



Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council
Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting: April 13, 2015 12:00 PM
Northwest Florida State College, Niceville 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
	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
	Kelli Huckabee	Pretrial Services
x	Tina Ferland	Judicial Corrections Services, County Probation Provider

Other Attendees:

Stefan Vaughn, Department of Corrections
 Tammy Matthews, Department of Corrections
 Paul Farnsworth, Department of Corrections
 Susan Priddy, Corizon Health Services Administrator
 Stephanie Davis, Corizon Health Services, Director of Nursing
 Norma Kelly, Okaloosa Correctional Institute
 Paul Wallis, Department of Juvenile Justice
 Robert Kemp, Florida Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole
 Marty Sollenberger, Clerk of Court
 Matthew Harrison, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

Meeting opened at 12:03 pm.

Welcome:

Minutes

1. Minutes were approved as sent for review.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. Commissioner Ketchel was elected as chairwoman for the PSCC.
 - b. Mr. Priddy reviewed the program that has been established servicing pregnant female inmates. Health Start is assisting with the program and three are currently in the program. Healthy Start will be following them after their release to encourage them to stay off drugs.

3. New Business

- a. Commissioner Ketchel requested a change in meeting format. She suggested a quick overview of significant changes in the statistics for discussion instead of going over all statistics so time is available to have people do presentations on their projects. This would allow additional people to get involved in the meeting. A possible topic would be Emergency Management, although they have their own monthly meeting. Emergency Management monthly meetings are coordinated by Randy McDaniel.
- b. Mr. Lawson requested medical updates regularly to keep the committee informed of continued care in custody.
- c. A change in the location of the meeting may improve judicial involvement. Judges usually have an hour to ninety minutes for breaks in their docket which does not allow them to come to Niceville for meetings. Judge Maney had to drop out of attending due to the time issue. Ms. Wright is working with the judicial to determine which Judges may be available to participate.

4. Solitary Confinement

- a. Mr. Lawson presented an overview of solitary confinement in custody, what type of inmates are placed in solitary confinement, and the length of time the inmates may stay in confinement. Questions during the presentation included types of charges that put an inmate in confinement and ability to have natural lighting or clocks to see time passing.

5. Jail Population Report

- a. Mr. Farnsworth reviewed the jail population statistics.

6. Pretrial Services Report

- a. Mr. Farnsworth reported on Pretrial Services statistics.
- b. Mr. Farnsworth reviewed the Department of Juvenile Justice had a total of 153 reported for billing.

7. Judicial Services Report

- a. Ms. Ferland reported Judicial Services has moved into a new location in Fort Walton Beach and Crestview. The Crestview location has improved parking. She reported an increase in drug (cocaine, meth, and spice) cases. She stated many defendants are using community service to pay off fines and fees. Probation is considering accepting credit cards for payments.

The next full meeting for the Public Safety Council will be June 8, 2015.

Meeting ended at 12:53 pm.

Carolyn Ketchel
County Commissioner
Chairperson Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council