

**Public Safety Coordinating Council**

**Volusia County**

**Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida**

**March 26, 2009 - 3:00 PM**

**Daytona Beach, Florida**

**MINUTES**

**APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 05/11/09**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Joie Alexander, Volusia County Council  
Marilyn Chandler-Ford, Volusia County Corrections  
Mark Weinberg, Court Administration  
James Purdy, Public Defender  
Tony Schefstad, Volusia Flagler Coalition for the Homeless  
Leah Case, State Attorney's Office  
Luis Bustamante, State Attorney's Office  
Fred North, FL Department of Corrections  
Dennis Moon, Judicial Corrections Services  
Don Murphy, Clerk's Office  
Rocky Norris, Volusia County Sheriff's Office

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

David Mims, New Smyrna Beach Police Department  
Carrie Baird, One Voice for Volusia  
LaShawn Glaspie, University of Central Florida  
Shirley Olson, Court Administration  
Judge Beck, Judiciary  
Evelyn Thompson, Volusia County Info Technology  
Chalynn Faller, Clerk's Office  
Tom Rape, Strollo Architects  
J. Chaunté Dyer, Department of Corrections  
Jim Ryan, Volusia County Public Protection  
Chet Bell, Stewart-Marchman-Act

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joie Alexander called the March 26, 2009 meeting of the Volusia County Public Safety Coordinating Council to order at 2:59 PM and roll call was completed.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Alexander called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 23, 2009 meeting. As there were no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as written.

**III. REPORTS**

**A. JAIL REPORT – Marilyn Chandler Ford**

Dr. Ford reported the population today is 1,313 which includes 170 females. The average daily population a year ago was 1,351. Mark Weinberg asked about temporary facilities. Dr. Ford advised that if a significant number of additional females were booked into the jail, a dorm would have to be opened.

B. CJIS REPORT – Evelyn Thompson

Ms. Thompson reported the Jail Management System go live date is being discussed. System functionality testing is good; interfaces are currently being tested and a go live date will be determined after testing has been completed. Unisys and their vendor are in discussion regarding the Court and Clerk's Management System (CCMS). Information on this testing will be brought back to the county next week.

C. PRE-TRIAL SERVICES – Shirley Olson

Shirley Olson distributed the February Criminal Court Services Report. She advised that of the 1,362 individuals at first appearance, 302 were placed on pre-trial services. They have 850 active cases with the closer rate at 85% of those cases. Also, of the 3,000 specimens tested, only 21% showed positive.

D. CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, & SUBSTANCE ABUSE REINVESTMENT GRANT – VOLUSIA COUNTY PROJECT – Carrie Baird

Ms. Baird distributed the final draft of the Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Act Strategic Plan and gave a brief overview of the objectives and strategies that make up the plan. She advised that the work on this grant is complete and requested approval of this document today by the Public Safety Coordinating Council so that it can be passed on to the County Council for approval. Ms. Baird also advised that Flagler County is going through the exact same process. She has submitted an application for a Bureau of Justice Systems Grant which will be a two county project. Whenever possible she will be working with stakeholders from both counties to find additional grant resources and other funding that try to align the two county plan. After some discussion, Chet Bell made a motion to forward the CJMHSa Strategic Plan to the Volusia County Council for approval. Dr. Tony Schefstad seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fred North, State Department of Corrections, advised that there was a formal opening of a Reentry Facility in Polk County. This facility will house 350 inmates and provide job training, education, and life skills to the individuals housed there. Inmates are screened at receiving center for acceptance into this facility. Also inmates with a 3 year or less sentence are eligible to be sent to the facility. It is hoped that more centers will be available in the future.

W. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chet Bell advised that Stewart-Marchman-Act and the State Attorney's Office met regarding a major revision in level one anti-drug initiative program since it was developed. Over last few months they have been piloting an on-line version of the anti-drug initiative. Will be offering defendants the opportunity to choose whether or not they want to participate in group sessions, or choose to go through modules individually in an on-line environment. Will still be responsible for random screening. Full implementation is scheduled for April 6, 2009.

B. Chet Bell also advised that one of the outcomes of the Federal Stimulus Bill has been really significant increases in the amount of grant dollars that are going to be available in the community over the next couple of months. SMA has already applied. Chet Bell advised everyone to take a look at this. Mark Weinberg stated that there is a lot of money available.

VI. DISCUSSION

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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