

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 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

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; Doug Jaye; Amy Kinsey; Joseph Rea;
Scott Wilsker

Center Stone

Adina Bridges; Tara Martinson

Clerk of Court

Kevin Karnes

County Commissioner

Ray Sandelli

Department of Corrections

Brad Rouskey

Department of Juvenile Justice Facility

Director William Naylor

Judiciary:

Honorable Josephine Gagliardi; Honorable Tara
Paluck

Lee County Port Authority

Terry Ramos

Lee County Sheriff's Office:

Sgt. Travis Allen; Lt. LaDonna Brady

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Daleen O'Dell

Public Defender's Office

Kathy Smith

SalusCare

Jessica Plazewski

Salvation Army Homeless Resource Day Center

Director Tony Ceresoli

Salvation Army Triage Center

Heather Cross

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

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 8, 2020 stand approved as proposed with no changes.
- Welcome to the meeting. We have proven we can all work together to get through all court processes while effectively and safely dispensing justice. Thank you all.

Item 1) LCSO Jail Population Update

Sgt. Travis Allen, LCSO

- Currently we have 1,323 inmates. We continue to maintain our quarantine policies.
- The jail has conducted 62 COVID tests with 15 of those being positive. Any inmate that tests positive is quarantined for 14 days.
- We are coordinating with other counties for transporting inmates. We are restricted to how many offenders can be sent to DOC. Transporting is conducted one day a week.
- As a follow-up on concern from last meeting in reference to confidentiality of calls – The inmate is in a secured area and phone calls are not recorded.
- Possibility of a “Zoom Room” will be addressed with chain of command.

Item 2) AOT Adult Outpatient Treatment Program

Tara Martinson, Program Assistant/Outreach/Court Coordinator

- This program officially started on December 1st. We have 4 clients with a capacity of 50.
- Clients receive assistance with medication, housing, mental health support and employment services by civil court order.
- Clients must be 18 years or older.
- We are working with Park Royal receiving referrals and working with SalusCare for future referrals.
- We work with many other services and facilities as well as the community to enhance the quality of life. SalusCare is having difficulty providing psychiatric services right now as most are utilizing Telemedicine.

Item 3) Salvation Army Homeless Resource Day Center

Tony Ceresoli, Director of Operations

- The Day Center has been open for two months with services including showers, laundry, coffee, snacks, access to a food pantry, placement in shelters, classes, lunches, barber services and we are working on access to medical services.
- We are currently serving 45 – 60 individuals per day.
- We are working on creating an outdoor patio area for triage.
- The Day Center is located at 2400 Edison Avenue and open from 8:00 to 6:00 Monday through Saturday.
- Commissioner Sandelli – This is a great partnership with an excellent staff.

Item 4) Florida Department of Corrections Non-Secure

Residential Drug Treatment Program

Brad Rouskey, Chief Administrator

- We have an excellent partnership with the Salvation Army since 1990.
- There have been some changes made to the structural programming. There are 3 components:
 - 1) Intensive Treatment Program – 3 month program with no cost to individual
 - 2) Employment Re-entry Program – 7 – 9 month program. Once an individual becomes employed they are charged \$10.00 per week. Once they find employment they are switched to after-hours access to services.
 - 3) Residential Program – This is a crucial program for success. Aftercare is approximately 6 months with no cost to individual.
- We have approximately 20 vacant beds in the program. We need more referrals and court orders by defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation officers and the courts. The court orders, preferably, should read “FL DOC Non Secure Residential Drug Treatment followed by Aftercare”. Chief Administrator Rouskey will e-mail the referral process to Jennifer Alvarez for distribution to all partners.

Item 5) Open Discussion

- Tanya Slater, TLS Consulting - grateful and very happy with Operation Greenlight Program through the Clerk’s Office. They were able to get 7 clients on the road with licenses and insurance.
- Kevin Karnes, Clerk’s Office - assisted approximately 1,000 people during the course of program.
- Kathy, Public Defender’s Office – Things are going pretty well. We keep on having trials and appreciate all cooperation from other facilities.
- Tyler, State Attorney’s Office – We have had 40 jury trials and have done exceptionally well.
- Kevin, Clerk’s Office – Going well.
- If you have any topics you would like to discuss in future meetings please feel free to e-mail Jennifer Alvarez.
- The next PSCC Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 2021.
- With no further discussion, meeting is adjourned.