

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020**



PSCC



MEETING CHAIR:

Honorable Judge Tara P. Paluck

FACILITATOR:

Jennifer Alvarez

NOTE TAKER:

Anne Donohue

MEMBERS:

Chairperson & Chief County Judge:

Honorable Tara P. Paluck

Chief Circuit Judge:

Honorable Frank Porter

Chief Correctional Officer:

Colonel Tom Eberhardt, Colonel Scott Hall

Clerk of Court:

Linda Doggett

County Commissioner Chair:

Cecil Pendergrass

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 and Pretrial Program:

Amy Kinsey

Director of Department of Juvenile Justice Facility:

Bill Naylor

Department of Juvenile Justice Chief Probation Officer:

Margaret LaMarca

Director of a Local Substance Abuse Treatment Program:

Tanya Slater

Lee County 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; Liza Flecha; Doug Jaye; Amy Kinsey;
Joseph Rea; Scott Wilsker

AIM Target:

Mary Ellen Saba

CenterStone

Belinda Bruster

Central Behavior Health Network

Myra Fiory

Clerk of Court

Kevin Karnes

County Commissioner

Christine Deramo; Cecil Pendergrass

Department of Corrections

Brad Rouskey

Department of Juvenile Justice Facility:

Director William Naylor

Hope Clubhouse

Zachira Gonzalez; Nicole Sparks

Human and Veteran Services

Deanna Gilkerson

Judiciary:

Honorable Josephine Gagliardi; Honorable Tara
Paluck

Lee County Port Authority:

Craig Giovannelli

Lee County Sheriff's Office:

Sergeant Travis Allen, Sgt. LaDonna Brady; Lt. Duane
Simon

Public Defender's Office

Kathy Smith

SalusCare

Windy Gavin

**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 December 10, 2019 stand approved as outlined with no changes.
 - Judge Paluck thanked all attendees for coming.
 - Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and agency they represent.
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Item 1) Jail Population Update

Sgt. Travis Allen, LCSO

- Quarterly comparison reflects 150-200 less inmates this quarter across all counties.
 - Numbers show basic exchange of release vs. in-custodies.
 - PTS Releases are not tracked, just non-sentenced cases.
 - Specific charges are not tracked. Software must be programmed to capture breakdown by charge and is very specific.
 - Crime Data Analysis Report is completed annually and can be obtained by request.
 - A breakdown was completed by the PTS Intake Dept. and a Population Snapshot will be distributed.
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Item 2) Re-Entry Program Updates and Progress)

Sgt. La Donna Brady, LCSO

- The Task Force has 3 goals: Obtaining IDs for defendants, Housing and Mental Health (medication, care).
 - We have partnered with FLOW (Florida Licensing on Wheels) and have issued 193 ids/licenses. Out of those only 5 have returned.
 - There was an increase of 12.9% in recidivism (captured 3 times or more into custody).
 - We are also assisting those defendants that are not ID eligible to apply for birth certificates. Only 6 have been denied to date.
 - We are working to conquer housing. We have assisted approximately 170 get into housing upon release.
 - One of the major things we have tackled is partnering with the SS Administration in getting individuals SSI benefits started up again from date of release so they can stay in housing. Benefits received prior to in-custody status and eligible to receive them again once as long as they go through the process. Deals made with housing partners will allow them to stay in housing until their benefits start up again. We are also working on the ability to let a 3rd person apply for assistance on the behalf of individual in custody.
 - This program is based strictly on donations. Donations made possible by the Homeless Coalition, Affordable Housing, Park Royal, cups that I sell, 1,000 ponchos were donated and Legacy Dental donated 100 sets of hygiene kits.
 - Day Work Program – numbers are low. Please refer defendant who qualify to this program.
 - RSTAT Program – numbers are very low. Please refer defendants who qualify to this program as well.
 - Another of our goals is to eventually have 6-7 Re-entry Specialists. Everyone released within 30 days would come under “Care Management”.
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- Getting meds from closer pharmacies is critical to success. From 21 to 59.3% will pick up their meds. Individuals showing up for follow-up care is not as high. Will be working with SalusCare on bridging information.
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Item 3) AOC Treatment Court Updates

Drug Court Accreditation

New Licensed OPS Clinician

Joseph Rea, Treatment Courts Manager

- Shout out to Sgt. Brady and the work being done with the Re-Entry Task Force.
- Drug Court Updates – Number of active participants remain steady, referrals are trending upward, referrals are being processed in a timely manner (average days from referral to new entry is 52, average days from referrals to denial is 29 days, average of 4.6 entries, 3 graduations and 2.2 terminations monthly this fiscal year, fiscal year success rate is 54% with overall success rate at 55%.
- Mental Health Court Updates – Number of active participants grown and nearing capacity, referrals are trending upward, referrals being processed in a timely manner, average days from referral to new entry is 50 days, average days from referral to denial is 32 days, average of 2 entries, 0.6 graduations, 0.8 terminations monthly this fiscal year, fiscal year success rate is 56% with overall success rate at 71%.
- Veterans Court Updates – Number of active participants has grown, referrals are averaging 7 monthly, referrals are being processed in a timely manner, average days from referral to new entry is 70 days, average days from referral to denial is 40 days, average of 1.4 entries, 0.2 graduations and 0 terms monthly this fiscal year, fiscal year success rate at 100% while overall is at 76%.
- Treatment Courts Accreditation – All of our programs are in compliance, beginning in FY 2020-2021 PSCs receiving funds will be required to comply with performance benchmarks (to be developed), also will be required to comply with best practice standards and certification as condition of funding, the teams hold regular meetings to discuss progress toward best practice standards, areas identified for improvement are length of meaningful court interaction (at least 3 minutes), adding LEO representation to team, creating “Treatment Courts 101” training for all new team members (a training conference will be in May), Probation caseloads less than 50 for Drug Courts and clinician caseloads between 30-50, ensuring ratio of incentive to sanction is minimum 4:1, increasing efficiency of case management services.
- Treatment Courts Clinician – A 20 hour week position is available to conduct assessments and provide clinical diagnosis to individuals referred to Mental Health Court, current Florida license to conduct mental health and substance abuse assessments for individuals in the jail or out of custody, primary functions of clinician include conducting clinical assessments to determine eligibility, providing clinical diagnosis and level of care recommendations for individuals accepted into Mental Health Court, entering clinical recommendations in the DCCM System within one working day following assessment, presenting clinical opinions orally and in writing to the Judge and Team at weekly staff meetings, conducting assessments for involuntary examination when necessary pursuant to FS 394.463, providing relevant education and training to the team and maintaining and securing all clinical records pursuant to FS 394.4615.
- Availability began on January 14th – 12 assessments complete with 2 pending, 9 conducted in custody and 5 out, 5 for initial eligibility determination, 4 found clinically appropriate with 1 pending, 3 resulted in offers for entry being made with 1 pending, 1 accepted, 1 refused and 1 pending reply
- 7 levels of care for active participants – 2 pending, 1 recommended for outpatient services, 3 recommendations for residential services (2 linked and 1 pending) and 1 recommended for discharge from program.
- 2 levels of care for new entries – Same individual was seen twice. Initial residential recommendation was accepted but circumstances warranted another assessment which results in recommendation of outpatient services. Individual was released from custody and linked with outpatient services.
- Time from request to assessment is an average of 4.9 days, average of 3.75 days completed for those in custody and 6.6 for those out, funding is not guaranteed to be recurring but will be requested and requesting full time as well.
- Pending is Juvenile Drug Court meeting this Friday, working on identifying high risk and getting them into program.
- Pending centralized online referral process to go directly to AOC for processing to start.

**Item 4) Florida Department of Corrections
Alternative Sanctions Updates and Statistics
First Step Program
Brad Rouskey, Circuit Administrator**

- Administrative Order 3.32 for 20th Circuit effective in all 5 counties
 - Alternative Sanctioning Program method of reporting and resolving certain technical violations in lieu of submitting violation of probation affidavits and warrants to the court.
 - Available stats – Out of 46 offenders 0 have been returned, 34 drug use, 9 curfew violations, 2 monetary, 1 changing residence (did not abscond), 7 subsequent violations, 7 not doing well, 63 circuit wide, 12 per month in Lee County.
 - Biggest accomplishment of 2019.
 - First Step Program Goal for 2020 – Funds from this program used to assist offenders with treatment or personal needs without resorting to taxpayer supported programs. Funds are being used for vocational training and supplies, psychological and psychiatric evaluations and treatment, emergency housing, food, personal hygiene, medication, clothing, educational services, bus passes and alcohol and drug treatment.
 - Funding – Offenders sentenced to community supervision pay \$1.00 per month for every month of supervision. Monies collected by the probation officer and sent to First Step, Inc. through a non-profit organization.
 - Disbursement of Funds – Supervising PO makes request to First Step, in turn, check made payable to the source or vender for services. No funds given to offenders.
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Item #5) Open Forum/Recommendations

- On behalf of Daleen O’Dell invitation extended to Cypress Village Ground Breaking Ceremony Wednesday, March 4th. Cypress Village is a new affordable housing apartment community.
- The Re-Entry Program meetings are once a month on the last Wednesday of the month. Sgt. Brady has a calendar with all dates for anyone interested.
- Thank you for coming today.
- The next PSCC meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16, 2020