

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**



**PSCC**



**MEETING CHAIR:**

Honorable Judge Tara P. Paluck

**FACILITATOR:**

Ashlee Whitewood

**NOTETAKER:**

Iris McDonald

**MEMBERS:**

Chairperson & Chief County Judge:	Honorable Tara P. Paluck
Chief Circuit Judge:	Honorable Frank Porter
Chief Correctional Officer:	Chief Eric Smith
Clerk of Court:	Kevin Karnes
County Commissioner Chair:	Cecil Pendergrass
County Manager:	Roger Desjarlais
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 or 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:	David Newlan
Community Based Treatment Family Member:	Daleen O'Dell
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	Janet Bartos
State Attorney:	Amira Fox
State Probation Circuit Administrator (DOC):	Brad Rouskey

**ATTENDEES**

Administrative Office of the Courts	Jennifer Alvarez; Liza King; Amy Kinsey; Bridget Washburn; Ashlee Whitewood; Scott Wilsker
AIM/Target	Mary Ellen Saba
Board of County Commissioner	Cecil Pendergrass
Centerstone	Joseph Rea
Department of Corrections Circuit Administrator	Michelle King; Circuit Administrator Brad Rouskey
Department of Juvenile Justice Facility (LCSO)	Director Bill Naylor
Kimmie's Recovery Zone	Heidi Webb; Al Kinkle
Lee County Human and Veteran Services	Parker Smith; Roger Mercado; Tara Martinson
Lee County Sheriff's Office:	Lt. LaDonna Brady; Lt. Candy Chapman Jeanette Defaira; Lt. Jeremy Hardin; Sgt. Rudy Lepe; Sgt. Andreas Reisinger
NAMI	Daleen O'Dell
Phoenix House Project Recovery Residences	Amanda Maike, Owner Operator, Chris Maike Co-owner
Public Defender	Kathy Smith
SalusCare	Vanessa Aboud
State Attorney's Office	Paul Poland
TLS	Tonya Slater

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Open & Approval of Previous Minutes**

**Deputy Criminal Division Director Ashlee Whitewood**

- Deputy Criminal Division Director Ashlee Whitewood called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
- All attendees introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.
- Meeting Minutes from December 06, 2022 deemed approved as proposed with no changes.

**Item 1) LCSO Jail Population Trends/Update**

**COVID-19 Protocols and Quarantine**

**Lt. Jeremy Hardin, LCSO**

**Sgt. Andreas Reisinger, LCSO**

- Population trend is holding steady at 1,400 + inmates.
- We had revised the quarantine rules in the jail to the pre-covid protocols. We are still isolating covid positive inmates. There has only been isolated spikes here and there, however nothing widespread.

**Item 2) LCSO Jail Inmate Program Updates and Statistics**

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

**Lt. LaDonna Brady, Corrections Services**

- RSAT-
  - Currently have 17 males enrolled, 14 of those were court ordered.
  - Currently have seven females, in which five of those were court ordered.
  - This quarter there was two females and two males that participate in the life skills program. We had one female RSAT Completion with one female RSAT completion.
  - Seven completion of Males this quarter with two of them court ordered, with early release upon completion, which resulted in a total of 55 days of non-incarceration after completion, saving the county \$7,777.00 average cost per day.
  - Three completions of Females this quarter with two of them court ordered, with early release upon completion, which resulted in 42 days of non-incarceration after completion, saving the county \$5938.80 average cost per day.
  - Incarcerated cost of \$13,715.80 total.
- We have collaborated with Galisano Children's Hospital to bring in a parenting class into the jail for the female population. It is a 10 Week program, which is going really well. Currently working on trying to get this program for the male population.
- As of tomorrow, two inmates will participate in the community work release program. WastePro will employ the inmates to help with employee retention and hiring. Last year there were five inmates in the program, and one failed, resulting in four successful completions.
- We are working on a mentorship re-entry program. Inmates whom are 8 weeks of release will have a mentor on the outside that will help guide them through. On a weekly basis, their mentor will visit the inmates and on the day of release, they will have that mentor show up there for them.

### **Item 3) LCSO Corrections Day Work Program Updates and Statistics**

**Jeanette Defaira**

**Sgt. Rudy Lepe**

- We have 56 active individuals currently in the program.
- County dollars saved to date this year \$81,081.00
- Savings in non-incarceration costs is \$130,854.00
- Current completion of rate is 56%. 39% still enrolled in the program.
- We had a meeting with Solid Waste and County DOT about picking up roads; we are still dealing directly with DOT on which roads that need picked up.

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

**Bridget Washburn, AOC Treatment Courts Manager**

- In January, we presented on MHC and VTC at NAMI's Crisis Intervention Training program. Since then, we have gotten several referrals from arresting officers on the same date as arrest, which helps significantly to identify our population so early in the process. I am also working with an FMPD Officer that has taken a special interest in the programs to go present on all treatment court programs at roll call, so more road deputies know about the programs. I would love to do the same with LCSO and CCPD.
- In February, Lt. Brady and I were able to bring a VTC graduate into the jail to meet with Veterans in custody that are working in the MRT program with Nora from Human and Veteran Services. It had a powerful impact on the graduate that spoke with them, and it seemed to have a positive impact on the Veterans we spoke to as well. We would like to continue to do this regularly with different VTC participants, if there is enough interest on both sides.
- This past weekend, Treatment Courts participated in the NAMI Walk. We had Judge Gagliardi, our Treatment Court ASA, our LCSO Program Coordinator, and myself out there representing.
- In the coming months, we will be working with FGCU to represent VTC at a Veteran Expo. We will also be working on some celebrations in May, as the National Association of Drug Court Professionals has evolved with the nation and May is no longer National Drug Court Month, it is now National Treatment Courts Month. We are looking forward to celebrating all three of our programs!
- We do still need referrals and we still need Veteran mentors; however, we do have three fully trained, fully invested mentors, which is three more than we had several months ago!

### **Item 5) Phoenix House Project Recovery Residences**

**(12 Step Based Recovery Residence Program)**

**Amanda Maike, Owner and Operator**

**Chris Maike, Co-Owner**

- We are a nonprofit recovery residence. We have four residences (2 male and 2 female) as of this time. We hope to acquire enough funding to open an outpatient program. We are a 48-bed facility. We have 16 male beds in the Fowler House and 16 male beds in the SE Cape Coral House. Sixteen Female beds in NE Cape Coral (eight beds each side). We are hoping to take over Valarie House, which will provide

us with 16 additional male beds. We currently have two male beds available, as the demand is high. Currently going through the process of getting our FAR Certification.

**Item 6) Kimmmie’s Recovery Zone  
(A Recovery Community Organization Opioid Abatement Plan/Settlement)  
Al Kinkle, Founder and President**

**Heidi Webb, Chief Executive Officer**

Al Kinkle spoke on how the foundation was founded in honor of his daughter Kimmie. In addition, he spoke of the 50 years of addiction crisis. He stated statewide about eighteen-thousand lives were saved with the use of Narcan.

Heidi Webb – I am proud to be a part of Lee County and the aggressiveness she is seeing.

- Nationwide we have lost 108k people in a year to overdose. From 20-21 the overdose rate for youth increased by 94%, since 2021 it increased another 20%. 84% of those deaths involved fentanyl.
- The program Kimmie’s Kids is peer-to-peer support for the youth were they could develop friendships. It is about education and prevention.
- We are a recovery community organization. Our job is to raise awareness, educate, and reduce stigma. Our purpose is to breach the gap before, after and between treatments. We are also a referral resource center. We work with individuals to help them with whatever needs they may need i.e., food stamps, insurance plans, etc.
- We are going to be offering training, six trainings per year, 120 people certified in a year. We are receiving a five-year grant, so we are looking to get at minimum 600 individuals certified within that time. We also want to get the teens certified. The youth that are coming into the program are coming in, as some are 17 years of age. From 18 to 29 years of age they can become a peer specialist.
- We plan to hire a program director with this grant, which will create and implement more programs, increase capacity, and further outreach.
- Our services are free; we do not accept insurance or take cash.

**Item 7) Centerstone  
(Opioid Abatement Plan/Settlement)  
Joseph Rea, M.S., Director of South County Practices, Centerstone**

- Centerstone is a National nonprofit organization based out of Tennessee that provides treatment for mental health and substance use disorders.
- We provide Mental Health Care, Addictions Recovery Services, Children & Family Services, Medical Care & Pharmacy, Military Services, Residential Care, Crisis Services, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services and Therapeutic Foster Care.

**Wellness Interventions for Substance Use and Harms Abatement (WISH-LEE)**

- Three NOFA Priorities: Performance Measures, Innovations and Evidence Based Programs, as well as Strategic Partnerships.
- Developing partnerships (Lee Health, McGregor Clinic, and Lee County Coalition for a Drug Free Southwest Florida, Bob Janes Empowerment Center, and Kimmie’s Recovery Zone.
- Lee Wrap Services-

- We have collaborated with Lee County Coalition for a Drug Free Southwest Florida to provide social media, peer based, and youth substance use psychoeducation. We anticipated this to touch about 900,000 youth per year.
- Centerstone will provide individual and group basis behavioral health interventions such as therapy and case management.
- Centerstone, Kimmie’s Recovery Zone, and Lee Health will provide peer outreach.
- Peers and SUD Navigators will be located in local Emergency Departments with Lee Health.
- Wish Lee Model-
  - A minimum of three Harm Reduction Vending Machines located at McGregor Clinic, Bob Janes Empowerment Center and Centerstone.
  - Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT)-provide at no cost through Centerstone via telehealth and through a partnership with Lee Health that will be offered in Emergency Departments in local hospitals
- Wish Lee-
  - Distribute overdose emergency kits (Naloxone Kits)
  - McGregor Clinic will be initiating a needle exchange
  - Adult media campaign will be developed and distribute by Centerstone.

**Item 8) Open Discussion**

- Our next PSCC scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 13, 2023.
- Thank you to everyone that attended today.