

Public Safety Coordinating Council
Volusia County
Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
September 29, 2008 - 3:00 PM
Daytona Beach, Florida
MINUTES

APPROVED AS WRITTEN – 02/23/09

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

J. David Walsh, Chief Judge
Art Giles, Volusia County Council
David Smith, State Attorney's Office
James Purdy, Public Defender
Marilyn Chandler-Ford, Volusia County Corrections
Melanie Anderson, Clerk's Office
Fred North, State Department of Corrections
Dennis Moon, Judicial Corrections Services
Angela Fazio, Consumer, Mental Health Care
Bill Lee, Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Mark Weinberg, Court Administration
Chet Bell, Stewart Marchman Center

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

David Mims, New Smyrna Beach Police Department
Randy Croy, Serenity House
Tony Schefstad, Volusia Flagler Coalition for the Homeless
Vinnie Vecchi, Volusia County Sheriff's Office
Tom Rappe, Strollo Architects
Carrie Baird, One Voice for Volusia
Shirley Olson, Court Administration
Evelyn Thompson, Volusia County Info Technology
Craig Dyer, Public Defender's office
Jim Willits, Volusia County Public Protection

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Art Giles called the September 29, 2008 meeting of the Volusia County Public Safety Coordinating Council to order at 3:05 PM and roll call was completed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Giles called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 12, 2008 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 average daily population (ADP) year to date is 1,393. The average ADP in 2007 was 1,586 and in 2006 it was 1,524. The population today is 1427. This number includes 220 females. The population has been consistently low in September which is uncharacteristic. The lowest months are usually November through February with highest peaks during August and September.

B. CJIS REPORT – Evelyn Thompson

The fixes to the jail application that were identified during user testing have been completed and are being scheduled for retesting. Interfaces to mugshot and banking systems are being finalized as well as exchanges that tie JMS to legacy CJIS. Within the next couple of weeks Unisys should be able to schedule the jail's user training and announce a go-live date. The Clerk's office is finalizing specifications for interfaces between the new case management system and existing Clerk systems. Extraction of data from legacy has gone well to date. Unisys will start making that data available for agencies to start reviewing in their new application by mid to late October. Next big task is to review and approve message layouts for agency exchanges for all other agencies that will be implemented when remaining agencies go live.

C. PRE-TRIAL SERVICES – Shirley Olson

Shirley Olson distributed the pre-trial report. She advised there are 878 active cases and that they have an average of 875 cases each month. She also advised that they have a very successful appearance rate with approximately 97% of individuals placed in pre-trial services appearing for all court dates. Statistics on drug testing do not just pertain to pretrial services but also include drug screenings run within the court system as well as all the other agencies that use the lab.

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

Ms. Baird submitted a progress summary and reported that the committee is continuing to work on diversion mapping. She also reported that they have been working on a data collection project to help clearly define a target population. Ms. Baird requested that the November meeting be set as a stakeholders meeting in order for the grant committee to present the information they have collected, have a facilitated discussion, and get feedback for potential best practices and strategy to include in the strategic plan that will be submitted to the State at the end of the project. Council members agreed to this request.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chair Art Giles introduced Dr. Tony Schefstad the new executive director of the Volusia Flagler Coalition for the Homeless. Mr. Giles requested a motion to appoint Dr. Schefstad to replace Lindsay Roberts who resigned from the Public Safety Coordinating Council in May. Dr. Ford made a motion to appoint Dr. Schefstad to the Council with a second by Chief Deputy Lee. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Schedule next meeting – November meeting will be a stakeholders meeting and will include a presentation by the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Committee. Date and location to be determined.

VI. DISCUSSION

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Art Giles adjourned the meeting at 3:23 PM.