICT #

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: ☐ YES ☐ NO

BCC MEETING: ☐ DATE

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Maura C. Merkal, PMP
mauramerkal@gmail.com (561) 339-9610

1980 Virginia Tech - Bachelor of Science - Horticulture (Botany, Soils, Chemistry, Statistics, Law)

2000 University of Florida College of Engineering - Graduate Certificate (15 cr – 4.0) Environmental Policy and Mgmt.
(Endangered Species Act, Coastal Construction Issues, Hazardous Waste, Environmental Law)

11/2012 – 1/2019: Horticulturist, Palm Beach State College, Palm Beach Gardens Campus, Environmental Horticulture Dept.: Oversee tissue culture lab (investigations and teaching). Obtain FDEP collection permit to investigate propagation methods of protected plant species for MacArthur Beach State Park, curate campus plant collection, adding plants to Medicinal Garden and creating botanical labels and interpretive signs, webmaster for 2 websites.

1/2012 – 1/2019: City of Palm Beach Gardens, Recreation Dept.: Customer Service Leader I & II:

3/1987 -7/ 2011 South Florida Water Management District:

6/2005 – 7/2011: Lead Project Manager, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program, CERP Planning Division & Project Coordination Division: Planning CERP and non-CERP restorations, US Army Corps of Engineers' and capital projects. Project management - responsible for leading and oversight of interdisciplinary and interagency (state and federal partners) teams of engineers and scientists to provide overall issue resolution, scheduling, budgeting, financial analyses, reporting, documentation, tracking, planning, design and implementation of environmental restoration and capital construction projects, ensuring that project design and implementation meet budget, schedule, water resource and environmental objectives, compliance with ESA, Migratory Bird Treating Act and archaeological requirements. Review project development plans for environmental impacts. Coordinate agency reviews of environmental issues related to construction project permits.

3/1991-6/2005: Environmental Specialist / Senior Environmental Analyst / Project Manager, Construction Management Dept: Environmental permitting for 100+ projects throughout 16 county region of Central and South Florida, preparing environmental documentation to obtain federal, state (ERP, Species of Special Concern, water use) and local environmental permits, sovereign submerged lands (SSL) authorizations (Consent of Use, Easement), ensuring compliance with wetland/coastal environmental regulations (USEPA, Clean Water Act, Rivers and Harbors 1899, Endangered/Threatened species) through construction, identifying wetland plants/soils and other local/state/federal approvals, including ensuring sufficient real estate interests; plan, schedule, budget and manage 100+ agency-wide capital construction projects, including federal Kissimmee Test Fill and Manatee protection projects (Marine Mammal Protection) project support for federal funding requests, land stewardship, wetland restorations, infrastructure repairs and new facilities, linear canals, water control structures, lake and canal dredging, pump-station trash rakes, fishing piers, microwave communication tower, ensuring consistency with Federal USACE project design/purposes. Governing Board presentations for project approvals.

9/90-3/91: Environmental Analyst, Kissimmee River Restoration Division: coordinate with federal partner (USACE on acquisitions/WRDA), and environmental permit issues.

3/1989-9/90: Review Coordination Technician, Comprehensive Planning Division: develop maps/presentations based on Florida mandated local government Comprehensive Plans throughout SFWMD's 16-County region (central and south Florida).

12/87-3/89: Hydrologic Technician, Data Management; analyze analog data charts, digitize, upload to computer databases for decades of problematic charts, surface water, groundwater, gates, pumps and rainfall data throughout South Florida region.

3/1987-12/1987 Biological Technician – sorting/processing 3 years of benthic invertebrate samples from remnant oxbows of Kiss. River Restoration Demonstration Project.

1/1984-10/1986: Customer Service, Raintree Garden Center: Assist/advise customers with plant selection, maintain plants, cashier.

7/1981-7/1982: Crop Scout, Glades Crop Care: inspect/identify pests on vegetables and sugarcane crops, all over south Florida.

6/1980-7/1981: Agricultural Field Tech II, University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS): field preparation, planting, maintenance, harvesting, recording data for vegetable research trials.

6/78 - 8/78 summer: temporary Clerk Typist, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.: with security clearance, greet, provide information to Foreign Service officers transferring to new overseas assignments.

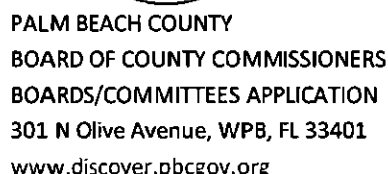
6/76–8/76 and 6/77-8/77: summer temporary Clerk Typist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.: type letters, documents, Marketing Orders for publishing in the Federal Register.

Skills

Project Management; Environmental permitting (federal, Florida, regional and local) from planning permit applications through construction compliance, technical writing, wetlands identification, soils, federal (USACE, USFWS, NEPA, Clean Water Act, Rivers & Harbors Act, MMPA, USCG), state, local environmental regulations; Autocad, ArcView, Powerpoint, Excel spreadsheets, Word, Access, project management software, permit tracking/compliance database, SAP, MS Outlook, GISARCVIEW, webmaster, FEMA Incident Command System training

Memberships/Licenses/Volunteer/Other

FEMA Disaster Courses; Project Management Professional Certification (PMP) since 2005; Inactive Real Estate license; Toastmasters International -1998-present; NAMI volunteer/Certified LEAP Trainer;



*The information provided on this form will be used in considering your nomination.
(Answer "NONE" or "N/A" where appropriate.)*

- SECTION II
- CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS
- CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING
- RESUME or BIOGRAPHY

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Public Safety Coordinating Council

 X **AT-LARGE** **DISTRICT #**
 REAPPOINTMENT **X** **NEW APPOINTMENT**

08/25/2026	START DATE	10/31/2026	END DATE
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4 YEARS

\$ 24

Representative from PBC area homeless program or a supportive housing program

YES x NO

RESIGNATION OTHER

**When a person is being considered for reappointment, the number of previous disclosed voting conflicts during the previous term shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners:*

(to be completed by applicant)

***MUST BE A PALM BEACH COUNTY RESIDENT**

Dr. Joanna Reid-Enoise

STATE: FL ZIP: 33401

Palm Beach County Community Services Department

Senior Program Manager, Behavior Health & Substance Use

STATE: FL ZIP: 33401

RESIDENCE ☒ BUSINESS

YES X NO

(conviction of a felony is not an automatic disqualifier from appointment)

IF YES - STATE THE COURT, NATURE OF OFFENSE, DISPOSITION OF CASE AND DATE:

SECTION II - continued (to be completed by applicant)

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SIGNATURE:  _____ PRINTED NAME: Joanna Reid Enoise _____ DATE: 07/09/2026 _____

SECTION III - COMMISSIONER (OFFICE USE ONLY) DISTRICT # _____

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION IV - (OFFICE USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT MADE: _____ YES _____ NO
BCC MEETING: _____ DATE _____

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Joanna Paulyn Reid-Enoise, Ed.D, MPH

OBJECTIVE:

A dedicated, detail-oriented, and motivated professional with over 10 years of management, planning, quality assurance, and data analysis experience.

SKILLS:

- Bilingual- English/Haitian Creole
- Supervisory experience over staff and projects
- Grant monitoring and program evaluation
- Community Engagement
- Software experience (Word, Excel,
- Knowledge of data analytics software (SPSS, Publisher, PowerPoint, SAMIS) Tableau, Power BI, XLMiner)
- Grant writing experience
- Knowledge in program quality assurance
- Proficient in presentation and public speaking measures
- Knowledge in Service Delivery Models
- Data collection and analysis
- Knowledge of Systems of Care of Behavioral
- Grant writing and effective communication Health, Criminal Justice, Homelessness
- Program development and planning

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Palm Beach County Community Services Department West Palm Beach, FL August 2025 -Present

Interim Senior Program Manager, Behavior Health & Substance Use

Currently serving as an Interim Senior Program Manager, coordinating the delivery of substance abuse education, prevention, and treatment programs and policies and implementing Palm Beach County’s Opioid Response Strategy

- Review, negotiate, prepare, and administer contracts with public and non-public agencies for substance abuse program services.
- Facilitate and oversee substance abuse programs.
- Monitor programs to ensure positive outcomes, coordinated service delivery, and maintenance of professional practices and principles.
- Develop annual reports on the effectiveness of the Opioid Response Strategy.
- Evaluate needs and prepare recommendations for consideration by county administration and the Board of County Commissioners.
- Coordinate programs with the Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network, the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, the School District of Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, and other law enforcement and non-law enforcement agencies
- Prepare grant applications and seek funding opportunities.
- Monitor grant awards and contracts.
- Provide public outreach and education and oversees contracts for education and outreach services.

Palm Beach County Community Services Department West Palm Beach, FL

November 2022 -Present

Manager, Planning & Evaluation

Currently serving as a Manager, Planning & Evaluation performing research, evaluation, and strategic planning in the Department

- Responsible for oversight, governance, and accountability in the integration of evaluation activities that support the tactical and strategic efforts required to achieve departmental goals.
- Plan, design, develop and manage research and evaluation projects. Promote the use of evaluation both from a system and program perspective and is responsible for information facilitation by engaging in learning conversations with a variety of stakeholders to cultivate knowledge.
- Manage research and evaluation study teams in implementing effective evaluations that assess the collective impact of organizational investment.
- Consider organizational strategic goals and related departmental evaluation efforts when developing collective impact evaluation initiatives.
- Provide overall management and direction in the development of a comprehensive evaluation data development agenda that responds to individual and system evaluation demands.
- Manage the daily operation of Planning and Evaluation through subordinate staff. May assist county staff and divisional directors with strategic planning, technical or administrative issues, technical research, and standards of development.
- Supervise and participate in research, staff development, and in-service training programs.
- Provide intergovernmental, inter-agency, and community-wide communication on public issues as they relate to the department.
- Coordinate public hearings and special community meetings for the Department of Community Services.
- Develop and administer an ongoing program of assessment of health and human service needs and initiate effective methods to evaluate, plan, and implement a delivery system for target populations throughout Palm Beach County.

Senior Analyst

Served as a Senior Analyst performing research, evaluation, and strategic planning efforts in the criminal justice system.

- Organize and conduct research and evaluation projects designed to evaluate crime prevention, law enforcement, courts and the correctional system operations and programs in Palm Beach County.
- Develop research and evaluation reports that result from the review of specific programs and activities funded and/or directed by the Criminal Justice Commission or at the request of other departments.
- Develop and coordinate the implementation of data collection instruments and datasets used to support research and evaluation projects related to criminal justice operations and programs.
- Develop and implement standards for determining the effectiveness and efficiency of existing programs.
- Analyze, develop and evaluate grant applications requested to fund the crime prevention, reduction, and control of crime and the improvement of the criminal justice system.
- Consult with academics, State and local officials in designing and implementing criminal justice research and evaluations of criminal justice programs and activities.
- Provide research and evaluation support to the numerous committees and sub-committees coordinated and managed by the Criminal Justice Commission.
- Manage all aspects related to contracts and grants.
- Write federal grants and ensure the accuracy of research and evaluation prior to submission.
- Develop strategies to begin the Strategic Planning process.

Grant Compliance Specialist III

Served as a Grant Compliance Specialist III managing Contracts within the Office of Behavioral Health & Substance Use Disorder

- Coordinated and implemented the organization planning, monitoring, and evaluation components for grant program compliance.
- Managed the internal and external monitoring processes to ensure grant compliance from local, state, and federal sources including approving a variety of health and human services programs and contracts.
- Collected and analyzed data to enhance program efficiency.
- Conducted periodic audits of program documentation for compliance with local, state, and federal rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.
- Conducted SWOT analysis of software database.
- Maintained current knowledge of trends and developments in the field for application, i.e. demographic analysis, research evaluation, outcomes management, and planning techniques and criteria and local ordinances, state statutes, and federal acts and legislation.
- Monitored the Performance Improvement Plan and the Training and Technical Assistance plan, which may include holding periodic progress review meetings, requiring monthly or quarterly reports.
- Managed \$3M + contracts in the areas of Behavioral Health, Substance use and, Department of Justice Grant.
- Managed and provided research, planning, and evaluation of programs that support the development and implementation of policies and procedures to improve health and human services in Palm Beach County.
- Served as the point of contact for all participating parties involved in the implementation of grant-funded programs.
- Supervised the preparation of agenda items and contract amendments to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
- Grant Writing for Substance Use and Behavioral Health Section.

Contracts & Grants Administrator – Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder

Served as a Contracts & Grants Administrator managing Contracts within the Broward County Children Services Administration.

- Conducted agency site visits to determine contractual compliance and efficacy of contracted programs in performing required activities and achieving outcomes.
 - Coordinated and manages all activities of a contract, grant, and/or lease project which has operational responsibility of limited scope, a small-sized budget, and which may provide a supplemental county service.
 - Assumed project responsibility for administering, monitoring, and/or evaluating the activities and operations of a contract, grant, and/or lease project.
 - Development of service delivery models, programs, contracts, and grant proposals/application
 - Development of Substance Use, Behavioral Health Respite, and Mental Health Counseling procurement sections.
 - Performed analysis of grants, contracts, and/or leases; prepares statistical reports, project reports, monitoring/ evaluation reports and related data using computer software applications.
 - Development of program budget, financials, and performance measures for funded programs.
 - Management of Behavioral Health, Substance use, Special Needs, and Juvenile Justice contracts.
 - Management and monitoring of 2 million dollars in general fund allocation of contracted programs.
 - Conducted research and recommendations for the upcoming grant funding opportunity.
 - Development of data visualizations and analytics of program performance.
 - Managed internal and external monitoring processes to ensure grant compliance.
 - Focus Group Facilitation with providers to gather information regarding the system of care.
 - Grant Writing for Children Services Section
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Achievement Center for Children & Families, Delray Beach, FL

April 2015-July 2017

Family Strengthening & Community Engagement Manager
Served as a Family Strengthening/ Community Engagement Manager managing all community involvement activities with the agency and management Family Strengthening Program

- Assumed supervisory and fiduciary responsibility for the Family Strengthening Program and Grants, meetings all requirements related to grant funding, guidelines, and tracking
- Grant writing for Family Strengthening Program
- Managed program data (Case Management Outcomes, Health Care Outcomes, Behavioral Health Collaborative Outcomes) and prepared reports for management, the board of directors, and funders.
- Implementation of increasing access of health care services to agencies and community
- Development of data analysis of program performance measures and program quality assurance; preparation of statistical monthly reports
- Prepared pre and post-tests/surveys and need assessments to determine program needs and outcomes
- Evaluated program operation and recommended new or revised procedures to implement changes in regulations and improve program efficiency
- Coordination, implementation, and development of community partnerships, and other engagement initiatives throughout the agency; adding 10 community partnerships to the agency continuum of care for at-risk families
- Development of a strategic plan for Family Strengthening programs to ensure grant objectives were met and program visibility
- Developed Survey for program participants regarding customer satisfaction.

United Way Suncoast, Tampa, FL

September 2013-April 2015

Certified Healthcare Navigator
Served as a Healthcare Navigator to help assist consumers through the Affordable Care Act and Health & Human Services system

- Assisted in grant management and implementation
- Implementation of increasing the access of health care services through community engagement
- Management and coordination of all grant activities throughout a five-county area
- Conducted over 100 presentations and outreach events to increase access to healthcare coverage in the Suncoast area
- Collaborated with community leaders and decision-makers to formulate best practices that promote and sustain healthy lifestyles to reduce disparities in vulnerable high-risk populations
- Data collection of over 200 enrollments in Qualtrix reporting system. Continuous effort in meeting program goals and outcomes
- Speaker at a Press Conference with local and national politicians discussing the importance of access to healthcare.
- Named “Top Navigator in Hillsborough County” by former Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sibelius
- Conducted data analysis, monitoring, and evaluation pertaining to the grant.
- Public Health planning to identify areas needing access to healthcare

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education. Human Services Administration

January 2019-June 2022

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice
Dissertation: The Effect of Behavioral Health Respite Program of Youth With Domestic Violence Offenses on Recidivism

Master of Public Health- Social-Science Concentration

August 2011- December 2013

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
College of Public Health
Thesis: Program Evaluation of Siemer Program

Bachelor of Science in Public Health

August 2007-August 2011

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

CERTIFICATES, TRAINING, AND AWARDS

Legacy 40 Under 40 Honoree

August 2022

Business Analytics Certification

December 2021

Community Services Department Employee of the Year

December 2021

Yellow Belt Lean Six Sigma

September 2021

DMAIC Certification

September 2021

Project Management Certification

September 2021

Community Partnership Division Employee of the Year

December 2018

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

National Forum for Black Public Administrators South Florida, Professional Development Chair	June 2014- Present
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, General Member	February 2021-February 2023
Behavioral Health and Substance Use Cross-Departmental Team, Team Member	May 2020-November 2022
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National Forum for Black Public Administrators South Florida, Emerging Leader Chair	May 2019- March 2020

REFERENCES UPON REQUEST

According to Resolution No. R-2023-0334
Section 3: Membership and Terms - Seat Designations

Seat #	Seat Description	Appointment
A	1. State Attorney or Assistant State Attorney designated by SA	Adriana Lopez
B	2. Public Defender or Assistant Public Defender designated by PD	Daniel Eisinger
C	3. Chief Circuit Judge or designee	Sarah Willis
D	4. Chief County Judge or designee	Ashley Zuckerman
E	5. Sheriff or designee	Michael Devoter
F	6. State Probation Administrator, Region 4, Circuit 15, or designee	Derek Gibson
G	7. Mayor of the BCC or designee	Commissioner Joel Flores
H	8. Director of PBC Pretrial Services (4 year term)	VACANT
I	9. Director of local Substance Abuse Tx or designee (4 year term)	Stephaie Thompson
J	10. Representatives from county or state jobs programs and other community groups who with offenders and victims (4 year term): Up to 6 seats	Julia Dattolo
	11	John Viola
	12	VACANT
	13	Nellie King
	14	Andrea Rocha
	15	Clergy-VACANT
K	16. Chief designated by PBC Association of Chiefs of Police (4 year term)	VACANT
L	17. Chief probation officer of DJJ, 15 th Circuit, or designee	Gregory Starling
M	18. Director of the detention facility of DJJ in PBC or designee	VACANT
N	19. 15 th Judicial Circuit Court Administrator, or designee	Michelle Cruz
O	20. Director of community mental health agency or designee (4 year term)	Ann Berner
P	21. Representative of the SAMH Program Supervisor of DCF, 15 th Circuit, (4 year term)	Maura Merkai
Q	22. Primary consumer of mental health services, selected by SAMH Program Supervisor of DCF, 15 th Circuit (4 year term)	VACANT
R	23. Family member of a primary consumer of community-based treatment services, selected by SAMH Program Supervisor of DCF (4 year term)	VACANT
S	24. Representative from PBC area homeless program or a supportive housing program (4 year appointment)	Dr. Joanna Reid-Enoise

Select Year: 2025

The 2025 Florida Statutes

[Title XVII](#)[Chapter 951](#)[View Entire Chapter](#)**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND CORRECTIONS COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PRISONERS****951.26 Public safety coordinating councils.—**

(1) Each board of county commissioners shall establish a county public safety coordinating council for the county or shall join with a consortium of one or more other counties to establish a public safety coordinating council for the geographic area represented by the member counties.

(a)1. The public safety coordinating council for a county shall consist of:

- a. The state attorney, or an assistant state attorney designated by the state attorney.
- b. The public defender, or an assistant public defender designated by the public defender.
- c. The chief circuit judge, or another circuit judge designated by the chief circuit judge.
- d. The chief county judge, or another county judge designated by the chief county judge.
- e. The chief correctional officer.
- f. The sheriff, or a member designated by the sheriff, if the sheriff is not the chief correctional officer.
- g. The state probation circuit administrator, or a member designated by the state probation circuit administrator, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- h. The chairperson of the board of county commissioners, or another county commissioner as designee.
- i. If the county has such program available, the director of any county probation or pretrial intervention program, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- j. The director of a local substance abuse treatment program, or a member designated by the director, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- k. Representatives from county and state jobs programs and other community groups who work with offenders and victims, appointed by the chairperson of the board of county commissioners to 4-year terms.

2. The chairperson of the board of county commissioners, or another county commissioner as designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the council until the council elects a chairperson from the membership of the council.

(b)1. The public safety coordinating council for a consortium of two or more counties shall consist of the following members, appointed with the approval of each board of county commissioners within the consortium:

- a. A chief circuit judge, or a circuit judge designated by a chief circuit judge.
- b. A chief county judge, or a county judge designated by a chief county judge.
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- f. A physician who practices in the area of alcohol and substance abuse, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- g. A mental health professional who practices in the area of alcohol and substance abuse, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- h. A sheriff or a jail administrator for a county within the consortium.
- i. A chief of police for a municipality within the geographic area of the consortium.
- j. A county commissioner from each member county of the consortium.
- k. An elected member of the governing body of the most populous municipality within the geographic area of the consortium.

1. An elected member of a school board within the geographic area of the consortium.
 2. The members of the public safety coordinating council shall elect a chairperson from among its members.
 - (2) The council shall meet at the call of the chairperson for the purpose of assessing the population status of all detention or correctional facilities owned or contracted by the county, or the county consortium, and formulating recommendations to ensure that the capacities of such facilities are not exceeded. Such recommendations shall include an assessment of the availability of pretrial intervention or probation programs, work-release programs, substance abuse programs, gain-time schedules, applicable bail bond schedules, and the confinement status of the inmates housed within each facility owned or contracted by the county, or the county consortium.
 - (3)(a) The council may also develop a local public safety plan for future construction needs. The plan must cover at least a 5-year period. The plan may be submitted for consideration to the local planning agency for the county, or the planning agency for each county within the consortium, at least 120 days before the adoption of or amendment to the comprehensive plan for the county by the local planning agency pursuant to part II of chapter 163.
 - (b) Each county, or county consortium, that contracts to receive community corrections funds for its community corrections programs under s. 948.51 shall require the public safety coordinating council to develop a comprehensive public safety plan as described therein which includes the future public safety construction needs as described in paragraph (a).
 - (4) The council may also develop a comprehensive local reentry plan that is designed to assist offenders released from incarceration to successfully reenter the community. The plan should cover at least a 5-year period. In developing the plan, the council shall coordinate with public safety officials and local community organizations who can provide offenders with reentry services, such as assistance with housing, health care, education, substance abuse treatment, and employment.
 - (5) All meetings of a public safety coordinating council, as well as its records, books, documents, and papers, are open and available to the public in accordance with ss. 119.07 and 286.011.
- History.**—s. 2, ch. 87-340; s. 90, ch. 88-122; s. 16, ch. 91-225; s. 35, ch. 92-310; s. 7, ch. 93-204; s. 44, ch. 95-283; s. 32, ch. 96-312; s. 1881, ch. 97-102; s. 22, ch. 2010-64.

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394.656 Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program.—

(1) There is created within the Department of Children and Families the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to provide funding to counties which they may use to plan, implement, or expand initiatives that increase public safety, avert increased spending on criminal justice, and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for adults and juveniles who have a mental illness, substance abuse disorder, or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders and who are in, or at risk of entering, the criminal or juvenile justice systems.

(2) The department shall establish a Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Statewide Grant Review Committee. The committee shall include:

- (a) One representative of the Department of Children and Families;
- (b) One representative of the Department of Corrections;
- (c) One representative of the Department of Juvenile Justice;
- (d) One representative of the Department of Elderly Affairs;
- (e) One representative of the Office of the State Courts Administrator;
- (f) One representative of the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- (g) One representative of the Florida Sheriffs Association;
- (h) One representative of the Florida Police Chiefs Association;
- (i) One representative of the Florida Association of Counties;
- (j) One representative of the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association;
- (k) One representative of the Florida Association of Managing Entities;
- (l) One representative of the Florida Council for Community Mental Health;
- (m) One representative of the National Alliance of Mental Illness;
- (n) One representative of the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association;
- (o) One representative of the Florida Public Defender Association; and
- (p) One administrator of an assisted living facility that holds a limited mental health license.

(3) The committee shall serve as the advisory body to review policy and funding issues that help reduce the impact of persons with mental illness and substance abuse disorders on communities, criminal justice agencies, and the court system. The committee shall advise the department in selecting priorities for grants and investing awarded grant moneys.

(4) The committee must have experience in substance use and mental health disorders, community corrections, and law enforcement. To the extent possible, the committee shall have expertise in grant review and grant application scoring.

(5)(a) A county, or a not-for-profit community provider or managing entity designated by the county planning council or committee, as described in s. [394.657](#), may apply for a 1-year planning grant or a 3-year implementation or expansion grant. The purpose of the grants is to demonstrate that investment in treatment efforts related to mental illness, substance abuse disorders, or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders results in a reduced demand on the resources of the judicial, corrections, juvenile detention, and health and social services systems.

(b) To be eligible to receive a 1-year planning grant or a 3-year implementation or expansion grant:

1. A county applicant must have a planning council or committee that is in compliance with the membership requirements set forth in this section.

2. A not-for-profit community provider or managing entity must be designated by the county planning council or committee and have written authorization to submit an application. A not-for-profit community provider or managing entity must have written authorization for each submitted application.

(c) The department may award a 3-year implementation or expansion grant to an applicant who has not received a 1-year planning grant.

(d) The department may require an applicant to conduct sequential intercept mapping for a project. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “sequential intercept mapping” means a process for reviewing a local community’s mental health, substance abuse, criminal justice, and related systems and identifying points of interceptions where interventions may be made to prevent an individual with a substance abuse disorder or mental illness from deeper involvement in the criminal justice system.

(6) The grant review and selection committee shall select the grant recipients and notify the department in writing of the recipients’ names. Contingent upon the availability of funds and upon notification by the grant review and selection committee of those applicants approved to receive planning, implementation, or expansion grants, the department may transfer funds appropriated for the grant program to a selected grant recipient.

History.—s. 1, ch. 2007-200; s. 3, ch. 2010-159; s. 92, ch. 2014-19; s. 16, ch. 2016-241.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-0334

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. R-91-1485, AS AMENDED, ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL (PSCC) PURSUANT TO SECTION 951.26, FLORIDA STATUTES; DESIGNATING THE PSCC AS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PLANNING COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION 394.657, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS; PROVIDING FOR OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR SUNSHINE LAW AND CODES OF ETHICS; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS, AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on October 8, 1991, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) enacted Resolution No. R-91-1485, establishing the Palm Beach County Correctional Planning Committee as required by section 951.26, Florida Statutes in order for the County to be eligible for State funds; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1992, the BCC enacted Resolution No. R-92-1803, which amended the name of the Palm Beach County Correctional Planning Committee to the Palm Beach County Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) and provided that membership of the PSCC would include the Chair of the BCC or designee; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2008, the BCC enacted Resolution No. R-2008-1787 to conform the PSCC to section 951.26 by adding members to the PSCC and provided for term limits as to certain members; and

WHEREAS, section 394.657, Florida Statutes requires a county to designate its PSCC, or another criminal or juvenile justice mental health and substance abuse council, as the mental health planning council responsible to "make a formal recommendation to the board of county commissioners regarding how the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program may best be implemented within a community"; and.

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County, through its Criminal Justice Commission, wishes to comply with sections 394.657 and 951.26, Florida Statutes, by designating the PSCC as the criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse planning council, and by providing for membership consistent with these Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1: Establishment of the Palm Beach County Public Safety Coordinating Council.

There is hereby established an advisory board to be known as the Palm Beach County Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC), created pursuant to section 951.26, Florida Statutes. The PSCC is designated as the criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse planning council required by section 394.657, Florida Statutes.

Section 2: Purpose.

The PSCC shall meet for the purpose of:

- A. Assessing the population status of all detention and correctional facilities owned or contracted with by Palm Beach County (the County);
- B. Formulating recommendations to ensure that the capacities of such facilities are not exceeded;
- C. Assessing the availability of pretrial intervention and probation programs, work-release programs, substance abuse programs, gain-time schedules, applicable bail bond schedules, and the confinement status of the inmates housed within each facility owned or contracted with by the county;
- D. Assessing the availability of mental health programs in Palm Beach County;
- E. Requesting, receiving, and reviewing statistics and reports from other criminal justice system agencies that illustrate data that impacts on the County's correctional facilities;
- F. Providing monthly reports to the Criminal Justice Commission on the population of the County's correctional facilities;
- G. Developing a local public safety plan for future construction needs, which covers at least a 5-year period, and which is submitted for consideration to the local planning agency for the County at least 120 days before the adoption of or amendment to the comprehensive plan for the County by the local planning agency pursuant to part II of chapter 163;
- H. Developing a comprehensive public safety plan for the County that includes the future public safety construction needs as required by section 948.51, Florida Statutes, for any County contracts involving community corrections funds;
- I. Developing a comprehensive local reentry plan to assist offenders released from incarceration to reenter the community successfully, which should cover at least a 5-year period, and which should be developed in coordination with public safety officials and local community organizations that can provide offenders with reentry services, such as assistance with housing, health care, education, substance abuse treatment, and employment; and
- J. Making a formal recommendation to the BCC regarding how the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program may best be implemented within the County pursuant to section 394.657, Florida Statutes.

Section 3: Membership and Terms.

The PSCC shall be composed of the following members who will serve indefinitely, unless a term of years is expressly provided:

- A. The State Attorney or an Assistant State Attorney designated by the State Attorney;
- B. The Public Defender or an Assistant Public Defender designated by the Public Defender;
- C. The Chief Circuit Judge or another circuit judge designated by the Chief Circuit Judge;
- D. The Chief County Judge or another county judge designated by the Chief County Judge;
- E. The Sheriff or an individual within the agency designated by the Sheriff;
- F. The State Probation Administrator, Region 4, Circuit 15, or an individual within the agency designated by the State Probation Administrator, appointed to a four (4)-year term;
- G. The Mayor of the Board of County Commissioner or another county commissioner as designee;

- H. The director of Palm Beach County Pretrial Services, appointed to a four (4)-year term;
- I. The director of a local substance abuse treatment program or an individual within the agency designated by the director, appointed to a four (4)-year term;
- J. No more than six (6) representatives from county and state jobs programs and other community groups who work with offenders and victims, appointed to a four (4)-year term;
- K. A Chief designated by the Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs of Police, appointed to a four (4)-year term;
- L. The chief probation officer of the Department of Juvenile Justice, Fifteenth Circuit, or an employee designated by the chief probation officer;
- M. The Director of the detention facility of the Department of Juvenile Justice in Palm Beach County or an individual within the agency designated by the Director;
- N. The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court Administrator or an individual within the agency designated by the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court Administrator;
- O. The director of a community mental health agency or an employee of the agency designated by the director, appointed to a four (4)-year term;
- P. A representative of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program of the Department of Children and Families, Fifteenth Circuit, selected by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Supervisor, appointed to a four (4)-year term;
- Q. A primary consumer of mental health services, selected by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Supervisor of the Department of Children and Families, Fifteenth Circuit, appointed to a four (4)-year term;
- R. A family member of a primary consumer of community-based treatment services, selected by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Supervisor of the Department of Children and Families, Fifteenth Circuit, appointed to a four (4)-year term; and
- S. A Representative from a Palm Beach County area homeless program or a supportive housing program, appointed to a four (4)-year term, who may be a County employee.

Section 4: Officers. A chairperson of the board of county commissioners, or another county commissioner as designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the council until the council elects a chairperson from the membership. A vice-chair shall be elected by a majority vote of the PSCC. The chair and vice-chair shall serve for a term of two years, but not to exceed two consecutive terms in any one office.

Section 5: Sunshine Law, Codes of Ethics

The PSCC is subject to Florida's Sunshine Law. Reasonable public notice of all meetings, shall be provided, as required by the Sunshine Law, and all meetings shall be open to the public and minutes shall be taken. Records are subject to public disclosure.

Members of the PSCC shall comply with the State's Code of Ethics found in Chapter 112, Part III of the Florida Statutes, as well as Palm Beach County's Code of Ethics codified in Section 2-254 through 2-260 of the Palm Beach County Code.

Section 6: Meetings

The PSCC shall meet monthly, or as needed, as determined by a majority of the membership. A quorum, as established by ordinance, must be present for the conduct of all meetings. Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 7: Effective Date

This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Florida.

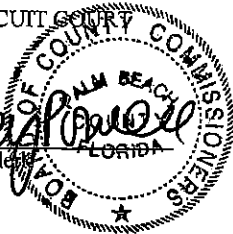
The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Sachs, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baxter, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Gregg K. Weiss	-	<u>Aye</u>
Vice-Mayor Maria Sachs	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Maria G. Marino	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Michael A. Barnett	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Marci Woodard	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Sara Baxter	-	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Mack Bernard	-	<u>Aye</u>

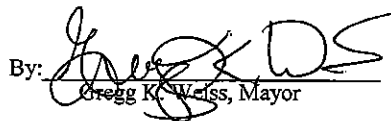
The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 14th day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Joseph Abruzzo

By: 
Deputy Clerk



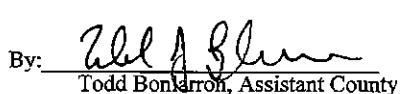
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,
by its Board of county Commissioners

By: 
Gregg K. Weiss, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: 
County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

By: 
Todd Bonlarro, Assistant County
Administrator