

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 5, 2023



PSCC



MEETING CHAIR:

Honorable Judge Tara P. Paluck

FACILITATOR:

Ashlee Whitewood

NOTETAKER:

Iris McDonald

MEMBERS:

Chairperson & Chief County Judge:	Honorable Tara P. Paluck
Administrative Circuit Judge:	Honorable Robert Branning
Chief Correctional Officer:	Chief Eric Smith
Chief Fort Myers Police Department:	Chief Jason Fields
Clerk of Court:	Kevin Karnes
County Commissioner Chair:	Ray Sandelli
County Manager:	Dave Harner
Court Administator:	Scott Wilsker
Department of Children and Families Representative:	Nekesha Nash
Director of a Community Mental Health Agency:	Stacey Cook Hawk
Director of County Probation and Pretrial Program:	Amy Kinsey
Director of Department of Juvenile Justice Facility:	Director Bill Naylor
Department of Juvenile Justice Chief Probation Officer:	Margaret LaMarca
Director of a Local Substance Abuse Treatment Program:	Tanya Slater
Lee County Sheriff:	Sheriff Carmine Marceno
Police Chief Cape Coral:	Anthony Sizemore
Community Based Treatment Family Member:	Al Kinkle
Primary Consumer of Mental Health Services:	Dana Foglesong
Primary Consumer of Substance Abuse Services:	Kari Anne Spiller
Public Defender:	Kathy Smith
Representatives from County and State Jobs Programs and Other Community Groups:	Kate Geist & Roger Mercado
Representative from Lee County Homeless Coalition	Michael Overway
State Attorney:	Amira Fox
State Probation Circuit Administrator (DOC):	Brad Rouskey

ATTENDEES

Administrative Office of the Courts	Jennifer Alvarez; Teresa Barnhart; Stephen Childs; Liza King; Amy Kinsey; Iris McDonald; Bridget Washburn; Ashlee Whitewood
AIM Target Programs	Mary Ellen Saba
Centerstone	Maria Mencha; Greg Novak
Community Cooperative	Janelle Olson
Department of Corrections Circuit Administrator	Brian Krzmarzick
Fort Myers Police Department	Officer Kenneth McCoy; Rich Meeks
Kimmie’s Recovery Zone	Heidi Webb
Lee County Human and Veteran Services	Tara Martinson; Joan Hoxter
Lee County Sheriff’s Office:	Lt. LaDonna Brady; Lt. Candy Chapman; Sgt. Rudy Lepe
Lee County Court	Honorable Judge Robert Branning; Honorable Judge Tara Paluck;
NAMI	Regina Britton
Operation PAR	Ashley Alexander; Amanda Benlien
Public Defender	Kathleen Fitzgeorge
Regional Council	Patrick Finnogan
State Attorney’s Office	Tyler Lovejoy; Paul Poland
TLS	Maria Wendel

**Lee County Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting
Lee County Administrative Office Building
1st Floor Conference Room**

DISCUSSION

Open & Approval of Previous Minutes

Honorable Tara P. Paluck

- Honorable Tara P. Paluck called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
- All attendees introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.
- Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2023 deemed approved as proposed with no changes.

Item 1) LCSO Jail Population Trends/Update

COVID-19 Protocols and Quarantine

Lt. Candy Chapman, LCSO

- The inmate population is slowing rising. As of the beginning of the year, the average daily population was 1422; the average daily population as of August is 1597.
- The total positive COVID-19 cases in August is 20, causing multiple housing units to be placed quarantined.
- Still following the 10-day quarantine.
- Most cases have been cleared; there are only two positive cases at this time.

Item 2) LCSO Jail Inmate Program Updates and Statistics

(Life Skills, RSAT, Re-entry, Peer Mentor Program, Work Release)

Lt. LaDonna Brady, Corrections Services

All programs are doing well.

- RSAT-
 - RSAT program is doing well. Currently have 31 males in the program, of those 24 are court ordered. We have 14 females, which 10 are court ordered. This quarter we have had 13 male and 8 female completions, with the court ordered early release upon successful completion. This saved 632 days of incarceration for those 13 graduates. It also saved the county, \$89,364.00 in housing.
- Coaching program-The program started last quarter. There were 4 people that went through the 6 week program with their coach. All 4 people are out and doing well. There are currently 3 enrolled in the program at this time.
- Sheriff Carmine Corrections Clean-up Crew- Monday through Friday inmates in this program go out and clean roads due to debris. We have also collaborated with DOT once a week to clean out storm drains in preparation of any storms. So far 972 bags of trash were picked up and 7 full dump trucks.

Item 3) LCSO Corrections Day Work Program Updates and Statistics

Lt. Candy Chapman, LCSO

- We have 55 active individuals currently in the program. It is an increase from last quarter. We would like to have at least 80-100.
- County dollars saved to date this year \$274,824.00.
- Savings in non-incarceration costs is \$459,073.94.
- Currently 77% completion rate with 15% still enrolled in the program.
- Judges can court order attendance for once a week.

Item 4) AOC Treatment Court Programs End of Year Information Updates

Bridget Washburn, AOC Treatment Courts Manager

- September is National Recovery Month, National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and National Opioid & Stimulants Awareness Month so this will be a busy month for our programs. We are doing a Circuit wide Opioid & Stimulants Awareness training later this month at the Collaboratory, so if there is room once the treatment courts teams in the circuit have signed up, we will open it up to outside agencies if there is interest. There will be a representative from the DEA speaking on their One Pill Can Kill campaign, and then the Opioid Response Network is providing a speaker with lived experience to touch on topics such as trauma informed responses and harm reduction.
- We will be having a Veterans Day event in November to recognize our VTC participants, so please attend if you are able. Today, we have 3 Veterans graduating and 1 MHC participant graduating!
- A majority of the treatment courts team participated in a Multi-Track training in August provided by All Rise, previously NADCP. Currently we can only accept High Risk/High Need felony charges into DC. This training was so that we could explore beginning a track of Mod Risk/Mod Need or Mod Risk/High Need and allowing MM or CT cases in. We are hoping to look into this more after the first of the year.
- Judge Hayes will be retiring on 12/31/23, and as of right now, it seems that Judge Gagliardi will be taking over that portion of the DC docket, while also keeping MHC and VTC. A retirement celebration will be held in early December for Judge Hayes, more info to come on that.

Item 5) Human and Veteran Services Opioid Abatement programs

Tara Martinson, Grants Analyst-Behavioral Health

CJMHSA

- A planning grant through DCF from 9/1/23 to 8/31/24.
- Dr. Pavelka, Dr. Zager and 2 Research Associates from FGCU will work with myself and Heather from CPE.
- Develop a strategic plan for BJEC to incorporate SUD services into their model.
- Incorporating aspects from the Opioid Abatement Strategy and SIM.
- PSCC – Subject matter experts for the CJMHSA Planning Grant.
- Over the next year may ask from input from this group.
- 1st 90 days – Execute formal partnerships and data-sharing agreements.

Opioid Abatement

- Kimmie's Recovery Zone
 - Started program 4/1
 - Handout has data from 1st quarter of their program April 2023-June 2023
 - Peer support encounters: 177
 - Individuals attending peer/recover programs: 174
 - Referrals for medication assisted treatments: 5
 - Narcan/Naloxone distributed: 1,226
 - Peer/Recovery programs: 8
 - Peer specialist trained: 1
 - Educational sessions/events held: 46
 - Referrals for supportive services: 42
 - Veteran's served: 5

- Centerstone
 - Contract was approved and now able to provide MAT, case management and counseling services
 - Several clients have been referred and screened
 - Referrals can be submitted to the WISH Supervisor – Gregory Novak
Greg.Novak@centerstone.org or by calling 239-208-6390
 - Subcontracts are in place and they are working with their partners Lee Health and Drug Fee Coalition to begin their services up and running
 - They are working on a data organization and collection process
 - Community Coordinator/Data Specialist – Maria Mencha

Item 6) Community Cooperative

Janelle Olson, Community Engagement Manager

- Community Cooperative has been servicing the community for almost 40 years.
- They serve the homeless, homebound and the hungry.
- Mobile food pantry that serves 13 different locations within Lee county and one static food pantry and soup kitchen located on Martin Luther King Blvd., Fort Myers.
- Social Services provide assistance to those facing homelessness, are homeless, need employment assistance and/or benefits assistance.
- We offer our P.O. Box for those that need an address for employment purposes or benefit assistance.
- Works with FMPD Hot team.
- 85% volunteer dependent.
- Work with FGCU service learning department, schools, churches, and corporate partnerships.
- Court ordered community service- No felonies on record, cannot drive for meals-on-wheels, for the most part they stay on campus in the kitchen or café allowing the most flexibility for work schedules.
- Last year through the food drives they were able to distribute 2.2 million pounds of food the local community helping 83k individuals.

Item 7) Fort Myers Police Department-Current Initiatives

Officer Kenneth McCoy, Community Outreach

- Youth Resource Center (YRC) - Full scale youth center located next to Shady Acres Park. 5-6 days a week programming.
- PAL-Police Athletic League-Offers football, boxing, cheer, martial arts, lots of different activities at low cost or free; scholarships available.
 - Does not have to be at risk youth.
 - Collaboration with Alliance of the Arts for art program.
- Youth Directors Programs-Gets youth involved in the community by serving meals, clean streets, headstones, etc. Also, do monthly outings with the youth.
- Citizens Police Academy- Hoping to be up and running in November 2023.
 - Individuals get to meet with crime scene, drug and narcotics investigations, crime prevention, S.W.A.T Team, marine patrol, ride along. Get to interact and see hands on training, as well as simulated trainings.
 - Age requirement 18+.
 - No felonies or 1st degree misdemeanors
 - 10 week program, 6-8 p.m., 4 elective classes available on Saturdays.

Item 8) Open Discussion

- Q&A

Shelter questions:

- Kenneth McCoy, FMPD-What happens to those individuals once they pass their 60 days and our out of the programs? Where can they go? Is there any alternative shelters?
- Express need for a woman's shelter and a senior shelter.
- Lt. Brady, LCSO- Also has the same issues finding placement.

Answer:

- Heidi Webb, Kimmie's recovery zone- stated they could help with services and refer depending on their assessment.
 - Lt. Brady, LCSO- Also has a resource guide she can share with FMPD.
- Our next PSCC scheduled meeting is Tuesday, November 28, 2023.
 - Thank you to everyone that attended today.