

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018**



PSCC



MEETING CHAIR:

Honorable Judge Tara P. Paluck

FACILITATOR:

Amy Kinsey

NOTE TAKER:

Yazmin Rivera

MEMBERS:

Chairperson & Chief County Judge:	Judge Tara P. Paluck
Chief Circuit Judge:	Judge Frank Porter
Chief Correctional Officer:	Colonel Tom Eberhardt, Colonel Thomas W. Ellegood
Clerk of Court:	Linda Doggett
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:	William Naylor
Department of Juvenile Justice Chief Probation Officer:	Margaret LaMarca
Director of a Local Substance Abuse Treatment Program:	Tanya Slater
Family Member of Community Based Treatment:	Dana Foglesong
Lee County Sheriff:	Sheriff Carmine Marceno
Police Chief Cape Coral:	David Newlan
Primary Consumer of Substance Abuse Services:	Kari Anne Spiller
Public Defender:	Kathy Smith
Representatives From County and State Jobs Programs and Other Community Groups:	Tim McCormick, Kate Geist & Roger Mercado
State Attorney:	Amira Fox
State Probation Circuit Administrator (DOC):	Terri McCall

ATTENDEES:

Administrative Office of the Courts:	Liza Flecha, Doug Jaye, Amy Kinsey, Stacy Stiens
County Commissioner:	Cecil Pendergrass
CJIS:	Stephen Childs
Clerk of Court:	Linda Doggett, Kevin Karnes
Department of Corrections:	Terri McCall, Sonya Walker
Family Member of Community Based Treatment:	Dana Foglesong
Florida Treatment for Change:	Eileen Kappenman
Human & Veteran Services:	Deanna Gilkerson
Judiciary:	Judge Tara Paluck
Lee County Port Authority:	Ashley Bell
Lee County Sheriff's Office:	Sgt. Travis Allen, Mgr. Chris Barnhill, Captain Scott Brock, Colonel Tom Eberhardt, Lieutenant Guffey, Lieutenant Owen Trulock
Lee County Sheriff's Office – Juvenile Assessment Center:	William Naylor
SalusCare:	Daleen Clarke
State Attorney's Office:	Tyler Lovejoy, Paul Poland
Surrender House Recovery Residence:	Kari Anne Spiller
TLS:	Tanya Slater
TSA:	Tim McCormick
	Kate Geist

**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 calling of the meeting to order was at 12:00 p.m. by the Honorable Judge Tara Paluck
 - Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2018 stand as approved
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Item 1) Jail Population Update

Sgt. Travis Allen, LCSO

- Since the last PSCC meeting in September 2018 there has been about a 3% increase in population each month
 - A look back on ten years (2008 – 2018) a trend is that we lose about 5% of population during the winter months
 - Since September 1, 2018 till the end of November 2018 there has been 291 Notices to Appear issued
 - September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018, 234 Notices to Appear were issued
 - Criteria for a misdemeanor Notice to Appear: non-violent misdemeanor charge, follow certain guidelines, have a local address, can't be a violent crime and can't be disorderly
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Item 2) Clerk of Courts Criminal Case Statistics

Kevin Karnes, Chief Officer of Courts

- Over the last three fiscal years we have seen in our trend analysis of case types an increase in criminal case types by 23% in felony, 5% in criminal traffic and misdemeanor is up from last year this effects everybody
 - Civil cases are up by 42% which increases the occupancy of the courthouse
 - Over last fiscal year the clerk opened 160,603 case types in the case management system
 - With the increase in cases we have had to ramp up staff on cross training
 - We also have Re-opens and Notice of Appeals which impacts the judiciary workload
 - We are slightly up over last the last fiscal year and over the last three fiscal years we are up on the numbers
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Item 3) Treatment Courts (State allocated grant and contract)

Stacy Stiens, AOC Treatment Courts Manager

- Thank you to the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC) for the award of \$67,220 for funding drug testing for Mental Health Court current state fiscal year
 - The contracted service is with AIM Target Programs utilizing the Thermo Fischer Scientific Lab Analyzer equipment, which is over 95% accurate for presumptive drug testing. It can differentiate between frequent and common drugs, and abuse including: opioids, oxycodone, fentanyl, heroine and methadone
 - We are migrating the drug court data from IJIS to the statewide drug court case management database, which automatically allows drug court testing to populate
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Item 4) Triage Center and Low Demand Shelter (update, statistics and different types of referrals/process)

Tim McCormick, Salvation Army Director of Corrections

- Update on Triage Center:
 - 1,002 clients have entered the Triage Center
 - 1,043 assessments completed by SalusCare
 - 385 entries brought in by law enforcement
 - 89 clients from First Appearance
 - 87 clients from Marchman Acts
 - 10 clients from Mental Health Court
 - 2 clients from Veterans Court
 - 761 males and 282 females
 - Average length of stay is 13 days, which has gradually gone down since the start of the program in 2008
 - Since we started with First Appearance we have had a total of 154 clients (approximately 101 have made it to Arraignment) and from those clients who came from First Appearance:
 - 19 went to families
 - 15 went to residential treatment programs
 - 6 moved into their own housing
 - 1 client passed away
 - In April of 2018 we started a housing program:
 - The county funded approximately \$300,000 and of that so far we have spent \$136,000
 - We take individuals that have some form of income, are employed and fairly stable so those individuals don't continue to use the services within the community
 - To date we have had 29 people in the program
 - 16 are still in housing
 - 13 not in the program and of the 13:
 - 3 walked away
 - 3 evicted
 - 3 relapsed
 - A couple took over the lease
 - 1 passed away
 - We are seeing a 50% success rate
 - Since 2008 we have had over 8,000 people come through the triage
 - We have entered a collaborative program with several agencies working to bring high utilizers (each program will bring two high utilizers), people that are involved with behavioral health and criminal justice that use our services. Starting in January 2019 we are going to use case management for that high utilization (every agency has their own criteria for high utilization).
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Item 5) Alternative Sanctions Program

Terri McCall, Florida Department of Corrections Circuit Administrator

- Thank you to Ms. Liza Flecha and Ms. Amy Kinsey for their support with the Alternative Sanctions Program
 - Intent: Community Corrections is committed to developing and implementing evidence based practices that will enhance successful completion of community supervision and reduce victimization and recidivism
 - Alternative Sanctions Program will provide the court with an administrative diversion option to handle certain non-violent first and second time technical probation violators
 - Benefits:
 - Reduce court docket for probation violations on technical violations
 - Reduce prosecution/public defender resources dedicated to technical violations
 - Reduce law enforcement resources utilized to serve violation warrants
 - Reduce jail population
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- Allow the offender to remain engaged in employment/school/etc. while complying with imposed sanctions
 - Eligibility:
 - Limited to technical violations for non-violent offenders
 - Must be under the supervision of the Department of Corrections
 - Ordered by court vial special condition
 - Offender must admit to the violation and agree to the recommended sanctions
 - Each court will select their own criteria
 - Currently sixteen circuits are participating and Lee County would be the seventieth circuit
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Item 6) Sub-committee (discussions of specific topics)

- Sub-committees formed from Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) open to suggestions
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Item 7) Open Forum

- We would like to recognize Mr. Tim McCormick for his service and congratulations on his retirement
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New Business/General Discussion

- Next PSCC meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2019
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