

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**



**PSCC**



**MEETING CHAIR:**

Honorable Judge Tara P. Paluck

**FACILITATOR:**

Ashlee Whitewood

**NOTETAKER:**

Dorian Jerez

**MEMBERS:**

Chairperson & Chief County Judge:	Honorable Josephine Gagliardi
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
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; Dorian Jerez; Liza King; Amy Kinsey; Bridget Washburn; Ashlee Whitewood; Scott Wilsker
Centerstone	Joseph Rea
CPE	Heather Cross
Florida Department of Corrections	Brad Rouskey
Fort Myers Police Department	Officer Urena; Officer McCoy
FTC & Surrender House	Kari Anne Spiller; Eileen Kappenman
Hearts & Homes for Veteran's	Dale Spain
Lee County Human and Veteran Services	Julie Boudreaux; Tara Martinson
Lee County Sheriff's Office:	Lt. Jeremy Hardin; Lt. LaDonna Brady; Sgt. Andreas Reisinger; Jeanette Defaira; Lt. Candy Chapman; Sgt. Rudy Lepe
Lee County Court	Honorable Judge Josephine Gagliardi
Operation PAR	Ashley Alexander; Amanda Benlien
Public Defender's Office	Kathleen Fitzgeorge
Salus Care	Vanessa Abound
Salvation Army	Kate Geist
State Attorney's Office	Paul Poland
SWFL CEH	Aubrey Shirk
TLS	Tanya 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**

**Honorable Judge Tara P. Paluck**

- Honorable Judge Josephine Gagliardi called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
- All attendees introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.
- Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2024 deemed approved as proposed with no changes.

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

**Lt. Jeremy Hardin, Corrections Services**

- The LCSO Jail Population Report was provided to all council members in attendance.
- Population trend is holding at 1600 + inmates.

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

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

**Lt. LaDonna Brady, Corrections Services**

- GED Program – 3 inmates have successfully completed and received their GED.
- RSAT Program - Currently have 37 males enrolled, 16 of those were court ordered. Currently have 11 females, 6 of those were court ordered. This quarter there were 12 male completions and 1 female completion. This saved 437 days of incarceration and \$61,791.80 of incarceration cost.
- Life Skills Program – There are 25 males in which 2 are court ordered and 18 have completed. 4 females with 0 completed.
- CBT- 2 males
- Work Release Program – There are 0 currently enrolled, 31 have completed with 2 rearrests making it a success rate of 93.5%.
- Re-entry Programs - We have received 353 applications and accepted 126. This quarter we have helped 42 inmates get their ID that makes 543 since 2019, 21 Birth Certificate applications have been made that makes 277 since 2019, 138 Social Security applications have been made that makes 739 since 2022.
- Ministry- We currently have 105 volunteers with a total of 60 classes being conducted. We have issued 11,981 items: 702 canonical books; 4484 accessories; 3757 library books, 2668 chaplains' library.
- Correction Clean-up Crew- there has been 3072 bags of trash picked up and 110 trucks collected, 29 storm drains we cleaned with 87 citizen calls and 102 VIP calls attended to.

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

**Jeannette Defaira, Corrections Day Work Program Coordinator**

- Currently have 68-day work program workers enrolled with a savings to the county of \$277,236 from the 23,103 hours worked by the day workers and \$402,039.90 for non-incarceration costs, totaling \$679,275.90. The grand total of savings to the county from the start of the program is approximately 18.7 million dollars. The current completion rate is at 72% with 22% still enrolled in the program. This program is an alternative sentence to straight jail time so the defendants are less likely to lose their jobs, homes, as well as not missing out on family time and events.

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

**Bridget Washburn, AOC Treatment Courts Manager**

- Program numbers - 110 participants in Drug Court, 31 participants in Mental Health Court, and 18 participants in Veteran’s Treatment Court.
- The Drug Court team is working with Public Defender’s office on implementing a secondary track within Drug Court that would allow moderate risk/high need offenders into the program, and would include MM and CT cases. Currently high risk / high need felony cases are the only cases coming into the program. The tracks will have to be separate for treatment, dockets, etc.
- September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and National Recovery Month.

**Item 5) Human and Veteran Services Opioid Abatement programs**

**Tara Martinson, Grants Analyst-Behavioral Health**

**I. Centerstone**

- Marketing campaign is going well with the Social Media Campaign with 154 followers and the Vending Machines fully stocked of Narcan.
- Currently have 53 enrolled
- Handout: April 2024 to June 2024

**II. Kimmies’s Recovery Zone**

- Social Zone on Friday nights once a month
- Party at the park 2024 sponsored by donations
- Handout April 2024 to June 2024

**Item 6) Heart and Homes for Veteran’s**

**Dale Spain, CEO**

- 1622 Veterans assisted, \$127,000 given out from our pantry and 1429 of trips utilized by veterans.
- In order to receive assistance Veteran’s must provide DD-214 and fall below the poverty line to receive monthly assistance.
- Services offered include: food pantry, household items, bedding and furniture, emergency services, rent, utility bill assistance, bus passes and gas cards.
- We provide laundry and shower facilities.
- If you have any donations we can pick them up.
- Fundraiser for 2025 will be held at the German American Social Club.
- Goal is to provide 2400 Veterans with care.
- Workers from the Day Work Program and 3 people doing community service hours helping out.
- Working on a partnership with Builders Care helps veterans on construction services.

**Item 7) Salvation Army**

**Kate Geist, Director of Corrections**

- We work with court ordered drug and alcohol treatment programs including Mental Health and Drug Court.
- 6 month long program, with help to find and maintain a job and maintain sobriety with aftercare services provided.
- We have a list of employers that are willing to hire those who are in the program.

**Our next PSCC scheduled meeting is Tuesday, December 10, 2024.  
Thank you to everyone that attended today.**