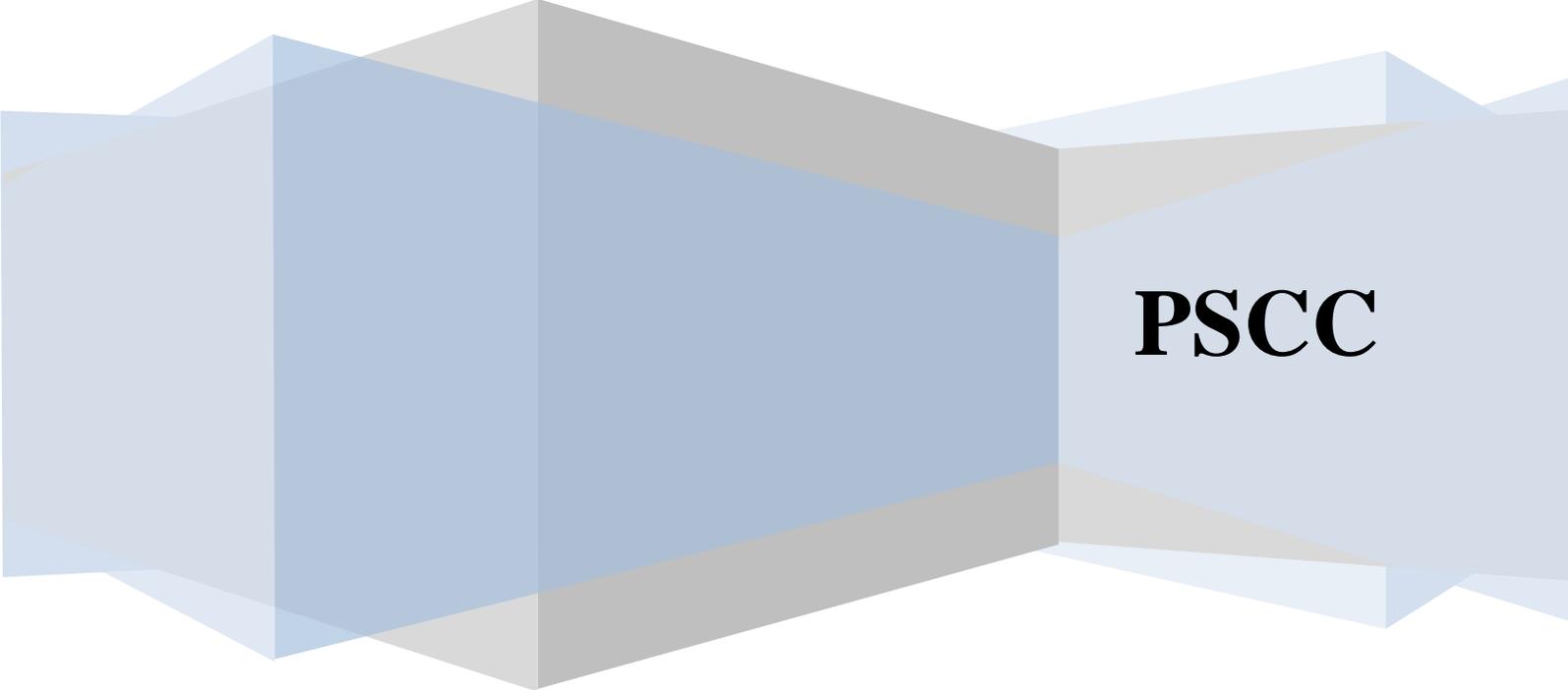


PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019**



PSCC



MEETING CHAIR:

Honorable Judge Tara P. Paluck

FACILITATOR:

Jennifer Alvarez

NOTE TAKER:

Anne Donohue

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Honorable Tara P. Paluck

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Tanya Slater

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Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Police Chief Cape Coral:

David Newlan

Primary Consumer of Community Based Treatment

Daleen O'Dell

Family Member:

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; Doug Jaye; Joseph Rea

AIM Target:

Mary Ellen Saba

CenterStone

Adina Bridges; Belinda Bruster

Clerk of Court

Kevin Karnes

Consumer of Mental Health Services

Dana Foglesong

County Commissioner

Christine Deramo

Department of Corrections

Brad Rouskey

Department of Juvenile Justice Facility:

Director William Naylor

Family Member for Community Based Treatment

Daleen O'Dell

Judiciary:

Honorable Josephine Gagliardi; Honorable Tara
Paluck; Honorable H. Andrew Swett

Florida Treatment For Change/Surrender House

Gerardo Gonzalez (Guest Speaker); Kathleen
Hohmann (Guest Speaker); Eileen Kapperman; Kari
Ann Spiller

Lee County Port Authority:

Craig Giovannelli

Lee County Sheriff's Office:

Sergeant Travis Allen, Christene Barnhill; Courtney
Blackmer; Colonel Tom Eberhardt

SalusCare

Jessica Plazewski

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

DISCUSSION

Open & Approval of Previous Minutes

Honorable Judge Tara Paluck

- The meeting was called to order was at 12:00 p.m. by the Honorable Judge Tara Paluck.
 - Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2019 stand as approved with no changes.
 - Judge Paluck thanked all attendees for coming.
 - Moment of silence for bailiff and friend that passed.
 - Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and agency they represent.
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Item 1) Jail Population Update

Sgt. Travis Allen, LCSO

- Bookings and releases have shown a significant decline when compared to last year and previous years.
 - Total population for 2019 is 1,591 (November) while the total population for 2018 stands at 1,798 (November).
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Item 2) Clerk of Courts End of Year Report (Statistics)

DL Suspensions for Tolls

Kevin Karnes, Clerk of Court

- There has been a 1% decrease in criminal cases (all types) per fiscal year due to diversion programs in place and officer involvement at the time of arrest.
 - At the same time there has been an increase in substance abuse and mental health cases.
 - “Operation Green Light” kicked off in October with the Clerk’s Office extending their hours proved to be very successful. 1,000 citizens got back on the road with over \$800,000 in old fees waived. We are planning another such event in the spring.
 - We are no longer suspending licenses for toll violations. This started in September and will be monitored for progress.
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Item 3) Florida Treatment for Change/Surrender House

Kari-Anne Spiller, Primary Consumer of Substance Abuse Services

- Special day for Kari-Anne as today is her 9th anniversary of sober living. Her goal is to collaborate and educate the public as well as all the partnering agencies on services available through Treatment for Change and Surrender House.
 - Surrender House has a zero tolerance policy for anyone using.
 - We have partnered with the United Way; started a Probation Program for court-ordered treatment; created RCO (Resource Community Outreach) Program and have received a 3 year CARF Accreditation (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities).
 - Other accomplishments include awarding full scholarships from 125 to now 1,350. We give out more scholarships than we receive. This is what we want to continue to do.
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- Guest speakers Jerry and Kathleen “From jail to program” success stories who, with the help of this program has turned their lives around. Kathleen was in the RSAT Program and, there, was given the tools to reach out to Surrender House.
 - These substance abuse services want to bridge the gap of communication between all agencies.
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Item 4) Centerstone: Upcoming Grant Opportunity

Adina Bridges, FACT Team and Centerstone Manager

- Our goals are to prevent recurrent hospitalization and incarceration and improve community involvement and overall quality of life for participants. We are reaching out to clients that are missed. These are clients that are assessed for Mental Health Court and denied assistance and will be released back out into the streets. We are in the jail every day to reach out to people in need of services.
- Our target population are individuals charged with low level MM offense such as petit theft or trespassing who are incapable of completing the requirements of the Lee County Mental Health Court program due to the severity of their mental illness. Judge Swett identified that there are several participants in MHC he believes would be eligible. Participants must be competent and willing to enter the program.
- A Centerstone clinician would be at the jail every morning to conduct screenings for individuals that may qualify. If not eligible to CTC the clinician can refer to alternative resources or treatment court programs depending on risk and needs. If eligible for CTC the Judge would release the individual at First Appearance to the custody of Centerstone. Charges are typically dropped by the ASA in Sarasota although this is not a requirement of the grant.
- Length of stay in the program is normally 30-90 days. It is not required that charges be dropped in order to participate.
- Cornerstone would take the participant directly from jail to the psychiatrist. A treatment plan is developed and started immediately. Centerstone has the ability to provide non-financial follow-up for 1 year post-graduation.
- Centerstone reports progress monthly to the Judge. Participants need only report to the Judge if there is a problem or upon graduation.
- Criteria for graduation includes: 1) Mental health stability; 2) Establishment of income; 3) Stable housing achieved; 4) Completion of court requirements and 5) Plan for follow-up care.

Statistics and Outcomes (based on Sarasota program):

- One year prior to CTC entry, participants account for 709 arrests (equated to \$1,418,000 cost @ \$2,000 per arrest).
- Following participation, there was a 77% reduction in arrests 1 year following program discharge (163 arrests equating to \$325,000).
- Estimated cost from arrest 1 year prior to 1 year post participation shows savings of \$1,092,000.
- Referrals to date, 1,755
- Total served to date, 219
- Current served, 54
- 193 to date met criteria for homelessness
- 84 to date had benefits established and/or restored
- 165 discharged to date with 108 graduations (65% successful)
- State Hospital Diversion – 111 were at risk of commitment at state hospital and only 4 were admitted.

Grant

- If the grant is awarded this would go into effect in October of 2020.
 - Grant guidelines will be out the third week of January at which time a meeting with all stakeholders will be held.
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Item 5) Open Forum

Recommendations for Agenda Topics for 2020 PSCC Meetings

- Explore the possibility of performing community service work to pay of monies for multiple charges of Driving While License Suspended.
 - Sheriff's Work Program – The ability to dismiss certain charges after successfully working program.
 - Alternative Sanctions for misdemeanors charges – more treatment in lieu of jail time.
 - Stronger collaboration between counties and agencies for substance abuse and mental health programs to utilize tools at the beginning of the criminal process before they get to jail.
 - It is wonderful to hear the success stories when citizens can reach out to different resources for the help they need.
 - Re-entry Program: Active, successful and continues to grow.
 - Clerk's Office is working on a program to get a total picture of what a defendant owes. Currently working on a permanent ID # for the booking purposes. This is where the process starts and determines what a defendant owes in Lee County. Once fines are sent to collections they tend to lay stagnant. The formula for making collections easier and waiving old fines is very technical. Now defendants can set up payment plans to make it easier. Always working on strategies as well as formulas to help citizens work toward compliance.
 - Criminal Division, Lee County Probation Department is utilizing a Risk Instrument and Motivational Interviewing, Assessment and Skill Building Tools, and are continuously training officer on how to properly utilize and implement these tools in their one-on-one meetings with probationers. The Lee County Probation Department's goal is to implement alternative sanctions (similar to Florida Department of Corrections) in lieu of VOP's in the near future. This undertaking is in line with evidence based practices. It should be noted that the success rate is up for the Lee County Probation Department.
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New Business/General Discussion

- Please email me with any suggestions of topics for future meetings.
- Happy Holidays to everyone.
- Congratulations to everyone on such accomplishments during this past year.
- Thank you for coming today.
- Thank you to the County for, again, providing lunch.
- The next PSCC meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2020