



Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council

Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting: December 8, 2014 12:00 PM

50 2nd Street, Shalimar Florida

Public Safety Coordinating Council Members

Present	Name	Agency
x	Carolyn Ketchel	Board of County Commissioners
x	Paul Lawson	Chief Corrections Officer
	Judge Flowers	Circuit Judge
	Judge Maney	Chief County Judge
x	Jay Jones	Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Designee
	Bill Bishop	Assistant State Attorney
	Tom Murphy	Assistant Public Defender
	Deborah Brown	Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole Services
x	Kelli Huckabee	Pretrial Services
x	Tina Ferland	Judicial Corrections Services, County Probation Provider

Other Attendees:

Dino Villani, Department of Public Safety
 Stefan Vaughn, Department of Corrections
 Tammy Matthews, Department of Corrections
 Paul Farnsworth, Department of Corrections
 Susan Priddy, Corizon Health Services Administrator
 Sandra Hoffa, Corizon Health Services
 Robin Wright, Court Administration
 Allison Mikel, Court Administration
 Tim Brown, Public Defender's Office
 Travis Gates, Public Defender's Office
 Susan Sweeney, Department of Children and Families, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Division
 Marty Sollenberger, Clerk of Court
 Laurie Keller-Lithgow, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
 Matthew Harrison, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

Meeting opened at 12:04 pm.

Welcome:

Minutes

1. Minutes were sent for review and approval.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. No feedback has been received from Mr. Bishop pertaining to the bond schedule so the issue is tabled until the next meeting.
3. **New Business**
 - a. The election of committee chairperson was tabled until February meeting. Commissioner Ketchel requested the decision be made once the commissioner assignments were made in January. She wants to clear up concern over possible conflict of interest prior to the chairperson election made in her favor. Ms. Wright stated that Escambia County has an alternative representative for each member required by statute. She suggested having the same in Okaloosa so decision can be voted on during each meeting. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.
 - b. Ms. Priddy introduced Ms. Hoffa, CSW, hired with Corizon to assist at the jail. Ms. Priddy reviewed the annual medical report. She explained how the psychiatric telemedicine works with inmates. Mr. Lawson explained that Corizon works similar to an HMO in reviewing hospital days with regards to utilization management and makes the determination if further days are necessary. Ms. Priddy reported Corizon also checks each inmate for insurance for third party billing.
4. **Jail Population Report**
 - a. Mr. Farnsworth reviewed the jail population statistics. Mr. Lawson reviewed the rated capacity and overcrowding. He explained that approval to hire 5 additional officers was granted with the commencement of FY15 to open the Upstairs housing unit. The department is in the process of hiring new officers in an effort to get to full staffing level.
 - b. Mr. Villani has requested consideration to set aside funds for future jail expansion needs. He reported the five additional officers were approved for the Upstairs unit but more officers will be necessary when expansion occurs.
 - c. Mr. Lawson reported Judge Maney will be having a "jail sweep" court date to address as many misdemeanor cases as possible prior to the holidays.
 - d. Ms. Wright has discussed with judicial concerning reduction of sentences for inmates under their jurisdiction, but the judiciary feels their decisions were fair and does not need to be changed. She reported modifying a sentence requires special consideration and can only be done within certain time frames.

5. Pretrial Services Report

- a. Ms. Huckabee reported on Pretrial Services statistics. She stated that PTS had technological issues that affected the reports. The revocations for Failure to Appear remain low with both PTS and Mental Health court cases.
- b. Mr. Farnsworth reviewed the Department of Juvenile Justice report and explained how and when days are challenged for payment.

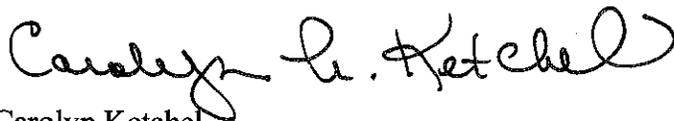
6. Judicial Corrections' Services Report

- a. Ms. Ferland reviewed probation statistics and various cases supervised. She answered questions which explained that probationers required to have employment may only be approved for specific jobs depending on the charges. JCS maintains a list of what type of job is afforded to certain charges and assists in helping gain employment in those fields.
- b. Ms. Ferland explained restitution, fines, and court costs fees recovered. JSC is currently handling approximately 1100 cases.
- c. Ms. Ferland explained that the current lease for their offices will expire Dec. 31st and they will be moving into new offices after the first of the year.

The next full meeting for the Public Safety Council will be February 9, 2015.

Meeting ended at 12:43 pm.

After word by Commissioner Ketchel: She toured the jail and was impressed with the cleanliness. She stated having a CSW working with the medical department will be beneficial. She feels additional space to offer individual meetings and group sessions would be beneficial also.



Carolyn Ketchel
County Commissioner