PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016

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MEETING CHAIR	Honorable Judge J. Frank Porter
FACILITATOR	Amy Kinsey
NOTE TAKER	Yazmin Rivera

ATTENDEES:

ADMIN. OFFICE OF THE COURTS:	Doug Jaye, Amy Kinsey, Liza Maldonado
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:	Cecil Pendergrass
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:	Pam Donelson
DRUG COURT:	Dena Geraghty
JUDICIARY:	Honorable Tara Paluck, Honorable Devin George
LEE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES:	Ann Arnall
LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:	Capt. Scott Brock, Commander Crone, Capt. Carmine Marceno, Paul Merced, Major Kathy Rairden, Lt. Jeff Trevino
MHC CONSORTIUM:	Daleen O'Dell
SALUS CARE:	Jessica Plazewski
SALVATION ARMY:	Tim McCormick
STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:	Larry Justham

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

DISCUSSION	PRESENTER
<u>Open & Approval of Previous Minutes</u> • The calling of the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. by the Honorable Judge Tara Paluck • First call of duty, welcome to the newest County Court Judge Devin George • The previous meeting minutes from December 17, 2015 stand approved by the Honorable Judge Tara Paluck	**Honorable Judge Tara Paluck**
<u>Task Force Update</u> • The Task Force is expanding throughout the county • Some information comes from Crime Stoppers and by passing out business cards from traffic stops • The Task Force has made strides in a lot of arrests by introducing and stopping some of the stuff that could have been happening by the Intel being received, by charging some of the higher players it makes it easier to take on the smaller players • It's not an easy fix but a long term continuation of the Task Force • Support from the community continues to be important and the partnership between the Sheriff's Office and City of Ft. Myers Police Department • Seeing the community leaders support the efforts the Task Force is trying to accomplish is reassuring as they are trying to get the right people off the street • SAO has been working with the Task Force by providing information and going to First Appearance so the repeat offenders get higher bonds	**Major Rairden & Commander Crone, Lee County Sheriff's Office**

Department of Corrections Update

Pam Donelson,
Circuit Administrator ,
Department of Corrections

- Congratulations and good luck to Ms. Pam Donelson on her retirement
- New Circuit Administrator for the Department of Corrections will be Terry McCall and her first date of employment will be April 22, 2016
- Last year there was talk of Alternative Sanctions, which is a program whereby if someone on felony probation does a violation of a minor degree state probation would approve a preapproved sanction (list of sanctions would be approved by State Attorney's Office, Department of Corrections, Public Defender and Chief Judge)
- The agreement has been written out and a preapproved list has been completed, however we could not get an administrative order from the Chief Judge due to some concerns on the legality
- Legislators have passed a law authorizing the Chief Judge to establish the program
- The program is good for the offender and has been shown to reduce recidivism
- The offender must accept the sanction otherwise the regular process of a VOP will transpire

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Triage Center Update

Ann Arnall,
Human Services Director

- Congratulations and good luck to Ms. Ann Arnall on her retirement (last date will be May 24, 2016)
- Bob Janes Triage Center has been in operation for 8 years at the end of April 2016
- Referrals are down in general, homeless people in the area have declined and a dramatic decline in homeless vets (VA has provided homeless vets with housing vouchers for permanent housing)
- Law Enforcement referrals have declined
- Beginning 9th year of a grant from the state of Florida that runs in three year cycles (third year of third grant), in March of 2017 the state money will run out
- Financial challenges are ahead, the county currently finances

about 32% of the program and due to not getting the opportunity to apply for VA money for sheltering veterans we will be asking the county to finance 50% this budget year

- The Triage Center will apply for the next three year grant in the fall, which the state has reallocated the money and tripled the amount to $9 million towards Criminal Justice Mental Health Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grants
- The unknown is the type of grant which could be a planning grant, implementation grant or expansion grant
- County Probation is sending over referrals as well as receiving some referrals from some the of the homeless outreach workers
- Historically 60% of the individuals coming into the program have a prior criminal record
- In a five year study (five years before the Triage Center and five years after operations began), there was a 46% reduction in arrests for low level offenses
- In the first seven years of operations, there was 2,800 individuals
- Housing Tasks Force meets monthly at SalusCare

Drug Court Update

Amy Kinsey, Deputy Criminal Division Director & Larry Justham, Assistant State Attorney

- Judge Hayes was appointed Circuit Judge in Charlotte County in the family division
- Judge Hayes has been dedicated to the program for the past 8 years and will continue to work with the alumni group at SalusCare
- Judge Swett will preside over Monday dockets beginning April 4, 2016
- Current Drug Court breakdown:
    - 139 in the program
    - 74 currently in outpatient
    - 27 currently in custody (8 are in the RSTAT program, 12 waiting on VOP and 7 are waiting for residential treatment)
    - 36 are in some kind of residential program
    - 1 on bench warrant status
    - 1 death
- We are currently working with the stake holders to continue the expansion plans. As of October 1st, there was additional

funding to expand the program from 150 up to 200 participants

- The courts, judges, prosecutors and stake-holders have attended national conferences to better understand the National Model on how things are being done
- The Drug Court Team is in the process of updating/rewriting manuals and policies
- Discussions undergoing for creating a separate docket for long term residential
- In the process of finalizing an updated Administrative Order
- With the higher risk, there has been an increase in opiates/prescription medication, cocaine and a big spike in heroin

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New Business/General Discussion

- Next PSCC meeting will be Thursday, June 16, 2016