

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**



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 Flecha; Doug Jaye; Amy Kinsey; Joseph Rea
AIM Target	Sharon Mazzatelli
Centerstone	Adina Bridges, Director
Central Behavior Network	Robert Tabor
Clerk of Court	Kevin Karnes
County Commissioner	Cecil Pendergrass
Department of Corrections	Brad Rouskey
Department of Juvenile Justice Facility:	Director William Naylor
Human and Veteran Services	Deanna Gilkerson
Judiciary:	Honorable Josephine Gagliardi; Honorable Tara Paluck; Honorable H. Andrew Swett
Lee County Port Authority:	John Chamberlain; Craig Giovannelli
Lee County Sheriff's Office:	Sergeant Travis Allen; Christene Barnhill; Colonel Tom Eberhardt; Colonel Scott Hall
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	Daleen O'Dell
Public Defender's Office	Gary Bass
Saluscare	Jessica Plazewski
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 June 16, 2020 stand approved as outlined with no changes.
 - Judge Paluck thanks everyone so much for being patient during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Thank you to all criminal justice partners for working together and laying the groundwork for our first jury trial as we work to balance justice and safety.
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Item 1) Jail Population Update

Internal Changes Due to Pandemic

Sergeant Travis Allen, LCSO

- Currently we have 1,341 inmates. When we last met we had 1,221 inmates. Non-sentenced misdemeanors and felons make up the majority of these numbers. We continue to quarantine everyone that comes into the jail with symptoms for 14 days after First Appearance. The intake procedures were initially moved from the jail to the Core and have since transitioned back to the jail. Individuals with any symptoms are housed and isolated from all other facilities and tested. The biggest surge was in June.
 - 6 individuals tested positive last week and some individuals are pending test results. Previously test results were taking up to 9 days to come back. However, with local resources we are now receiving test results back in approximately 2 days.
 - Programs fully operational are the LCSO Weekender and Day Work Programs.
 - Programs that are not operating at full capacity at this time due to social distancing are Life Skills and RSTAT.
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Item 2) AOC Treatment Court Updates

Problem Solving Courts Planning

Joseph Rea, Treatment Court Manager

- All meetings continue to be conducted virtually. Drug testing is running smoothly.
 - Updates for Treatment Courts are as follows starting with Drug Court:
 - 84 active participants
 - 11 new referrals received per month, 11 referrals closed per month, 16 pending as of 9/1 averaging 51 days to denial.
 - 4 new entries with a total of 28 this fiscal year
 - 15 graduations with a total of 34 this fiscal year
 - 4 terminations with a total of 15 this fiscal year of which 3 were for non-compliance and 1 participant passed away due to medical reasons.
 - The fiscal year to date success rate is 69% exceeding the average and 56% overall.
 - Days spent in program successful 778, 660 overall.
 - Days spent in program unsuccessful 913, 527 overall.
 - Mental Health Court:
 - 42 active participants
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- 15 new referrals received per month, 8 referrals closed per month, 50 pending as of 9/1. 40 of these referrals are pending clinical review. The Centerstone team anticipates being caught up within the month. The average days from referral to entry is 153 and 79 days to denial.
 - 5 new entries with a total of 19 this fiscal year.
 - 4 graduations with a total of 14 this fiscal year.
 - 1 termination with a total of 3 this fiscal year. Termination was for non-compliance.
 - The fiscal year success rate exceeded the average at 82% and 71% overall.
 - Days spent in program successful 483, 320 overall.
 - Days spent in program unsuccessful 129 and 254 overall.
- Veteran's Court:
 - 18 active participants
 - 4 new referrals per month, 3 referrals closed per month, 12 pending as of 9/1. Average days from referral to entry is 212 and 100 to denial.
 - 3 new entries with a total of 11 this fiscal year.
 - 1 graduation with a total of 5 this fiscal year.
 - 1 termination for non-compliance.
 - The fiscal year success rate exceeded the average at 83% and 77% overall.
 - Days spent in program successful 357, 521 overall.
 - Days spent in program unsuccessful 254 overall.
 - The Treatment Court Evaluator position has been advertised and since closed. Interviews will be conducted shortly. This is a 20 hour per week position.
 - Juvenile Drug Court planning is ongoing.
 - Referral System on our website has proven to be very successful getting referrals to appropriate parties within a day.
 - The transition with Centerstone has been very successful. Centerstone will be sharing their guidelines with us to utilize.
 - We have been successful in capping participants from 50 to 75.
 - We are working to get new handbooks out by November 1st for providers to review.

Item 3) Centerstone Update

Adina Bridges, Director

- We are fully staffed with exception of Veteran Staff Counselor who will be starting soon and is a veteran himself.
- Our goal is to provide more clinical services.
- We have capability of receiving immediate drug test results so we can issue sanctions like additional group attendance, therapy, performing volunteer work and address problems stemming from positive drug tests.
- We have added weekend and night office hours.
- If individual comes to us and in the midst of therapeutic services through another agency they will not be pulled as this could be detrimental to their treatment.
- Psychiatric Services Services utilized through SalusCare.
- Centerstone started utilizing Zoom; however, it was not always appropriate so we have opened the office using clinicians for intake as well as staff available for therapy groups and services as needed.

Item 4) Open Forum

- No further discussion.
- The next PSCC Meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020. All meeting dates for 2021 are scheduled and posted on the Administrative Office of the Courts website.
- Meeting adjourned.