

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

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

Members Present:

Marcia Andrews
Sheldon Burkett
Barbara Cheives
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Joseph Ianno, Jr.
Keith James
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Kevin Jones
James Martz
Sarah Mooney
Gerald Richman
Greg Starling
Stephen Stepp
Lee Waring

Members Absent:

Dave Aronberg
Sharon Bock
Ric Bradshaw
Ellen Cohen
William Dames
Rachel Docekal
Justin Fleck
Carey Haughwout
Kimber Heddon
Dave Kerner
Nellie King
Barry Krischer
Krista Marx
Frank Mercurio
Christina Morrison
Tina Polsky
Robert Shirley

Guests Attending:

Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Mike Gauger, PBSO
Shaun O'Neill, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Michelle Cruz, Court Administration
David Bernhardt, BOCC District 3
Derek Gibson, Department of Corrections
Michael Thomas, Family Creed, Inc.
Dave Talley, PBC CareerSource

Staff Present:

Jervonte Edmonds, Temporary Professional
Jonathan Hackley, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Kristina Henson, Executive Director
Danny Kreshak, Financial Analyst
Damir Kukec, Manager, Research & Planning
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant
Jacqueline Schoenfeld, FUSE Program Coordinator
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

- 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 April 22, 2019 meeting was unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. George Elmore and a second by Mr. Joe Ianno, Jr.
- V. The Minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion by Judge James Martz and a second by Mr. George Elmore.

VI. Chairman's Comments

- A. Chair Richman welcomed back Deputy County Administrator, Jon Van Arnam.
- B. Chair Richman acknowledged a thank you letter from 4th DCA Judge Jonathan Gerber to the CJC for providing bus transportation for the 2019 Judge Marvin Mounts Prison Tour.
- C. Chair Richman announced a letter of support from the CJC to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for an Opioid Affected Youth Initiative grant application.

VII. Executive Director Comments:

- A. Executive Director Henson announced the next Community Engagement Team public event, a Community Conversation in the San Castle community on April 30, 2019. The topic will be today's youth.
- B. Director Henson announced the 4th annual Glades Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy will be in session May and June, 2019. A mass mailing facilitated by CJC Staff and the PBC Graphics Department to the Glades has been completed and a good turnout is expected.
- C. Director Henson reported that the Federal FY18/County FY19 FDLE JAG Grant Allocation to PBC for \$322,532 has been announced. It requires 51% of municipalities in Palm Beach County agree to the proposed allocation of funds. Letters have been sent to the cities for approval. The majority of these funds the CJC allocated to the PBC Reentry Program and the remaining to the PalmFUSE Program Coordinator position.
- D. Director Henson announced the PBC Cross Department High Performance Teams which are part of the new Strategic Planning initiatives in place to maximize all county departments' performance and coordination. CJC staff serves on three of the six Cross Performance Teams: Homelessness, Public Safety and Substance Use and Behavior Disorders. Director Henson is co-team leader on the Public Safety and Substance Use Teams.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Director Henson gave an overview of the Federal FY18/County FY19 Department of Justice (DOJ) JAG Grant new 3% set-aside requirement for the FBI's NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System). The DOJ is requiring that as of January 1, 2021, local and state law enforcement agencies are to be compliant in their crime reporting using the new standard of incident based crime reporting, a change from historically statistical based reporting. CJC Staff is preparing a BOCC Agenda item for June that will allocate \$4,428.33 equaling 3% of the \$147,611 Reentry funds to the PBC Sheriff's Office for the purchase of NIBRS compliant records management software. The FY19 FDLE JAG funds are being distributed with the 3% requirement already deducted, subsequently those dollars do not require a set-aside requirement.
- B. Director Henson announced the PEACE initiative with the support of the City of West Palm Beach, has begun issuing community ID cards. At the request of the BOCC, the CJC vetted this proposed program in 2017 and provided recommendations for broader mechanisms to be implemented to avoid fraud. The PEACE organization recently held an event which drew approximately 1,500 attendees, at which 300 community identification cards were issued. Reverend Kevin L. Jones commented the program is now administered by a partnership between PBC Legal Aid Society and the next event will be at St. John Fischer Catholic Church.

IX. New Business:

- A. Reverend Kevin L. Jones, Treasurer, opened discussion on the approval of the CJC FY20 Budget. The CJC Finance Committee met on March 25, 2019 and approved the proposed budget. Rev. Jones provided a brief overview of the budget request, the JAG and MacArthur grants, and the three trust funds the CJC oversees for the County. Director Henson gave a comparison overview of the current FY19 budget and the proposed FY20. Some changes include an increase in CJC Staff salaries and benefits which is due to typical county benefits and COLA increases, a transfer of four Drug Court Public Safety case manager positions to Court Administration, a potential reduction in the state legislative allocation to Reentry from \$250,000 to \$50,000. She explained that the balance of grant funds in the MacArthur budget will carry forward to FY20. The MacArthur Foundation has granted a no-cost extension for the use of these funds until September 2020 to continue current strategies, in addition to supplemental grant funds awarded to Community Engagement initiatives. The FY20 MacArthur grant renewal application is due by September 13, 2019. CJC Staff will present strategies and developing initiatives for the renewal grant at

the next full session CJC meeting in May. Director Henson gave a brief explanation of the performance measures CJC Staff developed in accordance with budget requirements. Upon a motion to approve the proposed CJC FY20 budget made by Mr. Randy Johnson, Sr., and a second by Mr. Lee Waring, the motion passed unanimously.

X. Update on CJC Initiatives:

- A. Director Henson gave an update on the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC): 1) Ms. Laurie Garduque, is planning a site visit in June 2019, to review current strategies and programs. In a recent call with Director Henson, Ms. Garduque expressed satisfaction with Palm Beach County's statistics, as compared to Polk County, FL which is their comparison county for the overall project evaluation. The numbers of arrests and jail population in Polk County has remained static, while in Palm Beach County, the 2018 first 6 months arrest rate is extremely low, as is the jail population; 2) Pursuant to the SJC Case Processing Team's efforts, Chief Judge Krista Marx issued a memo to the PBC Clerk & Comptroller's office announcing a Circuit Criminal pilot program titled "Initial Case Conference". This pilot program adds a court date after the initial arraignment for defendants who do not bond out of jail. The concept is to dispose of third degree felony cases more efficiently and ultimately reduce the jail population. Judges Jeffrey Colbath and Glenn Kelly felony divisions will pilot the program beginning April 15, 2019 for 120 days. A meeting to review the pilot program and logistics for initiating it in all felony division will be held in June; 3) The MacArthur All-Sites Conference in San Diego, CA will begin May 7, 2019. The PBC 9-member delegation attending include, State Attorney Dave Aronberg, Jennifer Loyless of the Public Defender's Office, Judges Jeffrey Colbath and Glenn Kelly, CJC Staff Kristina Henson, Damir Kukec, Bert Winkler, Jacqueline Schoenfeld, and PBC Public Safety Pretrial Services Manager Latronda Hayes; and 4) The Court Reminder System is operating at a 98% appearance rate
- B. Judge James Martz, Chair of the CJC's Law Enforcement Planning Council's School Safety Subcommittee gave a progress update on the first responder and mental health tracks of this initiative. He said he had an opportunity to review the PBC Sheriff's Office communications during the Palm Beach Central High School shooting incident, and will do the same for the PBC School Police. He said the ability to review these communications will help to identify areas for improvement. Next steps in this area are to work with the nine Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) throughout the County, in an effort to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement and other agency response to future incidents. He said another important focus of the committee is the mental health track as a preventative measure. He gave highlights of the last Subcommittee meeting on development of branding a public message and online source, and the role 211 plays. He described the desire to provide information to the public on the behaviors to look out for and who to contact when those behaviors are of concern. He also informed

members about a partnership between the PBC School Board, PBC Youth Service's Birth to 22 Initiative, and the Children's Services Council to place a trained and credentialed counselor at South Tech Charter School in Delray Beach, with the expectation that person will train interns that might remain in the County to fill the great need for child therapists.

XI. Member Comments:

Judge Martz added on May 16, 2019, the Broward Crime Commission will hold a conference in Palm Beach County with the focus will be on substance abuse and opioid addiction.

XII. Adjourn:

With no further Member comments, Chair Richman adjourned the meeting at 9:05.a.m.