Agenda Item #: 6E.2

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Meeting Date: **December 1, 2026** **[ ] Consent** **[X] Regular**
[ ] Ordinance **[ ] Public Hearing**

Department: **Department of Public Safety**
Submitted By: **Department of Public Safety**
Submitted For: **Division of Criminal Justice Commission**

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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida repealing and replacing Resolution No. R2023-0334 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 Sunshine Law and codes of ethics; providing for meetings; and providing for effective date.

Summary: The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) originally created the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) in 1991 under Resolution Number R-91-1485. The PSCC is designated as the County's criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse planning council under Section 394.657, Florida Statutes. On October 14, 2026, the PSCC Board approved a motion to repeal and replace the current resolution for the PSCC. The proposed changes include the addition of two membership seats moving the total membership number from 24 to 26 members. The additional seats include seats for a Chief Correctional Officer and a primary consumer of substance abuse services. A section outlining the procedures for electing the PSCC Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall also be added to the organization's governing documents and procedures. The current resolution was amended to conform to Sections 951.26 and 394.657, Florida Statutes under Resolution No. R2023-0334, passed by the BCC on March 14, 2023. The proposed resolution shall repeal and replace the existing governing resolution in its entirety. **Countywide** (JW)

Background and Policy Issues: The BCC enacted Resolution No. R-91-1485, which originally established the Palm Beach County Correctional Planning Committee. Thereafter, in 1992, the BCC enacted Resolution No. R-92-1803, changing the title of the "Palm Beach Correctional Planning Committee" to the "Palm Beach Public Safety Coordinating Council" pursuant to Section 35 of Chapter 92-310, Laws of Florida that renamed the Council. Resolution No. 92-1803 also authorizes the BCC to be represented by its Chair or another Commissioner. Resolution R2008-1787 added language to ensure uniformity with sections 951.26 and 394.657, Florida Statutes, thereby positioning Palm Beach County (the County) to apply for state funding through the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Programs, when available.

Attachments:
1) Proposed Resolution (Strike-through)
2) Proposed Resolution (Clean)
3) Florida Statute 951.26
4) Florida Statute 394.657

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Recommended By: _____ 10/27/26
Department Director **Date**

Approved By: _____ 11/9/26
Deputy County Administrator **Date**

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Years	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Personal Services					
Operating Expenses					
Capital Outlay					
Grants & Aids					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
Net Fiscal Impact	0*				
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0	0	0	0	0

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes ____ No ____
Is this item using Federal Funds? Yes ____ No ____
Is this item using State Funds? Yes ____ No ____

Budget Account Exp No: Fund _ Dept._ Unit _ Obj.
Rev No: Fund _ Dept._ Unit _ Rev.

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:
*This item has no fiscal impact.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: 10/01/26

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

10/28 OFMB 10/29/2026 JA 10/29/26

Contract Dev. And Control 10/29/26 29 10.29.26

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Jean-Adel Williams
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. R-~~91-1485~~2023-0334, 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 Palm Beach County ~~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

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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 ~~e~~County;
D. Assessing the availability of mental health programs in the ~~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~~ quarterly 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 ~~p~~Part II of ~~e~~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;
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; and
K. Designating the County, a not-for-profit community provider, or managing entity to apply for a one (1)-year planning grant or a three (3)-year implementation or expansion grant on behalf of the County to the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Statewide Grant Review Committee.

Section 3: Membership and Terms.

The PSCC shall be composed of the following members who will serve as directed by Florida Statute, ~~indefinitely,~~ unless a term of years is expressly provided. Statutory seats will be based on BCC approval date, and non-statutory seats will be appointed on January 1 for the first year of appointment and expiring on December 31:

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G. The Mayor of the Board of County Commissioner or another county commissioner as designee;

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N. The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court Administrator or an individual within an 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;

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

Maria G. Marino, District 1	_____
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Bobby Powell Jr., District 7	_____

The Mayor there upon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 20__.

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YVETTE DRUCKER

By: _____
Clerk

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By:_____
_____, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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By:_____
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

By:_____
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YVETTE DRUCKER

By: _____
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By:_____
_____, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: Sean Adel Williams
Assistant County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

By:_____
Deputy County Administrator

The Florida Senate

Attachment 3

2025 Florida Statutes

Title XLVII CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND CORRECTIONS	Chapter 951 COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PRISONERS **Entire Chapter**	**SECTION 26** **Public safety coordinating councils.**

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.

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c. A state attorney, or an assistant state attorney designated by a state attorney.

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e. A state probation circuit administrator, or a member designated by a state probation circuit administrator, to be appointed to a 4-year term.

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.

l. 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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The 2026 Florida Statutes

394.657 County planning councils or committees.—

(1) Each board of county commissioners shall designate the county public safety coordinating council established under s. 951.26, or designate another criminal or juvenile justice mental health and substance abuse council or committee, as the planning council or committee. The public safety coordinating council or other designated criminal or juvenile justice mental health and substance abuse council or committee, in coordination with the county offices of planning and budget, shall 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. The board of county commissioners may assign any entity to prepare the application on behalf of the county administration for submission to the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Statewide Grant Review Committee for review. A county may join with one or more counties to form a consortium and use a regional public safety coordinating council or another county-designated regional criminal or juvenile justice mental health and substance abuse planning council or committee for the geographic area represented by the member counties.

(2)(a) For the purposes of this section, the membership of a designated planning council or committee must include:

1. The state attorney, or an assistant state attorney designated by the state attorney.
2. A public defender, or an assistant public defender designated by the public defender.
3. A circuit judge designated by the chief judge of the circuit.
4. A county court judge designated by the chief judge of the circuit.
5. The chief correctional officer.
6. The sheriff, if the sheriff is the chief correctional officer, or a person designated by the sheriff.
7. The police chief, or a person designated by the local police chiefs association.
8. The state probation circuit administrator, or a person designated by the state probation circuit administrator.
9. The local court administrator, or a person designated by the local court administrator.
10. The chairperson of the board of county commissioners, or another county commissioner designated by the chairperson, or, if the planning council is a consortium of counties, a county commissioner or designee from each member county.
11. The director of any county probation or pretrial intervention program, if the county has such a program.
12. The director of a local substance abuse treatment program, or a person designated by the director.
13. The director of a community mental health agency, or a person designated by the director.
14. A representative of the substance abuse program office and the mental health program office of the Department of Children and Families, selected by the substance abuse and mental health program supervisor of the district in which the county is located.
15. A primary consumer of mental health services, selected by the substance abuse and mental health program supervisor of the district in which the primary consumer resides. If multiple counties apply together, a primary consumer may be selected to represent each county.

16. A primary consumer of substance abuse services, selected by the substance abuse and mental health program supervisor of the district in which the primary consumer resides. If the planning council is a consortium of counties, a primary consumer may be selected to represent each county.

17. A family member of a primary consumer of community-based treatment services, selected by the abuse and mental health program supervisor of the district in which the family member resides.

18. A representative from an area homeless program or a supportive housing program.

19. The director of the detention facility of the Department of Juvenile Justice, or a person designated by the director.

20. The chief probation officer of the Department of Juvenile Justice, or an employee designated by the chief probation officer.

(b) The chairperson of the board of county commissioners or another county commissioner, if designated, shall serve as the chairperson of the planning council or committee until a chairperson is elected from the membership.

(c) All meetings of the planning council or committee, as well as its records, books, documents, and papers, shall be open and available to the public in accordance with ss. 119.07 and 286.011.

(3)(a) If a public safety coordinating council established under s. 951.26 acts as the planning council, its membership must include all persons listed in paragraph (2)(a).

(b) A public safety coordinating council that is acting as the planning council must include an assessment of the availability of mental health programs in addition to the assessments required under s. 951.26(2).

History.—s. 2, ch. 2007-200; s. 4, ch. 2010-159; s. 93, ch. 2014-19.

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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.

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