

**M I N U T E S**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

McEaddy Conference Room  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue  
West Palm Beach, FL

***Members Present:***

Marcia Andrews  
Dave Aronberg  
Sheldon Burkett  
Barbara Cheives  
William Dames  
Rachel Docekal (by phone)  
Douglas Duncan  
George Elmore  
Justin Fleck  
Carey Haughwout  
Kimber Heddon  
Joseph Ianno, Jr.  
Keith James  
Randolph Johnson, Sr.  
Kevin Jones  
Nellie King  
James Martz  
Krista Marx  
Sarah Mooney  
Christina Morrison  
Tina Polsky  
Gerald Richman  
Greg Starling  
Stephen Stepp  
Lee Waring

***Members Absent:***

Sharon Bock  
Ric Bradshaw  
Ellen Cohen  
Dave Kerner  
Barry Krischer  
Frank Mercurio  
Robert Shirley

***Guests Attending:***

Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office  
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office  
Mike Gauger, PBSO  
Pat Kenny, PBSO  
Gena Rowlands, PBSO  
David Bernhardt, BOCC District 3 Office  
Faye Johnson, Assistant County Administrator  
Keith Clinkscale, PBC Strategic Planning Department  
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office  
Marshamarie Mosely, PBC School District  
Debra Oats, Court Administration  
Arlene Griffiths, PBC Public Safety Department, Reentry Program  
Latronda Hayes, Public Safety Department

Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Florida Atlantic University  
Vaughn Crichlow, Florida Atlantic University  
Dave Talley, PBC CareerSource  
Ralph S. Behr, Attorney at Law

***Staff Present:***

Jervonte Edmonds, Safety and Justice Challenge Analyst  
Jonathan Hackley, Criminal Justice Analyst  
Kristina Henson, Executive Director  
Danny Kreshak, Financial Analyst  
Damir Kukec, Manager, Research & Planning  
Althea Mones, Temporary Clerical Staff  
Rosalind Murray, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant  
Jacqueline Schoenfeld, FUSE Program Coordinator  
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Bert Winkler, Manager of Criminal Justice Programs

- I. Chairman Gerald Richman called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chair Richman invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The Agenda for the January 28, 2019 meeting was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. George Elmore and a second by Chief Judge Krista Marx.
- V. The Minutes of the December 17, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. George Elmore and a second by Chief Judge Krista Marx.

**VI. Chairman's Comments:**

- A. Chair Richman reminded members that the February 25, 2019 meeting will be a 3-hour workshop in the McEaddy Conference Room to plan for the future direction of the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge grant. An overview of the various strategies in place will be sent out prior to the meeting.
- B. Chair Richman welcomed new CJC members Mr. Sheldon Burkett, Resident Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Legislative Representative Tina Polsky, Florida House District 81.

**VII. Executive Director Comments:**

- A. Executive Director Henson mentioned that Dr. Angela Bess, whose husband passed away unexpectedly, wanted to thank everyone for the condolences and wishes that have been extended to her.

- B. Director Henson welcomed Mr. Jervonte Edmonds, who joins the CJC staff as a Temporary Professional to assist as a MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Analyst, focusing on furthering work on the racial and ethnic disparity project.
- C. Director Henson highlighted a news article that tells the story of Mr. Anthony Hoskins, one of the first persons to register to vote after Amendment Four (Voting Restoration of Rights for Felons) was passed in November. Mr. Hoskins serves on both the Reentry and Community Engagement Task Forces.
- D. Director Henson announced the 2019 Race to Equity Summit to be held February 20-21, 2019. The CJC will be represented by staff and Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) Team members serving on a workshop panel. Additionally, on February 22, the annual PBC Bench Bar Conference will include workshop on the R.E.D. Project and the pretrial assessment with CJC staff presenting.
- E. Director Henson announced the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy will hold its first class this evening at the West Palm Beach Police Department. Director Henson and Ms. Rosalind Murray thanked the members of the CJC who have partnered to make the Academy such a successful and sought-after program.
- F. Director Henson closed her comments with mention of the January 1, 2019 media release and NBC Channel 5 news coverage of the Court Reminder System. Preliminary data shows a 98% appearance rate of those enrolled in the system. Tracking of the system continues, with plans to track data from a baseline of Failures to Appear (FTA's) prior to the system launch, as well as, warrants and jail admissions for FTA's. As 14% of PBC County jail admissions in 2016 were FTA's with a majority being non-violent low level offenses, the system will help reduce the use of law enforcement and jail resources.

#### **VIII. Old Business:**

- A. PBSO Chief Deputy Michael Gauger introduced Captain Pat Kenny of the PBSO Behavioral Health Division. Captain Kenny, along with PBSO Grant developer Ms. Gena Rowlands, gave an overview of a \$750,000 grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program for School and Community Violence Prevention. This award, along with matching funds from the PBSO is for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021. These funds will be used to establish and deliver continuity of supportive programs and behavioral health services. The overall goal is to provide safety on school campuses and reduce recidivism among high-risk people with mental illnesses and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. It is a collaboration between PBSO, Southeast Florida

Behavioral Health Network, Florida Atlantic University, PBC School District and other entities, to coordinate delivery of services, identification of risks and threats, gaps in resources, funding and personnel necessary to provide long term preventative services. Plans to further develop the PBC School Violence Prevention Program include resources for trained on-site campus professionals in mental health and law enforcement, public awareness campaigns, and risk-assessment and crisis intervention tools. Care Coordinators will be utilized to monitor those individuals identified as high-risk. Training and technical assistance will also be provided from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

- B. Executive Director Kristina Henson announced an award of \$150,000.00 over a period of two years from the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge. This is a supplemental funding source for the further development of Community Engagement programs and events.

#### **IX. New Business:**

- A. Executive Director Kristina Henson advised members there is no concern that the current partial government shutdown will have an impact on funding from Federal JAG grants.

#### **X. Update on CJC Initiatives:**

- A. Judge James Martz, Chair of the LEPC School Safety Subcommittee gave an overview of the issues surrounding the fragmentation of mental health treatment. He said that not only will it be necessary to serve the school population, but that it is essential to serve segments of the adult population as well. The Health Care District of Palm Beach County is a valuable resource for residents. Focus has been the establishment of start of treatment and continuity of care, a key factor in establishing successful long-term strategies and initiatives. The subcommittee is also working with law enforcement and first responders to coordinate system-wide communications protocols. Judge Martz was very encouraged that all the agencies are very willing to work together and have the same goals. Director Henson added that a recommendation from the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Commission Report is better with coordination amongst the various Public Safety Access Points (PSAPS) within a jurisdiction. In Broward, the PSAP was overwhelmed and communications were impacted. At the next Law Enforcement Planning Committee meeting in February, staff from the County's Public Safety Department, 911 Division will address how the PSAPS are operating in Palm Beach County and garner the chiefs input on whether changes are needed to improve efficiency.
- B. Executive Director Kristina Henson gave an update on the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge grant initiatives. On January 31, Mr. Jim Austin, a national jail expert, will conduct a second stress test with members of the Case Processing

Team. The review will cover a number of case studies to determine if jail resources are being used efficiently and how to achieve reductions in the length of stay for pretrial inmates. Additionally, she announced that system-wide implicit bias training is in the works for March to September 2019 to be conducted by the Racial and Ethnic Institute (REI). Twenty 3-hour sessions will be taught on basic concepts of implicit bias, and in September, more in-depth two-day trainings will be offered. Also planned is a train-the-trainer for law enforcement agencies on Fair and Impartial Policing with Dr. Laurie Fridell for 2020.

#### **XI. Member Comments:**

Chair Gerald Richman mentioned a recent update from the Florida State House Criminal Justice Subcommittee on how to protect an individual's reasonable expectation of privacy without hindering law enforcement's investigative power. New technology such as facial recognition and in-home devices such as Amazon Alexa and Google Home are prompting study of this issue. He suggested Legislative Delegation member Tina Polsky take a look at this issue in upcoming legislative sessions.

#### **XII. Adjourn:**

With no further Member comments, Chair Richman adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.