

Public Safety Coordinating Council
Volusia County
Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
March 10, 2008 - 3:00 PM
Daytona Beach, Florida
MINUTES

Approved as written – 04/21/2008 PSCC Meeting

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Marilyn Chandler-Ford, Volusia County Corrections
Art Giles, Volusia County Council
J. David Walsh, Chief Judge
Dennis Moon, Judicial Corrections Services
Fred North, State Department of Corrections
Melanie Anderson, Clerk's Office
David Smith, State Attorney's Office
Major Vincent Vecchi, Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Shirley Olson, Court Administration

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dona DeMarsh, Volusia County of Volusia
Carrie Baird, One Voice for Volusia
Maria Bledsue, One Voice for Volusia
Cynthia Strollo, Strollo Architects, Inc.
Mike Mannix III, Strollo Architects, Inc.
Toni Barrett, Stewart Marchman Center
Rhonda Harvey, Stewart Marchman Center
Evelyn Thompson, Volusia County IT
Don Murphy, Clerk's Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Art Giles called the meeting of the Volusia County Public Safety Coordinating Council to order at 3:00 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Giles called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 30, 2007 meeting. There were no additions or corrections and minutes were approved as written.

III. REPORTS

A. JAIL REPORT – Marilyn Chandler Ford

Dr. Ford reported the population today is 1351. The average daily population for the first week in March was 1370. The female population is running in the 200s. The jail is currently at 92% of its authorized capacity. This exceeds the recommended 90% operating level for jails, which is needed to accommodate security and special needs housing for inmates. The female and juvenile population are a little high right now. Jail releases are outpacing admissions.

B. CJIS REPORT – Evelyn Thompson

Ms. Thompson reported that Unisys is continuing to revise the schedule and synchronizing dates with all vendors. County IT has been working for a couple of weeks providing input to Unisys and expects to get a new schedule this week. The new schedule will be distributed to all agencies for their review next week. Meetings will be scheduled the week of 3/24 to review the entire schedule and finalize dates. The change in project management is going smoothly.

C. PRE-TRIAL SERVICES – Mark Weinberg

Shirley Olson distributed the pre-trial report and reported that they are on schedule for accreditation. Reports are provided for review as required. They received a mock assessment and everything is looking good. Assessors from the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission will be coming in at the end of the month.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Criminal Justice, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant – Volusia County Project – Dona DeMarsh advised the members that the grant had been approved by the County Council, and then they also approved a contract with One Voice for Volusia to prepare the strategic plan. She then introduced Carrie Baird who is the Executive Director of One Voice for Volusia.

Ms. Baird distributed a handout that provided an overview and work plan for the project. Ms. Baird advised that the working committee met for the first time that morning. She invited everyone currently on the PSCC to participate on the working committee. Ms. Baird asked about how PSCC members wanted to be updated on the grant's progress. It was determined that a verbal report, a high level overview, would be given at every PSCC meeting during the year of the grant. Ms. Baird advised that 6 new members needed to be added to the PSCC based upon statute. Judge Walsh asked whether the addition of these individuals was only for the period of the grant, or was it a permanent change in the organization. Ms. DeMarsh advised that the change in PSCC structure was a condition of grant funding. Mr. Giles requested that she verify this information and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Giles asked if there was any objection to the addition of 6 new members to expand the membership per the statutory directive in order to receive statutory grant funds. As there were no objections, the new members will be included in the next meeting.

B. Schedule next meeting – It was decided the next meeting be scheduled in mid-April.

C. Marilyn Ford asked Judge Walsh if there was any information available regarding the impact of cost cuts at the state level. Judge Walsh advised that there would not be any severe cuts in the current year through June. However, next fiscal year there may be 6% cuts in the budget. He stated this could have a change in the way they do business. Judiciary, state attorney's and public defender's offices would all be affected.

VI. DISCUSSION

Public Participation – There was no public participation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Art Giles adjourned the meeting at 3:25 PM.