

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024



PSCC



MEETING CHAIR:

Honorable Judge Tara P. Paluck

FACILITATOR:

Ashlee Whitewood

NOTETAKER:

Dorian Jerez

MEMBERS:

Chairperson & Chief County Judge:	Honorable Josephine 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
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; Bridget Washburn; Ashlee Whitewood
Aim	Sharon Mazzitelli
Board of County Commissioners	Cecil Pendergrass
Centerstone	Joseph Rea; Greg Novak
CPE	Heather Cross
Florida Department of Corrections	Brad Rouskey; Michell King
Lee County Human and Veteran Services	Tara Martinson
Lee County Sheriff's Office:	Lt. Jeremy Hardin; Lt. LaDonna Brady; Sgt. Andreas Reisinger; Jeanette Defaira; Lt. Candy Chapman; Sgt. Rudy Lepe; CRU Coordinator Shelby Bass; Gustavo Rengifo
Lee County Court	Honorable Judge Tara Paluck
Operation PAR	Amanda Benlien
Public Defender's Office	Nicole Calderone
Salus Care	Vanessa Abound
Salvation Army	Kate Geist
TLS	Tanya Slater
United Way/ReUnite	Jenn Carolluzzi

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

DISCUSSION

Open & Approval of Previous Minutes

Honorable Judge Tara P. Paluck

- Honorable Judge Tara Paluck called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
- All attendees introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.
- Meeting Minutes from September 10, 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 has steadily increased from 1534 last December to as of today 1606 total population.
- A new record high for inmates with immigration holds. As of today, we have 127 inmates with immigration holds.

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, 20 of those were court ordered. Currently have 6 females, 4 of those were court ordered. This quarter there were 27 male completions and 5 female completion. This saved 819 days of incarceration and \$1,158,066 of incarceration cost.
- Life Skills Program – There are 21 males not court ordered and 35 have completed. 2 females with 3 completed.
- CBT- 1 male
- 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 374 applications and accepted 135. This quarter we have helped 44 inmates get their ID, that makes 587 since 2019. 20 Birth Certificate applications have been made that makes 297 since 2019. 93 Social Security applications have been made that makes 832 since 2022.
- Ministry- We currently have 105 volunteers with a total of 62 classes being conducted. We have issued 12,351 items: 1082 canonical books; 4554 accessories; 3938 library books, 2777 chaplains' library.
- Correction Clean-up Crew- 6 inmates are enrolled in the program. There has been 3503 bags of trash picked up and 196 truck loads collected, 29 storm drains were cleaned with 105 citizen calls and 147 VIP calls attended to.

Item 3) LCSO Corrections Day Work Program Updates and Statistics

Jeannette Defaira, Corrections Day Work Program Coordinator

- Currently have 73-day program workers enrolled with savings to the county \$406,539.00 from the 33,246 hours worked by the day workers and \$572,353.89 for non-incarceration costs, totaling \$978,892.89. The grand total of savings to the county from the start of the program is approximately 19

million dollars. The current completion rate is at 78%, with 17% still enrolled in the program. The numbers have increased over the last quarter.

- The Day Work Program is now an approved Community Service Agency. The community service workers are required to follow the same rules and regulations as the Day Work Program participants with the exception of scheduled workdays. They can either have a set schedule or call the day before to be added to the roster. They will have to work six 8-hour days to complete 50 hours. We have had 3 sign up and 1 completion.

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

Bridget Washburn, AOC Treatment Courts Manager

- November was Veteran's court celebration. Next year will be our 10-year anniversary with our 100th graduate and we will make a big celebration.
- Lehigh Senior High School observed Drug Court and they were very well behaved and had great questions.

Item 5) Opioid Abatement programs update

Tara Martinson, Grants Analyst-Behavioral Health

I. Kimmie's Recovery Zone

- Handout April 2024 to June 2024
- Peer Recovery Program with a total this quarter of 24 with 128 attendees. Educational Sessions was 29 with 330 attendees.
- July 31st we had an outreach event with Lee Health at Lee Memorial Hospital handing out Narcan and informing the community regarding different services, educating staff and visitors.
- August 21st was Fentanyl Awareness Day in collaboration with Drug Free week handing out Narcan and educated community members about overdose, promoting harm reduction strategies and connecting individuals to immediate resources.
- September 14th held an annual event through Party in the Park to celebrate and honor loved ones lost to overdose or alcoholism

II. Centerstone

- Handout: July 2024 to September 2024
- Distribution of Narcan, lock boxes, wound care etc.

We have a partnership with Lee Health for Emergency room encounters. MAT program and other services that Centerstone does not provide.

- AS OF July, we have 3 harm reduction vending machines now operational.
 - Centerstone 4350 Fowler St, Suite 15, Fort Myers, FL
 - The McGregor Clinic at 2070 Carrell Rd Suite B, Fort Myers, FL
 - Operation PAR at 535 Pine Island Rd Suite M, Fort Myers, FL.
- In August, the WISH team met to plan the second social media campaign for October.
- In September, the staff attended Fire Watch Training to learn to identify warning signs and provide support to veterans in crisis. Centerstone in Fort Myers officially became a Fire Watch Veteran Safe Place.
- Wish Program has moved to Centerstone's second location at 2830 Winkler Ave Ste. 105 in Fort Myers.
- We just renewed Centerstone's 2-year contract and we made adjustments to services provided.
 - Lee Health is adding an outpatient SUD Navigator.
 - McGregor is adding mobile outreach, which will include HIV/STD testing/counseling.

- Centerstone is adding a youth outpatient SUD treatment program waitlist due to inability to pay, and connect them to WISH as supplement to PAR services.
- Working to add a least three vending machines. Vending machines are at no cost.
- Current services provided
 - Case management, Peer Recovery Support, Individual and Group Counseling, Medication Assisted Treatment, referrals and linkage to additional treatment and supportive services. Services are provided in the community via Telehealth or at the office. Wish also connects with community members through outreach, education and harm reduction supplies distribution.

Item 6) Golden PAWS Assistance Dogs

Shelby Bass, Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Coordinator

- This is a new unit that the Sheriff's office just announced back in August, a way of dealing with those in a crisis such as Mental Health or loss of family. Will work alongside detectives in any type of cases whether before or after an interview.
- We go out to the community, nursing homes and hospitals. We work alongside of CPE.
- Golden Paws trains service dogs for anyone that needs it. Veterans or anyone with a medical condition, including children with autism.
- This program is designed to serve at risk children and adults in need and promote healing. This will build the dogs skill set and emotional intelligence in real life service experience.
- Dog training begins at 8 weeks old and last 2 to 3 years of basic and advance training.
- Everywhere a Golden Paws dog goes they make a significant impact on people in our community though canine support.

Item 7) ReUnite

Jenn Carolluzzi, Program Manager

- ReUnite is a program designed to aid in the recovery of missing people. Primary objective is to reduce search time when an individual is reported missing by a caregiver.
- ReUnite started in 2018 in collaboration with Law enforcement agencies in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties provided free of charge for children and vulnerable adults who may be prone to wandering or becoming lost.
- The program provides a free scent kit which will aid search and rescue operations in the event the at risk individual becomes lost. Scent kit gets stored at the individuals home and can be stored for up to 10 years.
- A person's basic information and photo and scent kit is registered with law enforcement database.
- The scent kits have been used over 120 times to help find missing persons since the program started.

Our next PSCC scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Thank you to everyone that attended today.