

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**



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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; Stephen Childs; Amy Kinsey; Joseph Rea; Scott Wilsker

Center Stone

Adina Bridges; Elizabeth Garibone; Tara Martinson

County Commissioner

Ray Sandelli

Department of Corrections Circuit Administrator

Brad Rouskey

Department of Juvenile Justice Facility

Director William Naylor

Judiciary:

Honorable Josephine Gagliardi; Honorable Tara Paluck

Lee County Sheriff's Office:

Christene Barnhill; Lt. Patrick Biel; Lt. LaDonna Brady; Sgt. Candy Chapman

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Howard Vacharee

SalusCare

Jessica Plazewski

State Attorney's Office

Tyler Lovejoy

Surrender House

Daleen O'Dell

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 June 8, 2021 stand approved as proposed with no changes.
- Welcome. I continue to be in awe of the way everyone is working together and still hopeful we will be live again soon. We are very appreciative with the assistance from the jail for taking pleas from inmates and the vaccination program for in-custody defendants.

Item 1) LCSO Jail Population Update

Lt. Patrick Biel, LCSO

Sgt. Candy Chapman, LCSO

- Currently we have 1,497 inmates. The steady increase is due to courts fully reopening.
- There is a rise in COVID positive inmates. August 14th there were 114 inmates that tested positive. Today we are at 127. Our quarantine process was deemed sufficient as the jail has gone above and beyond for the safety of the staff and inmates. We have gone from 15 days quarantine to 10 days. COVID positive inmates can be together.
- We have an incentive plan program for vaccinating inmates. 424 inmates have been vaccinated. We have a company that comes in and sanitizes weekly.
- We are accepting pleas from inmates by tablet. We have reinstated mask use, conducting temperature checks and limiting movement within the jail as further precautions.

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

Lt. LaDonna Brady, LCSO CO Services

- Referrals must run through TLS. We have 25 active participants in Jail Inmate Program. In Life Skills we have no participants at this time and in RSTAT we have 2 participants.
- We are conducting 1:1 sessions averaging 25-30 minutes virtually every day.
- Re-entry is being conducted virtually. We have initiated a mentorship program with outside contacts for more meaningful experiences.

Item 3) Florida Department of Corrections COVID-19 Protocols and Operational/Program Updates

Brad Rouskey, Chief Administrator

- We have entered Phase IV of our opening plan as of June 1st. We are operating relatively normally giving time to employees and defendants to get fully vaccinated.
- We have scheduled staggered reporting for the entire month and still conducting temperature checks.
- We have recently starting with the Florida Dept. of Health and starting in July have been offering free vaccines to employees and offenders. They returned in August to complete second round of vaccines.
- **Shout out to staff:** From March, 2020 through June, 2021 there have been 41,000 face-to-face contacts with offenders at their residence during the pandemic. The staff members have not slowed down.

Item 4) AOT – Adult Outpatient Treatment Updates

Adina Bridges, FACT TEAM and Centerstone Manager

Tara Martinson and AOT Supervisor Elizabeth Garibone

- As of October 1ST, I will officially resign. Please welcome Tara Martinson as Manager.
- Our fiscal year started in August. All with the exception of one current client are from Park Royal. Our secondary referral source is from two insurance carriers. Referrals can from court, family members and best referrals come from Park Royal and SalusCare Urgent Unit. Calls made to Tara or Elizabeth directly would also be welcomed.
- Since entering programs, no new hospitalizations have been reported.
- Five of our homeless individuals have been housed.
- Eight of our individuals are receiving regular medication that had no access to meds.

Item 5) Open Discussion

- Judge Paluck thanked the FACT Team and Centerstone for their valuable services.
- Judge Paluck thanks everyone for their hard work. It is a testament to everyone involved for the pursuit of justice.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for December 7th and we will determine as we go whether to meet in person or virtually.