I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Corrections Director Steven Smith called the March 23, 2023 meeting of the Volusia County Public Safety Coordinating Council to order at 9:00 am. Introductions were completed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No past minutes to approve

III. REPORTS

A. JAIL REPORT – Steven Smith

The jail is currently below its authorized capacity 1,494, with an ADP of 1,369 in 2022. So far in 2023 we are averaging 1,280 and as of today we have 1,294.

YTD releases as of March 7th are at 3,257. Top 5 are bond outs at 1000 or just over 31%, pre-trial releases are at 428, end of sentence 324, prison sentencing 262, and time served 261.

Current projects going on is dormitory replacement of west wing. Completion time is anticipated late December or first part of 2024. As of today 192 beds were shut down to turn over to maintenance. Inmates moved from Correctional facility over to Branch
to allow for repairs. Estimated time of repairs is 3 months. In design phase for 3 additional dorms to provide an additional 192 beds with alt options providing an additional 64 beds. In addition we have a water pipe replacement project in the works. We just finished the first phase and are preparing for the second phase. This will shut down 256 beds but before that we will have south wing maintenance completed giving us back those 192 beds.

Re-entry based training now includes onsite forklift training. Expanded concrete and construction programs.

Questions asked. Where will 1280 people reside with 192 beds lost due to maintenance and the 70 beds lost with west wing replacement.

Steven Smith answered with day bed options that allow for increased temporary expansions until other buildings come online.

B. CJIS REPORT – None

C. PRETRIAL SERVICES REPORT –

Supervising 265 Individuals which is consistent with normal population. For February had 120 victim contacts. Appearance rate was at 95% for scheduled court appearances. Goal is 95% or better.

D. DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE REPORT –

379 on intake status, 125 in diversion programs, 212 on probation, 57 in residential commitment.

Release status: 4 youths in conditional release, 28 youths in post commitment probation.

For civil citation data from December 2021 to November 2022 we have 447 youths that were eligible for the program, 293 issued civil citations which is 66% utilization.

IV. OLD BUSINESS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS –

Nicole Sharbono brought up request for application of Criminal Justice reinvestment grant. This was discussed at previous meeting but the RFA never came out. It now just came out and is only for a planning grant and does not include implementation funding. It is for $100,000 with a 50% match which is not a cash match and instead is a commitment of time. Discussion on whether or not to move forward with application. This would require a sim to be done and non profit or law enforcement designated, along with determining which population to go over, either adult or youth. Also could be both. They anticipate that an implementation grant will be following.
Mention that when previously discussed it was desired to look at the re-entry side of things for adults out at corrections. Other options discussed from on the children’s side that don’t score high enough on detention but are to far along in there criminal or violent behavior but makes them eligible for rehabilitation shelter like beach house, but being there is already children’s sim she is not sure that makes for a compelling application. There was also a pilot program to attempt to divert those with a misdemeanor crime from the prison system and instead into a treatment center.

Brought up Duval Country’s re-entry center as a possible model to pursue. Re-entry there deals with both state and county inmate population. Kind of a clearing house for multiple entities that allows for one location with multiple providers. Nicole Sharbono said this is an option to pursue. Steven Smith commented that he has toured that facility and said it is an end goal that the County jail has looked into but is working on building a base of programs to build the jail up to get there.

Motion made by Nicole Sharbono with a second by Jennifer Wipple to move forward with application. Passes 6-0.

Motion by Judge Case with a second by Jennifer Wipple to target adults. Motion passes 6-0.

Discussion on entity of Law enforcement or non profit to apply. $100,000 would allow for hiring an employee and/or conducting a sim for planning. Due date of grant application is March 31st so time is of the essence. Corrections was discussed as an option vs. SMA. Although Corrections could be designated it was discussed that the grant experience within SMA would be beneficial especially with the timeline. It was agreed SMA would be the better option but it might be better to have someone else take it over the implementation grant when that time comes. Nicole Sharbono indicated SMA could take it on and get it done.

Motion made by Mark Weinburg and second by Jennifer Wipple to name SMA as the entity for the grant application. Passes 6-0.

Point of clarification that being this would be for adults that this would not preclude current SMART diversion program. Answer was that it would not.

VI. GENERAL DISCUSSION –

Next meeting date. Steven Smith asked how often should meetings occur. Recommended quarterly. Next meeting will be in June. Schedule to follow.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 AM.