

# M I N U T E S

MONDAY, October 23, 2017

## PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

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

### ***Members Present:***

Dave Aronberg  
Rosalyn Baker  
William Dames  
Rachel Docekal  
Douglas Duncan  
George Elmore  
Carey Haughwout  
Keith James  
Randolph Johnson, Sr.  
Kevin Jones  
Nellie King  
Barry Krischer  
James Martz  
Krista Marx  
Frank Mercurio  
Christina Morrison  
Gerald Richman  
Greg Starling  
Lee Waring  
Erica Whitfield

### ***Members Absent:***

Ric Bradshaw  
Sharon Bock  
Barbara Cheives  
Michael D'Alonzo  
Rolando Garcia  
Joseph Ianno, Jr.  
Al Jacquet  
Dave Kerner  
Frank Kitzerow  
John McKenna  
Sarah Mooney  
Robert Shirley

### ***Guests Attending:***

Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office  
Jervonte Edmonds,  
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office  
Debra Oats, Court Administration  
David Bernhardt, Commissioner Dave Kerner's Office  
Tony Caleel, Assistant Chief, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Denise Coffman, County Attorney's Office  
Jill Hanson, PEACE Justice Ministry  
Angela Bess, PBC School District  
Danielle Ouellette, PBC Public Safety Department, Reentry Program  
Frank Smith, U.S. Probation Office  
Bonnie Greenberg, PBC Resident  
Carol Rinaldi, PBC Resident

### ***Staff Present:***

Kristina Henson, Executive Director  
Damir Kukec, Manager, Research & Planning  
Danny Kreshak, Financial Analyst  
Rosalind Murray, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant  
Jackie Price, Criminal Justice Analyst  
Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Pamela Williams, Temporary Staff

- I. Chairman Lee Waring called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to members and guests.
- II. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chairman Waring invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The Agenda for the October 23, 2017 meeting was unanimously approved after motion by Mr. Gerald Richman and a second by Mr. Randy Johnson.
- V. The Minutes of the September 25, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved as amended by Chair Waring, upon a motion by Mr. Gerald Richman and a second by Mr. George Elmore.

#### **VI. Chairman's Comments:**

- A. Chair Waring expressed his appreciation on behalf of the membership to Deputy Karl Martin for his service as former President of the Crime Prevention Officers Association, and welcomed the new President, Officer William A. Dames, Sr., to the CJC membership.
- B. Chair Waring thanked Executive Director Kristina Henson, the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge Core Team, and CJC Staff for their hard work in securing the Two Million Dollar MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge Grant award.

#### **VII. Executive Director Comments:**

- A. Executive Director Kristina Henson congratulated the Palm Beach County Public Safety Reentry Staff for securing an Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollar U.S. Department of Justice 3-Year Smart Reentry Grant to secure on the job training for their Reentry clients.

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

- A. Executive Director Henson gave an overview of the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Grant Award. As one of twenty national implementation sites, only three of eight jurisdictions were awarded the maximum grant amount of two million dollars. She stated the CJC staff is now in the administrative process of implementing the five key strategies created. A new Senior Criminal Justice Analyst will be hired in the coming months to work with the MacArthur Core Team to identify racial and ethnic disparities in the county jail. Ms. Henson reminded members that the Risk Assessment Instrument was implemented on September 21 at First Appearance Hearings. Chief Judge Krista Marx shared

concern that the First Appearance judges have expressed in terms of the scoring for two factors in the risk assessment instrument, including failure to appear (FTA) and pending cases by a defendant. Director Henson explained that the point system is based on scientific research showing which variables best predict outcomes. She said these concerns were vetted by the Core Team who acknowledge that a change in thinking is needed to trust the science. She said they will be tracking data to review outcomes and changes to the process will be considered after an adequate amount of time has passed. Ms. Nellie King commented that issues of implicit bias should be considered and Director Henson said that implicit bias training is included in the MacArthur budget with assistance through the Haywood Burns Institute.

- B. Director Henson reviewed the CJC FY18 budget adopted by the County Commission in September. She stated that the County passed the requested budget from the CJC. She informed members that at the time of the budget submissions, the U.S. Department of Justice two formula Justice Assistance Grant fund amounts are not announced so the budget includes a projected amount. She said that one of the grants was awarded in the amount of \$146,506, which will be split between the adult and juvenile reentry programs. The second grant fund will be split between the two reentry programs and the new Frequent Users System Engagement (FUSE) program. Those funds have been delayed on the federal level due to administration delays. She stated that the various sources of funding for Reentry is currently adequate to keep the program operational and once this grant is finalized, we can proceed accordingly. Mr. Barry Krischer stated his concern with the Crime Prevention Trust Fund dollars allocated to CJC salaries instead of funding them through ad valorem dollars and he asked about funding for the Law Enforcement Exchange (LEX). Ms. Henson explained that LEX is not being funded through the County or CJC, but there is enough money from municipal contributions to keep it going through 2020.

### **New Business:**

- A. Chair Waring announced the 2017 Nominating Committee has recommended the following members for the 2018 CJC Officers as follows: Chair to be Mr. Gerald Richman, Vice-Chair to be Mr. Barry Krischer, Treasurer to be Mr. Joseph Ianno, Jr. and Secretary to be Mr. Douglas Duncan. Chair Waring said the vote will take place at the November CJC meeting, and called for any additional nominations. No nominations were made at this time and Chair Waring asked that members forward any nominations to Director Henson prior to that meeting.
- B. Chair Waring announced the 2017 Nominating Committee made the following recommendations for the 2018 Executive Committee as follows: Gerald Richman, Barry Krischer, Joseph Ianno, Jr., Douglas Duncan (Officers), Dave Aronberg,

Carey Haughwout, Krista Marx, Dave Kerner, Frank Kitzerow, James Martz, Barbara Cheives, Randy Johnson, Sr., and Christina Morrison. Lee Waring and Robert Avossa will serve as Ex-Officio members. Chair Waring said the vote will take place at the November CJC meeting and called for any additional nominations. No nominations were made at this time and Chair Waring asked that members forward any nominations to Director Henson prior to that meeting.

- C. Chair Waring introduced CJC staff members Damir Kukec, Manager of Research and Planning, and Katherine Shover, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst who presented the new CJC website Data Dashboard feature, and the Uniform Crime Report for 2016. Director Henson acknowledged the Clerk of Court and Sheriff's Offices, the cooperation in providing access to the level of data necessary for making policy decisions. Mr. Keith James inquired if data could be sorted and presented by zip codes. Chair Waring agreed it would be a good exercise to explore that subset of data and requested Director Henson and CJC staff to review the feasibility of that approach.

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

- A. Executive Director Kristina Henson gave an overview on the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge All-Sites Meeting on October 10-12, 2017, held in New Orleans. Members of the Core Team served on panels and focused on networking.
- B. Executive Director Henson updated the membership on the PEACE Community ID Ad Hoc Committee created at the last CJC meeting. She said a second meeting will occur on November 9 to hopefully finalize recommendations. She thanked Reverend Kevin L. Jones for serving as Chair. The projected timeline is to present their findings to the CJC in November or December, with January 2018 as the target date for the presentation of the CJC's recommendations to the County Commission.
- C. Chair Waring mentioned the Community Engagement Task Force stating it is very important component of the CJC's work and he wants to ensure the committee continues to move forward with events and activities.

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

None

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

With no further Member comments, Chair Waring adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m.