

M I N U T E S

MONDAY, June 24, 2013

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

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

Members Present:

Daniel Alexander
James Barr
Nelson Berrios
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Carey Haughwout
Feirmon Johnson
Randy Johnson, Sr.
Dave Kerner
William Kramer
Barry Krischer
Duane Little
Christina Morrison
Gerald Richman
Chuck Shaw
Lee Waring

Members Absent:

Dave Aronberg
Rosalyn Baker
Peter Blanc
Sharon Bock
Ric Bradshaw
Barbara Cheives
Vincent Demasi
Rolando Garcia
John McKenna
Nellie King
Kathleen Kroll
Marshall Manley
Robert Shirley
Priscilla Taylor
Valentin Rodriguez

Guests Attending:

Penny Anderson, Law Enforcement Exchange
David Bernhardt, West Palm Beach Police Department (for Chief Demasi)
Mimi Coenen, Workforce Alliance
Barbara Dawickie, Court Administration
Judge Jeffrey Colbath, Incoming Chief Judge (for Chief Judge Peter Blanc)
Pamela Eidelberg, County Attorney's Office
Michael Gauger, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (for Sheriff Bradshaw)
Mike Edmondson, State Attorney's Office
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Michele Nelson, Clerk & Comptroller's Office (for Clerk Bock)
Debra Oats, Court Administration
Felecia Scott, City of Riviera Beach Civil Drug Court
David Shane, Florida House of Representative (Rep. Kerner's Office)
Dorrie Tyng, Drug Court
Denise Vidal-Bennette, Law Enforcement Exchange

Staff Present:

Michael L. Rodriguez, Executive Director
Arlene Griffiths, Administrative Assistant
Shahzia Hashmi, Criminal Justice Analyst
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst
Becky Walker, Criminal Justice Programs Manager

Student Intern:

Anand Daibee, Florida Atlantic University

- I. Chairman Douglas Duncan called the meeting to order and extended welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chairman Duncan invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The agenda was unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Chuck Shaw and second by Mr. George Elmore.
- V. The minutes of the May 28, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Lee Waring and second by Mr. William Kramer.
- VI. Under Chairman's Comments, Chair Duncan:
 - A. Congratulated Judge Jeffrey Colbath who was elected new chief judge effective July 1, 2013.
 - B. Thank outgoing Chief Judge Peter Blanc for his outstanding service to the CJC and Palm Beach County.
 - C. Commented on the passage of House Bill 361, and thanked Representative Dave Kerner, Mr. Gerald Richman and other members of the committee who worked tirelessly on getting the Bill passed.
- VII. Under Executive Director's comments, Mr. Rodriguez advised that the CJC received funding announcements from the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) regarding the FY2013 state and local solicitation grants. He thanked members for participating in the meeting since it was not a regularly scheduled meeting, and noted that a July executive committee meeting may not be needed, unless there is an urgent matter to bring before the committee. He reported that the Finance committee met and have made recommendations on the allocation of funds to be presented by committee chairman Lee Waring..
- VIII. Business Consent Item
There were no business consent items.
- IX. Old Business
There were no old business items for discussion.

X. New Business

Mr. Lee Waring, Chairman of the CJC Finance Committee presented the committee's recommendation for funding allocation. A worksheet showing the breakdown of funding, including the funding source and percentage change for FY2013 and FY2014 was presented. Mr. Waring highlighted the federal and state grants received and how they would be allocated. He noted that despite the absence of the performance evaluations, which would be the ideal method to be used for allocation of the dollars, that the committee took the priorities agreed on at the CJC's annual planning meeting into consideration in its recommendations.

Public Defender Carey Haughwout expressed concerns with allocating funds to programs without an evaluation indicating its performance.

Mr. Waring agreed and noted that it is the intention of the Program, Monitoring and Evaluation Sub-Committee to have the evaluations finalize as soon as possible and that this will be the way going forward. Mr. Waring responded to members questions and concerns, and after extensive discussion, members approved the recommendations for allocation as presented by the Finance Committee.

XI. CJC Initiatives/Updates

A. Sunshine Law, House Bill #361

Representative Dave Kerner reported on the passage of House Bill 361, saying that he was happy to be a part of the team as he understands the value of the CJC and what it is doing for Palm Beach County. Representative Kerner noted that this was a victory for all the criminal justice commissions in the state, and hoped that this will be a model for the country.

Mr. Richman added that it was a committee effort and recommend that a thank you letter be sent to committee members from Chairman Duncan. Mr. Richman will provide CJC staff with a list of persons to receive a thank you letter.

B. Members unanimously approved staff pursuing of the 2013 Department of Children and Families (DCF) Reinvestment Act Grant. The target population will be youth with a proposal to add CIT for youth to the current CIT, establish an assessment to be used in targeted schools to identify youth with substance abuse and mental health issues, and provide services. The grant is up to \$400,000 per year for 3 years.

XII. There were no member comments.

XIII. With no further items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 a.m.