

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022**



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

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 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; Liza King; Amy Kinsey; Ashlee Whitewood; Scott Wilsker

Center Stone

Allison Coppertino, Team Lead Forensic Specialist; Joseph Rea, Director

Department of Corrections Circuit Administrator

Administrator Brad Rouskey

Department of Juvenile Justice Facility

Director William Naylor

Florida Treatment for Change

Eileen Kapperman; Kari Anne Spiller

Judiciary:

Honorable Josephine Gagliardi; Honorable Tara P. Paluck

Lee County Human and Veteran Services

Jeannie Sutton, Deputy Director

Lee County Sheriff's Office:

Lt. Thomas Anderson; Lt. Patrick Biel; Lt. LaDonna Brady; Sgt. Candy Chapman; Jeanette Defaira; Sgt. Andreas Reisinger; Lt. Owen Trulock

NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness

Gina Britton

Regional Counsel

Patrick Finnegan

Salvation Army

Kate Geist

State Attorney's Office

Tyler Lovejoy; Paul Poland

TLS Consulting

Tanya Slater

**Lee County Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting
via Suntel Conference Call**

DISCUSSION

Open & Approval of Previous Minutes

Jennifer Alvarez, Deputy Criminal Division Director Pretrial Services

- The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M. by Jennifer Alvarez.
- Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2021 stand approved as proposed with no changes.

**Item 1) LCSO Jail Population Trends/Update
COVID-19 Protocols and Quarantine**

Lt. Thomas Anderson, LCSO

Sgt. Andreas Reisinger, LCSO

- We had approximately 1,499 inmates at the end of February.
- COVID-19 Protocols – Period of quarantine has been reduced from 14 to 10 days. At this time I am happy to report there are no inmates that have tested positive at either facility.

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

Lt. LaDonna Brady, LCSO Jail Inmate Programs

- All programs are up and running and going well as well as being conducted in person.
- *RSAT* – We currently have 24 males and 16 females active in this program. We are open for volunteers. We are asking for more court orders as this program has saved a total of 2,124 days in custody. This program has also saved Lee County a total of \$300,333.60 in incarceration costs.
- *Re-entry* – We have secured a MOU with the Social Security Administration so we are able to assist inmates with getting SS cards along with IDs. Just this week alone we have accepted 26 inmates into the program. We have several employers that are hiring directly from the program. We have a wonderful relationship with several community partners for contributions and at this time we need assistance with transportation needs.

Item 3) LCSO Corrections Day Work Program Updates and Statistics

Lieutenant Owen Trulock, Corrections Services

Sergeant Candy Chapman

- I would like to remind all agencies that we have available referrals for Day Work Program.
- We have 51 active individuals currently in program with space for up to total of 120.
- We have saved \$388,000.00 in county dollars.
- We have also saved total of \$733,000.00 in non-incarceration costs.

Item 4) First Step Program

Brad Rouskey, Circuit Administrator DOC

- Prior to COVID-19 I communicated a desire to create a First Step Program in Circuit 20.
- First Step is authorized by F.S. 948.039(2) and is currently being operated in half of the circuits in Florida.
- The purpose is to provide treatment and services to offenders assisting them in transitioning into the community while under supervision.

How it Works:

- A non-profit corporation is formed to include Articles of Incorporation, 501C(3), Non-profit, etc.
- At sentencing, offenders supervised by FDC are ordered to pay \$1.00 per month to 1st Step as a special condition. Over time money is accumulated which can be used to meet offenders' needs such as
 - Psych evaluations, treatment, medication
 - Food, personal hygiene supplies
 - Job-appropriate clothing
 - Transportation in the form of bus passes
 - Emergency housing for sex offenders
- As needs arise, Probation Officer makes requests directly to First Step, which will issue a check payable to treatment provider or other vendor such as Wal-Mart. Gift cards are used in Circuit 5.
- Oversight is provided by the officers of the corporation who volunteer to sit on the board.
- No taxpayer money is used
- It is a program whereby offenders who can afford to pay supervision fees assist offenders whose financial situation denies them access to the tools needed for success.

Current Needs:

- Additional board members
- Accounting/Bookkeeping
- Start-up funds (fund raiser)

Item 5) Centerstone's Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT Program)

What is the FACT Program? New Guidelines and Referral Process

Allison Coppertino, Centerstone South Team Lead/Forensic Specialist

- FACT is a self-contained clinical team that assumes responsibility for directly providing behavioral health treatment, rehabilitation, support services and enables recipients with serious mental illness to function successfully in the community in the least restrictive environment and to restore or enhance abilities for personal, social, prevocational life and management skills. Services are provided by FACT teams 24/7 using a transdisciplinary approach to include:
 - Comprehensive Care Planning
 - Case Management
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Family Engagement and Education
 - Natural Support Network Development
 - Psychiatric Services and Medication Management
 - Rehabilitation Services
 - Substance Abuse and Co-occurring Services
 - Supported Employment
 - Supported Housing

- Therapy to include individual, group and family therapy services
 - Wellness Management and Recovery Services
- These help FACT deliver comprehensive care to recipients where they live, work, attend school or spend their leisure time. The goals of FACT services are to prevent recurrent hospitalization and incarceration and improve community involvement and overall quality of life for recipients in the FACT Program.
- FACT is a community based referral program with specific criteria which include at least one of the following clinical criteria:
 - More than three crisis stabilization unit or psychiatric inpatient admissions within one year
 - History of psychiatric inpatient stays of more than 90 days within one year
 - History of more than three episodes of criminal justice involvement within one year
 - Referred by one of the state's correctional institutions for services upon release
 - Referred from an inpatient detoxification unit with documented history of co-occurring disorders
 - Referred for services by one of Florida's state hospitals
 - High risk for hospital admission or re-admission
- AND at least three of the following characteristics:
 - Inability to consistently perform the range of practical daily living tasks required for basic adult interactional roles in the community without significant assistance from others. Examples of these tasks include:
 - Maintaining personal hygiene
 - Meeting nutritional needs
 - Caring for personal business affairs
 - Obtaining medical, legal and housing services
 - Recognizing and avoiding common dangers or hazards to self and possessions
 - Inability to maintain employment at a self-sustaining level or inability to consistently carry out the homemaker role (household meal preparation, washing clothes, budgeting or child care tasks and responsibilities)
 - Inability to maintain a stable living situation (repeated evictions, loss of housing or no housing, homeless or at risk of being homeless)
 - Co-occurring substance use disorder of significant duration (greater than six months) or co-occurring mild intellectual disability
 - Destructive behavior to self or others
- Prior to June 2021, FACT could enroll all clients that fulfilled these requirements. Up until last Thursday, FACT could only admit clients that met those specific criteria but also had full Medicaid to be considered for FACT services. The object was to promote practices that would aid the FACT teams in being able to financially sustain themselves through increased billing to Medicaid because of significant budget constraints
- We are now able to enroll everyone that meets the criteria; however, with our budget constraints there is still a financial consideration when admitting a client and we are not able to provide the same level of housing support to individuals as we served before
- Our priority clients are still individuals with active Medicaid; however, please send any referrals for individuals that meet the criteria with or without insurance for continued consideration for FACT services. I will send a referral application to the facilitator of this group for distribution to all.

Item 6) Open Discussion

- Jeannie Sutton, Deputy Director, Lee County Human Services/Veteran Services – Invitation to NOFA to implement a Behavioral Health Coordinated Care System in Lee County to be held March 16, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. In the event of any questions please see contact information and link provided below:

jsutton@leegov.com (239) 533-7958 OR

**[https://www.leegov.com/dhs/Documents/Grant%20Programs/NOFA -
Behavioral Health Coordinated Care System Final%203.1.22.pdf](https://www.leegov.com/dhs/Documents/Grant%20Programs/NOFA_-_Behavioral_Health_Coordinated_Care_System_Final%203.1.22.pdf)**

- Thank you to all our presentation speakers and members who attended this afternoon.
- Our next PSCC scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2022. We anticipate meeting in person in the Administrative Building in the first floor conference room. This will be confirmed as the meeting date draws closer.