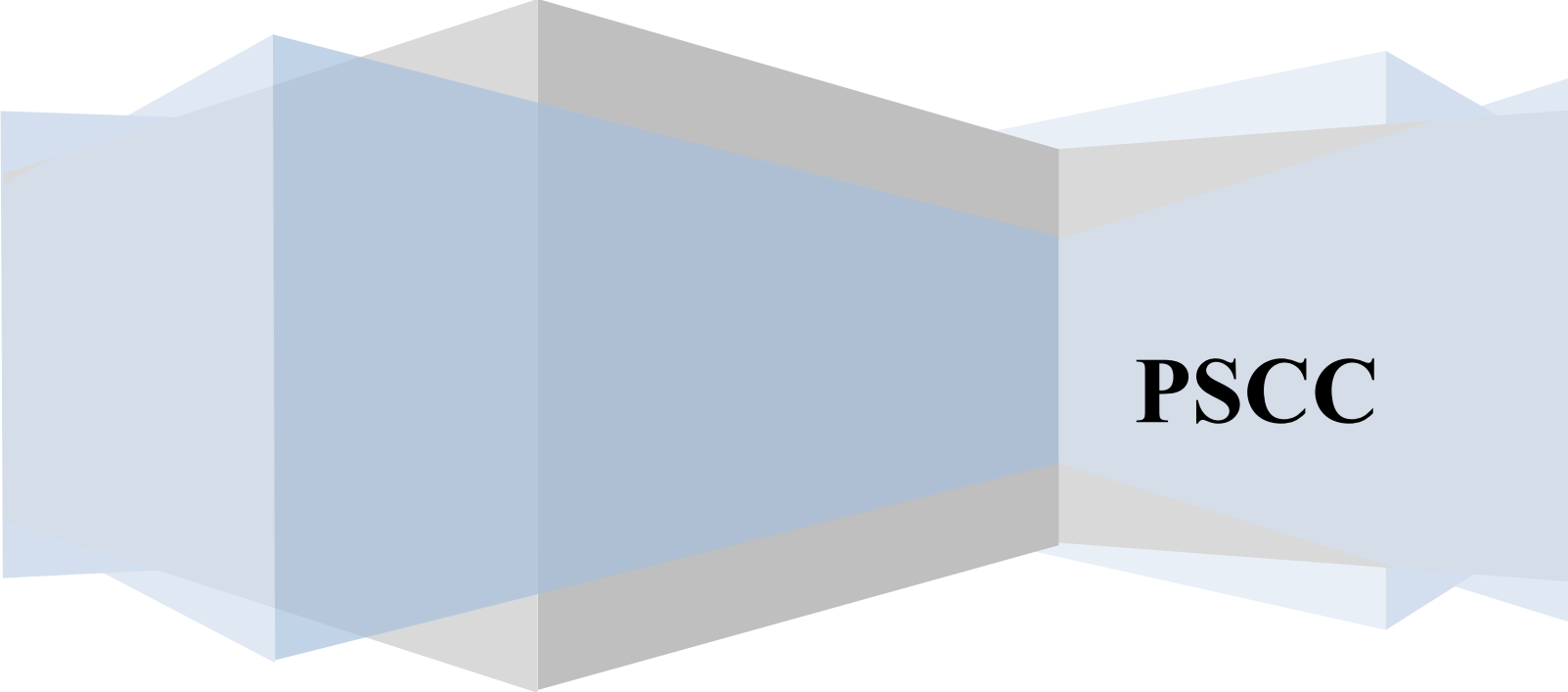


PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025**



PSCC



MEETING CHAIR:

Honorable Judge Josephine Gagliardi for

FACILITATOR:

Honorable Tara P. Paluck

NOTETAKER:

Ashlee Whitewood

Yazmin Rivera

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Margaret LaMarca

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Tanya Slater

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Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Police Chief Cape Coral:

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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, Liza King, Amy Kinsey, Yazmin Rivera, Bridget Washburn, Ashlee Whitewood, Scott Wilsker

Centerstone

Erica Barker

Clerk of Court

Kevin Karnes

CPE

Heather Cross

Florida Department of Corrections

Nicole Luckey, Brad Rouskey

Lee County Human and Veteran Services

Tara Martinson

Lee County Sheriff's Office:

Jeanette Defaira, Sgt. Rudy Lepe, William Naylor, Kristen Ratay, Chaplain Mat Stout

Lee County Court

Honorable Judge Tara Paluck

NAMI

Regina Britton

Operation PAR

Amanda Benlien, Jessica Salvato

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Vanessa Abound, Oweda Genus

State Attorney's Office

Heather Bernatene, Paul Poland

Southwest Florida Hunger & Homeless Collation

Shawna Prope

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Tanya Slater

**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 P. Paluck called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
- Attendee and agency introductions.
- Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2025 deemed approved as proposed with no changes.

Item 1) LCSO Jail Population Trends/Updates and Statistics (Life Skills, RSAT, Re-entry, Peer Mentor Program, Work Release)

Sergeant Andreas Reisinger, LCSO

- LCSO will not keep booking in or holding anyone who just has an immigration hold. They will only be taking them on their immigration hold if they have an active charge with us or another agency.
- The LCSO Jail Population Report was provided to all council members in attendance.
- The jail population has not changed in the last month only staying within ten up or down.
- State inmates and county inmates in the comparison trends are staying within ten to fifteen not going up high. We are getting people out and getting people sentenced.

Item 2) LCSO Jail Inmate Program Updates and Statistics (Life Skills, RSAT, Re-entry, Peer Mentor Program, Work Release)

Chaplain Mat Stout

- Re-entry:
 - 266 Inmate Interviews
 - 128 Inmate Phone Interviews
 - 80 Id's and DL's
 - 13 Social Security Cards
 - 83 Birth Certificates
- RSAT Program:
 - Currently have 38 males enrolled, with 28 of those being court ordered.
 - Currently have 20 females, with 15 of those being court ordered.
 - A total of 8 RSAT completions with 7 being released upon completion resulting in 530 days non incarceration saving the county \$74,942.00 (based on inmate cost per day of \$141.40).
- Life Skills Program – Currently have 20 males with none being court ordered. Currently have 4 females with 2 being court ordered.
- Veterans Program – 42 males in-custody, 3 females in-custody with a total of 45.
- Ministry Program:
 - 115 volunteers conducting every week approximately 65 classes/groups.
 - 881 canonical books given in the first quarter (the most ever given in a quarter).
 - 3,769 accessories given out (daily bread, address books, magazines, bookmarks).
 - 3,880 library books issued.
 - 3,172 chaplains library issued.
- Carmines Corrections Cleanup Crew (C4) – 1,290 bags of trash, 58 full dump trailer truckloads, 39 citizen's arrest, 68 VIP requests, 14 days assisting DOT cleaning storm drains for the upcoming season and 7 days of cleaning exits (Project Interstate).

- Re-entry Program – Conducted 1,108 in-person interviews and coordinated 547 phone interviews. Submitted 1,293 program applications with 481 acceptances. Provided 200 inmates leaving custody with emergency hygiene kits. Provided 165 inmates with replacement ID's. Ordered and received 54 birth certificates for inmates. Ordered and received 321 social security cards. Provided 6 homeless individuals with bicycles.
- Ministry – 2,564 religion specific canonical books, 15,266 general library books, 10,684 religious library books, 18,330 general accessories such as book marks, address books, date books, daily breads and etc. 1,088 pairs of reading glasses and 465 in-person visits.
- Carmines Corrections Cleanup Crew – 201 dump trailers of trash, 3,791 bags of trash, 301 days assisting DOT cleaning storm drains of debris, 21 days working on interstate exits, 114 requests from citizens for specific are cleanup completed and 152 VIP requests.
- GED – 122 inmates were enrolled in the program and 7 inmates received their GED.

Item 3) LCSO Corrections Day Work Program Updates and Statistics

Jeannette Defaira, Corrections Day Work Program Coordinator

- As of May 31, 2025 there are currently 50 day workers enrolled in the program, with savings to the county of \$235,053.00 from the 18,081 hours worked by the day workers and \$322,530.00 for non-incarceration costs, totaling \$557,583.00. The grand total of savings to the county from the start of the program is approximately 19.7 million dollars. The current completion rate is at 71%, with 21% still enrolled in the program.
- In April and May we had 6 Community Service participants sign up with 5 completing and currently have 1 enrolled.
- The participant numbers have been low. We are asking that the Judges, State Attorney's Office, and the Public Defender's Office keep us in mind during Plea Agreements and Sentencing.

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

Bridget Washburn, AOC Treatment Courts Manager

- May was problem solving court month and an event was held earlier in the month with a lot of providers participating. Thank you to all for your ongoing support to our program.
- The Treatment Courts team attending a national training to get more updated best practices standards. They has to remove all instances of DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) that is in our best practices. We updated our best practices standards to improve them.
- Judge Mirra took over with the retirement of Judge Sweat on June 1, 2025. Judge Mirra took over his criminal docket, which will affect our Drug Court docket every 6 weeks. We will shut down that docket and continue to move forward.

Item 5) Opioid Abatement Programs Update and CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant Program

Tara Martinson, Human and Veteran Manager, Lee County Human and Veterans Services

Kimmy's Recovery Zone - Handout: Quarterly Report January 2025 – March 2025

- Kimmy's Recovery Zone quarterly updates in January – there was a 40-hour NAMI Certified Peer Recovery Specialist Training. 14 new individuals were trained to help peer services in the community. Also, they establish a relationship with treatment courts programs to go in and provide peer services.
- In March Kimmy's Corner started a podcast in partnership with Rated R 4 Recovery, a weekly recovery podcast. They are offering leaders in the community to come and speak on Public Health Information, Human Services and Justice Involved Populations to give their perspective. They are looking for interested speakers.

- Kimmie's Korner is a judgment-free atmosphere that raises awareness on these issues and encourages linkage into resources, growth and healing.

Centerstone - Handout: Quarterly Report January 2025 – March 2025

- As of June 5, 2025 – 76 currently enrolled.
- Quarterly highlights:
 - Youth social media campaign in partnership with Drug Free Lee, resulted in 334,411 impressions and 2,990 likes for the quarter.
 - ✓ January
 - New Year's theme social media campaign was held.
 - ✓ February
 - Valentine's Day theme social media campaign was held.
 - ✓ March
 - Spring Break theme social media campaign was held.
- 682 outreach encounters.
- Direct Mailer went out to zip codes on the heatmap and 12 QR codes scanned with 2 submissions.
- An Asset Mapping Project was done and as a part of that the received some information from PMS on overdoses.
- Spotify ads were started with a benchmark of .08% click through rate currently at .23%. They are seeing a lot of success with the social media ads. 112,743 heard/265 clicked. Completion rate 90.2% (Industry Average 85% - 89%).
- In the last PSCC meeting a sign-up sheet was sent around and anybody who wanted to be a part of the Opiate Abatement Plan update was invited to join. The first community meeting on April 16, 2025 was an amazing success with a turnout of 37 people. Agencies in attendance were Providers, Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire & Medical. We had a lot of great input from the community about what they would like to see and the gaps in the Opiate Abatement Plan. The 2nd Community meeting is July 11, 2025 and the 3rd Community meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2025. After the meetings the Opioid Abatement Plan will be updated.

Item 6) Empower Lee

Tara Martinson, Human and Veteran Manager, Lee County Human and Veterans Services on behalf of Nora Donato-Hitchcock, Program Manager, Lee County Human and Veterans Services

- The program is targeted to help individuals who are criminally criminal justice involved or at risk.
- Program details:
 - Must be a Lee County Resident
 - 18 years of age or older
 - Mental Health Issue or Substance Abuse concern
 - At Risk (domestic violence, homeless, tax arrest)
 - Case Management without therapy (the program will help connect to therapy if needed)
 - Case planning, helping on getting employment, housing
- Currently 15 referrals and 14 were admitted (the 15th one has not been admitted yet because they just came in this morning).
- Thank you the agencies that have referred: CPE, Public Defender's Office, SalusCare and Community Health Program.
- We do offer trainings to organizations.
- We do prefer agency referrals, however they will accept a self-referral.

Item 7) Open Discussion

- No discussions at this time.

**Our next PSCC scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 9, 2025.
Thank you for your attendance.**