

**Public Safety Coordinating Council
Meeting May 10, 2017
Minutes**

APPROVED AT OCTOBER 11, 2017 PSCC MEETING.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Nate McLaughlin; Chief Steve Cole; Sonny Donaldson for Ivan Cosimi; Judge Dennis Craig; Nadine Dotson; Greg Feldman; Chief Thomas Foster; Clay LaRoche; Jason Lewis; Kathleen Moore for Karen Lloyd; Dan Merrithew; Judge Melissa Moore Stens; Dr. Phyllis Pearson; Bill Partington for James Purdy; Sharon Davis for Tammi Schimming; Christine Sikora; Sheriff Rick Staly; and Mark Weinberg.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Finn; Linda Murphy; Bryan Plummer; and Jeff White.

STAFF PRESENT: Sally Sherman, Deputy County Administrator; and Christie Mayer, Recording Secretary.

GUESTS: Sonny Donaldson; and Carrie Beard.

1. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call – A silent roll call showed a quorum was present.
3. Chair Comments – Commissioner McLaughlin reported that the Mental Health First Aid training on April 13 and 20 at the Flagler County Emergency Operations Center was very informative. This training will be held again in the fall for those who were not able to attend last month's training.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes – It was noted that the "Family" Law Advisory Group was incorrectly referred to as the "Florida" Law Advisory Group. With this change, the minutes of the April 12, 2017 PSCC meeting was approved by motion of Ms. Sikora, seconded by Chief Foster. The motion unanimously carried.
5. Old Business
 - a. Jail Occupancy Report – Chief Cole reviewed the jail occupancy report for the period through April 2017, reflecting an average daily population of 162. (Attachment 1). Mr. Weinberg inquired as to the possible reason for the rise in the occupancy. Chief Cole feels, among other things, the judges have a facility to send individuals to after sentencing, along with the officers doing a better job. Judge Moore-Stens reported that the number of individuals she is seeing on a daily basis for first appearances has risen from 5-8 to 10-12, which shows a rise in offenses. Sheriff Staly also feels the deputies are being proactive. He also thinks that since we have better facilities, maybe there are more plea deals occurring

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where individuals are being sentenced to the county facility instead of being sentenced to state facilities for longer period of incarceration.

Sheriff Staly pointed out the need to complete the renovations to the old jail, which will be the new female facility.

- b. Juvenile Justice Civil Citation Program Report -- Mr. Partington noted the Civil Citation Dashboard Report for the year March 2016 through February 2017 shows a 54% utilization rate.

Mr. Partington reported that the legislature did not vote on a statewide adult civil citation program at the end of this year's session. This probably will come up again next year. Sheriff Staly feels the reason it did not pass is because the house and senate members were in opposite philosophies and because it was being written to make the program mandatory and not at the discretion of the officer.

- c. Crisis Triage and Treatment Unit (CTTU) Report – Commissioner McLaughlin noted that the cost comparison of those on the program vs. individuals incarcerated is not complete. This will be revisited at a later meeting.

Sonny Donaldson noted that this program has evolved into the Central Receiving System.

- d. Central Receiving System Grant Report – Mr. Donaldson noted one of the benefits of this new program is that individuals who are from Flagler County and taken to Halifax Hospital for Baker Acts, will be able to receive the services when they return to Flagler County.
- e. CJMHSA Behavioral Health Planning Grant – Ms. Beard distributed the grant report (Attachment 2). They have conducted 18 interviews and will be doing a mapping session this month. Their next meeting is June 5.
- f. Pre-Trial Release Program – The Pre-Trial Release Report (Attachment 3) was reviewed by Mr. Weinberg. He noted that so far this calendar year only two individuals have failed to appear for their court date. Anything below 3% is considered successful, so this is excellent!

Sheriff Staly thinks we now have better programs and more community programs to help individuals. He will be looking at work programs with the inmates in the future to help with services to the community (ex: county road crew). Director Becky Quintieri is working on vocational training with the inmates also to assist with their life skills.

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- g. Sally's Safe Haven Reports – Mrs. Sherman briefly reviewed the March 2017 report (Attachment 4). She announced that the Children's Home Society has been reaccredited from the Council on Accreditation and, by extension, Sally's Safe Haven has, for the first time been accredited.

Mrs. Sherman then introduced the End Violence Against Women Conference that was held last month in Orlando, to which Children's Home Society and Flagler County staff were able to attend. Mrs. Mayer shared with everyone some of the highlights from the conference.

6. New Business – WARM at Vince Carter Sanctuary Presentation – Anna Temple made the presentation before this council (Attachment 5). Ways this program is different from other residential programs include: a) WARM allows children up to the age of 6 to stay with their mother; b) they have a case management program for six months after discharge to provide additional support to the woman; and c) they have a certified service dog to assist those with trauma recovery. Their capacity on-campus is 80 with the occupancy currently at 70.

Mr. Feldman inquired if all clients are referred from DCF to which Ms. Temple reported that they get referrals from various sources.

Mr. Donaldson added that the CTTU is on the same campus to help provide services to its residents. Over the last ten years, there have been 258 drug-free babies born to mothers at WARM. Mr. Partington shared that one drug-free baby born saves hundreds of thousands of dollars in NICU costs.

7. Council Comments
- a. Dr. Pearson announced the new Flagler School Superintendent is Mr. James Tager.
 - b. Judge Craig stated he has toured the WARM facility and it is a great facility.
8. Public Comments – None.
9. Next Meeting -- The next regular meeting of the Council will be June 14, 2017, at the Emergency Operations Center at 8:45 a.m.
10. Adjournment -- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m., following a motion made, seconded and unanimously carried.