



Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council

Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting: August 20, 2015 12:00 PM

Courthouse Annex Extension, Fort Walton Beach

Public Safety Coordinating Council Members

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

Other Attendees:

Stefan Vaughn, Department of Corrections
Tammy Matthews, Department of Corrections
Joseph Foley, Department of Corrections
Paul Farnsworth, Department of Corrections
Susan Priddy, Corizon Health Services Administrator
Stephanie Davis, Corizon Health Services, Director of Nursing
Sandra Hoffa, Corizon Health Services, Clinical Social Worker
Yvonne Johnson, Florida Department of Corrections
Norma Kelly, Florida Department of Corrections
Laurie Keller-Lithgow, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
Janice M. George, Big Bend CBC
Paul Wallis, Department of Juvenile Justice
J. D. Peacock, Clerk of Court
Don Allgood, Clerk of Court
Allison Mikel, Court Administration

Meeting opened at 12:01 pm.

**Welcome:
Minutes**

1. Attendees introduced themselves and the agency they represent.

2. April minutes were approved as sent. June minutes were amended and approved.

3. Old Business

None

4. New Business

- a. Mr. Farnsworth presented a slide showing increase in average daily population between June at 644 to August at 663. The jail has received 6 inmates on homicide charges since June bringing the count to 12. Mr. Farnsworth provided Commissioner Ketchel information that no homicide detainees were also held due to illegal status. All other statistics remain consistent. The jail population has exceeded 680 during the weekends and continues above 650 during the week.
- b. Mr. Farnsworth announced Kelli Huckabee could not attend due to a large number of defendants at First Appearance. Judge Brown requested additional information concerning statistics on revocations for May/June. Mr. Farnsworth explained the number of revocations is relatively low due to the amount of cases handled by Ms. Myers. She has 44 on her case load and any amount of revocations would show as a spike in the statistics. Commissioner Ketchel reminded members that mental health issues and cases need to remain on the forefront of discussion since Florida is ranked 49th in the nation in how this population is assisted.
- c. Mr. Bishop related to Judge Brown that some defendants often resist accepting 12.1 sentences because the defendant does not remain in the community where they live as they would with 11/29 sentence. Ms. Kelly further explained how those defendants sentenced to prison are shifted throughout the state based on their level of classification, length of sentence and history of incarceration. She explained additional facilities have been opened but the state government expects the prison to reduce their numbers by 100,000 inmates. She stated facilities are ranked for mental health detainees based on their medication and amount of supervision and care required. Blackwater facility located in Santa Rose County is privately operated and was outfitted with newest technology and monitors for mental health but currently does not house mental health detainees.
- d. Commissioner Ketchel asked members to consider possible locations for the family visitation center that has been located at the Shalimar Methodist church. The program which affords parents supervised visitation can no longer use this facility. The location must allow a minimum of 2500 square feet. Please notify a commissioner with any suggestion for a new location.

5. Jail Inmate Programs Presentation

- a. Ms. Matthews reviewed the programs required by Florida Model Jail Standards conducted at the jail which included: mail, visitation, law library, commissary, work crews, education services and food service. She explained re-entry assistance working with Ms. Hoffa and Mr. Farnsworth to help inmate transition into the community with appointments, benefits, birth

certificates, DD214, social security cards and job information.

The next full meeting for the Public Safety Council will be October 22, 2015.
Mr. Farnsworth will send an email notification of meeting dates for 2016.

Meeting ended at 12:58 pm.



Carolyn Ketchel

County Commissioner

Chairperson Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council