

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021**



PSCC



MEETING CHAIR:

Honorable Judge Tara P. Paluck

FACILITATOR:

Jennifer Alvarez

NOTETAKER:

Anne Donohue

MEMBERS:

Chairperson & Chief County Judge:

Honorable Tara P. Paluck

Chief Circuit Judge:

Honorable Frank Porter

Chief Correctional Officer:

Chief Eric Smith

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Linda Doggett

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Cecil Pendergrass

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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:

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:

David Newlan

Community Based Treatment Family Member:

Daleen O'Dell

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 via Suntel Conference Call:

Administrative Office of the Courts

Jennifer Alvarez; Doug Jaye; Amy Kinsey; Joseph Rea

Clerk of Court

Alicia Gonzalez; Kevin Karnes

Department of Corrections

Michelle King

Judiciary:

Honorable Josephine Gagliardi; Honorable Tara Paluck

Lee County Sheriff's Office:

Sgt. Travis Allen; Lt. LaDonna Brady; Lt. John Craven; Lt. Scott Lineberger

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Gina Britton; Daleen O'Dell

Public Defender's Office

Kathy Smith

Regional Counsel

Zachary Miller

SalusCare

Jessica Plazewski

State Attorney's Office

Heather Bernatene; Tyler Lovejoy

Lee County Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting via Suntel Conference Call

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 March 9, 2021 stand approved with no changes.
- Welcome to the meeting. Thank you for your patience while doing these remote meetings. Hopefully by our scheduled September meeting we will be meeting in person once again. We are sad to lose Judge Adams to retirement. We will be getting a replacement plus an additional County Judge.

Item 1) LCSO Jail Population Trends; Update COVID-19 Protocols and Housing

Sergeant Travis Allen, LCSO CO Classifications

- Currently we have 1,385 inmates housed at the jail. We continue to maintain our quarantine, isolating and intake policies. 114 inmates have been tested with 27 positive results. We are seeing a continuous rise in inmates.
- Our capacity to transport inmates has grown from 7 to 15. The increase is due to 87 of 143 inmates with Hold No Bond Orders as well as inmates not given the opportunity to bond out.

Item 2) LCSO Jail Inmate Programs Updates and Statistics (Life Skills, RSAT & Re-entry)

Lieutenant LaDonna Brady, LCSO CO Services

- RSAT, along with Life Skills has continued only accepting court ordered individuals at this time. Since March 8th 8 individuals in RSAT and 2 in Life Skills have completed the programs.
- 24 individuals enrolled in GED Programs. They learn job applications, interview and resume skills. 19 interviews have been conducted so far this year.

Item 3) LCSO HOT Team Initiative Updates

Michelle Sargis, LCSO Community Response Unit

- The HOT Team, with the enforcement of new programming has reduced the number of solicitors (intersections).
- Determining the level of need, providing hygiene kits and handing out referral cards for further assistance.
- Currently working on filling in the gaps between the LEO and homeless.
- HOT are initials for Homeless Outreach Team.

Item 4) LCSO Road Patrol New Officer Training Initiatives

Lieutenant Scott Lineberger, LCSO

Lieutenant John Craven, LCSO

- We are targeting new officers on road patrol with De-escalation, Critical Management, CRG Mapping and Conflict Resolution.
- We will be addressing driving (focusing on wearing seat belts and watch speed).

- CIT Training – Our aim is to get officers completed before being put on the road. We have already trained 16 officers. We are planning to send 9 more.

Item 5) AOC Treatment Court Program Updates; Participation and Program Trends; Veterans Treatment Court Recidivism Updates; Training Initiatives; Opioid Awareness Month Planning

Joseph Rea, Treatment Court Manager

- Drug Court Stats:
 - 82 active participants
 - 23 referrals since May with approximate turn around 14 days for denials and 52 days for acceptance
 - 7 graduations
 - 4 new entries
 - 71% success rate
- Mental Health Stats:
 - 61 active participants
 - 18 graduations
 - 23-24 referrals per month with 30 day turn around for both denials and acceptance
 - 68% success rate
- Veterans Court Stats:
 - 23 active participants
 - 6 new entries
 - 100% success rate with credit to Centerstone and VA
 - 3 year recidivism rate 12%. Recidivism rate for Drug Court and Mental Health Court will be a little higher. Numbers will be provided at next meeting.
- Happy to announce that I, along with 2 other judges have been named “Circuit Champions” for the 20th Judicial Circuit.
- Judge Swett will be stepping aside with Judge Hayes taking his place. We are very thankful for Judge Swett’s advocacy.
- Judge Gagliardi – May is National Drug Court Month. Our program is still going strong and we are very grateful for all the support we receive. Thank you to Lee County and the Specialty Courts. It is such a privilege for me to be involved in these programs.

Item 6) Open Discussion

- Please RSVP by email after the meeting to verify your attendance today.
- Our next scheduled meeting is September 14th with plans to meet in person.
- Thank you for attending today.