

Public Safety Coordinating Council
Volusia County
Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
May 11, 2009 - 3:00 PM
Daytona Beach, Florida
MINUTES

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 06/22/09

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Joie Alexander, Volusia County Council
Marilyn Chandler-Ford, Volusia County Corrections
J. David Walsh, Chief Judge
Tony Schefstad, Volusia Flagler Coalition for the Homeless
James Purdy, Public Defender
Shirley Olson, Court Administration
Belle Schumann, County Court Judge
Fred North, State Department of Corrections
Jessica Simson, Clerk's Office
Dennis Moon, Judicial Corrections Services
Leah Case, State Attorney's Office
Bill Lee, Volusia County Sheriff's Office

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

David Mims, New Smyrna Beach Police Department
Tom Rappe, Strollo Architects
John Gosselin, Fresh Start of Volusia
Fred Hoffmann, Fresh Start of Volusia
Mark Anderson, Fresh Start of Volusia
Evelyn Thompson, Volusia County Info Technology
Jim Ryan, Volusia County Public Protection

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joie Alexander called the May 11, 2009 meeting of the Volusia County Public Safety Coordinating Council to order at 3:02 PM and introductions were completed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Alexander called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 26, 2009 meeting. Motion to approve as written was made by Marilyn Chandler Ford. Second by Bill Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS

A. JAIL REPORT – Marilyn Chandler Ford

Dr. Ford distributed the Division of Corrections report and advised that the average daily population today is 1,325. This covers the first 8 months of fiscal year 2008/2009 and runs from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. She stated that the count is starting to climb and tends to build during this time of year and remains high through Labor Day. Today's count is 1,408. The count has been running from 1,390 to 1,400 for the month of May. This is not unusual.

B. CJIS REPORT – Evelyn Thompson

Ms. Thompson reported that the new Jail Management System interfaces are still being tested. When testing is complete and interfaces are stable, a meeting will be held with the vendors to set a go-live date. It is expected the go-live date will be 3-4 weeks out from the time testing is complete. The Clerk-Court Services system work activities involving agencies and the vendor are in process and moving forward. Unisys is meeting with the vendor tomorrow to discuss open issues and project schedule.

C. PRE-TRIAL SERVICES – Shirley Olson

Shirley Olson distributed the April Criminal Court Services Report. She advised that 1,627 defendants went to first appearance and of those there were 488 new cases. Drug testing remains around the 22% positive range. She also advised that after judges have sentenced individuals to the Anti-Drug Initiative (ADI) program, that there sometimes is a gap in time from time ordered to time enrolled in the program. She explained that pre-trial services is piloting a program in misdemeanor courtrooms that helps to guide, encourage, and remind individuals to enroll and complete the program. It is a six week class and an individual can attend a class or access it on-line. This is especially helpful for out of state individuals. If they are out of state and taking the class on-line they can use a local drug lab in order to complete requirements of program.

D. CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, & SUBSTANCE ABUSE REINVESTMENT ACT-
Carrie Garnett-Baird

Ms. Baird was not in attendance. The May, 2009 Implementation Update was distributed in her absence.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

Judge Walsh advised that an Administrative Order is being considered regarding the Swine flu and all procedures are being reviewed. They have been advised to insure that there are plans in effect for jurors, inmates, the public and court staff. Mr. Purdy stated that he had ordered foam dispensers for his offices. He recommended that dispensers be located outside of each courtroom and the entrance to the building, in restrooms, and some type of disinfectant for door handles. Dr. Ford advised that they are coordinating with the health department on this issue.

VI. DISCUSSION

Mark Anderson, John Gosselin, and Fred Hoffman from Fresh Start of Volusia gave a brief overview of their Alternative Inmate Sentencing Program. They are opening a half-way house that will provide working programs like painting houses, yard work and learning new job skills for individuals sentenced to probation and subject to supervision. They currently have 18 beds and are planning on an additional house with 12 more beds. Mr. Hoffman advised that he would prepare a business plan update and present it at the next PSCC meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Joie Alexander adjourned the meeting at 3:31 PM.