

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**



**PSCC**

**MEETING CHAIR:**

Honorable Judge Tara P. Paluck

**FACILITATOR:**

Jennifer Alvarez

**NOTE TAKER:**

Anne Donohue

**MEMBERS:**

Chairperson &amp; Chief County Judge:

Honorable Tara P. Paluck

Chief Circuit Judge:

Honorable Frank Porter

Chief Correctional Officer:

Colonel Thomas W. Ellegood, Major 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 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

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 &amp;

Roger Mercado

Representative from Lee County Homeless Coalition

Janet Bartos

State Attorney:

Amira Fox

State Probation Circuit Administrator (DOC):

Terri McCall

**ATTENDEES:**

Administrative Office of the Courts:

Jennifer Alvarez, Erin Hutchison, Doug Jaye, Amy  
Kinsey, Stacy Stiens, Scott Wilsker

AIM Target:

Sharon Mazzitelli

CenterStone

Adina Bridges

Central Behavior Health Network:

Robert Tabor

Clerk of Court

Linda Doggett, Kevin Karnes

County Commissioner

Cecil Pendergrass

Department of Corrections

Brad Rouskey

Department of Juvenile Justice Facility:

Director William Naylor

Family Member for Community Based Treatment

Daleen O'Dell

Judiciary:

Honorable Tara Paluck

Lee County Port Authority:

Craig Giovannelli

Lee County Sheriff's Office:

Sergeant Travis Allen, Sergeant LaDonna Brady,  
Lieutenant Lisa Burch, Deputy Scott Dunn, Major  
Scott Hall, Deputy Howard Hawkins, Sergeant  
Michael Hutchinson, Lieutenant Owen Trulock

State Attorney's Office

Tyler Lovejoy, Paul Poland

TLS Consulting

Tanya Slater

**Lee County Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting  
Lee County Administration Office Building  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 July 2, 2019 stand as approved with no changes.
  - Judge Paluck thanked all attendees for coming.
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**Item 1) Jail Population Update**

**Sgt. Travis Allen, LCSO**

- Since this time last year our numbers are decreasing month by month.
  - Other overall numbers have shown little fluctuation.
  - A defendant will not be held for sentencing on county charges before starting a DOC sentence. If a Judge prefers a defendant be held here to finish a sentence on county charges such needs to be indicated on the minutes sheet.
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**Item 2) LSCO Day Work Program**

**Sgt. Michael Hutchison**

- Work Program continues to be successful at a 90% comparison rate.
- 370 individuals have completed the program.
- A total of \$800,000.00 has been saved from 2017 to date.
- This program can be further utilized as part of a sentence.

**Cell Dogs Program**

**Deputy Scott Dunn**

- This program started in 2001.
- 20 – 30 inmates are participating in the program.
- Inmates are currently working with 6 adult dogs and 9 puppies.
- Inmates have to apply through the Inmate Coordinator and must meet qualifications such as non-violent background.
- The success rate for adoption is 97%.
- The dogs may also do community service work.
- Inmates that participate in this program learn other life skills such as interaction and working through struggles. Inmates learn grooming techniques, AKC skills and behaviors. Inmates receive 60 day certification and with skills learned in this program inmates can potentially have careers after release.

## **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment**

### **Lt. Lisa Burch and Tanya Slater**

- Thank you to Tanya Slater, who has been instrumental in her assistance.
- Much appreciation to the staff for their hard work and doing an excellent job in both programs.
- 6 month program
- Voluntary and court ordered
- Substance abuse treatment as well as:
  - Anger Management
  - Parenting skills
  - Addiction
  - Behavior issues, coping skills
  - Tools to understanding and preventing relapse and recidivism
  - Trauma care
  - Upon release, participants of the program are eligible to attend groups at the TLS Office.
  - Transition to community and sober, safe support ex., halfway housing, ¾ housing, safe housing or their own home with assistance. TLS works with case managers to provide needed services and placement.
  - Out of 338 defendants, 31% completed program with a 48% return rate in the first year and 51% in year three.

## **Life Skills Program**

### **Lt. Lisa Burch and Tanya Slater**

- 8 – 12 week program
- Voluntary and court ordered
- Program designed to educate inmates in the daily management of life:
  - Basic hygiene and nutrition
  - Communication skill
  - Changing thought patterns
  - Relationship issues
  - Writing resumes, filling out applications and interview skills
  - Money management
  - Improving values and goals
  - Parenting skills
  - Problem solving
  - Anger management as well as substance abuse education
  - Out of 485 inmates from January, 2017 in the first year return rate was 44%. The third year return rate was 47% and the fourth year, the same at 47%.

## **Reintegration Initiatives Program**

### **Sgt. LaDonna Brady**

- This program has gone viral from 4 to 53 attendees.
- Items we are working on which result in the most critical time from inmates being released to returning:
  - 90 day release – need for housing homeless vs. family support
  - Access to medication (Well Path contract provider) – when an inmate is released the medication supply went from only a 3 day supply to 3, 7 and even 21 days where needed.
  - This is a dangerous time for lapse for means to get to the source of refill of meds. A 3 hours block has been set aside every week for getting medication which will be waiting for inmate at SalusCare, no waiting. From there, they can go to any pharmacy and get refills.
  - IDs or Florida Driver's License – They have partnered with Florida License on Wheels (FLOW) to work with inmates to have a license or IDs for meds, housing, jobs, etc. We are working with the Tax Collector

on performing Community Service in lieu of fines. Working on pay plans as well with inmates showing an effort to pay down their fines.

- Fines for obtaining a driver's license for 39 people is \$120,000.00.
- Since January of this year recidivism statistics show only 9 returns out of 41.

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### **Item 3) Treatment Courts Update**

**Stacy Stiens, AOC Treatment Courts Manager**

- Many thanks and appreciation to Tanya Slater for assisting with getting the Vivitrol, 28 day injectable medication (opiate blocker) jail program off the ground.
- As of October 1<sup>st</sup> the eligibility has changed for Veteran's Treatment Court. All types of discharges will be considered for entry but no funding for services/will be handled by referral similar to Mental Health Court.
- The FL State Courts Trial Court Budget Commission has approved funding for a part time Mental Health Court Clinician to work out of the jail.
- I will be attending the local FACDL Meeting.

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### **Item 4) FACT Team Admission Criteria, Process and Services Offered**

**Adina Bridges, Manager FACT/Centerstone**

- Non-profit organization with 2 teams serving 100 clients each. The program is voluntary. FACT goes to the individual. Hospital and addiction services are provided. These services are at no cost to the defendant. Services provided include Case management, Crisis Assessment/Intervention, Counseling, Substance Abuse, Vocational, Medical, Social skills as well as Educational and support to family.
- Our services are requested through referrals. We work with attorneys and the Public Defenders. The Specialty Courts may also refer their defendants. Our services can help sustain a defendant for life with housing, glasses, therapy, whatever is needed. 24/7 comprehensive care is provided to individuals.
- ITP misdemeanor cases are released and given a continued court date approximately 1 year out when they would most likely be incarcerated.
- We will typically be in court with our clients.
- Our goals are to prevent recurrent hospitalization and incarceration and improve community involvement and overall quality of life for participants.

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### **Item 5) Open Forum**

- Kevin Karnes – Clerk's Office announced "Operation Green Light" Bill enabling Clerk's Office to extend hours for those attempting to get a driver's license with fees and fines. Goal is for those drivers to walk out with driver's license and be placed on a monthly pay schedule. In attendance will be 2 Judges, representatives from the Tax Collector's Office, Public Defender's Office and State Attorney's Office.
- On Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 – 12:00 and Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> open until 7:00 p.m.
- Future dates and times to be announced.

**New Business/General Discussion**

- Thank you for coming today.
- Thank you to the County for providing lunch.
- The next PSCC meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2019