



Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council

Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting: February 9, 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
x	Jay Jones	Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Designee
x	Bill Bishop	Assistant State Attorney
	Tom Murphy	Assistant Public Defender
x	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:

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
 Stephanie Davis, Corizon Health Services, Director of Nursing
 William Watson, Okaloosa Correctional Institute
 Jack Hammontree, Okaloosa Correctional Institute
 John Willis, Okaloosa Correctional Institute
 Paul Wallis, Department of Juvenile Justice
 Mark Alfieri, Florida Department of Corrections
 Susan Sweeney, Department of Children and Families, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Division
 Marty Sollenberger, Clerk of Court
 Matthew Harrison, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

Meeting opened at 12:07 pm.

Welcome:

Minutes

1. Minutes were sent for review and approved as sent.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. Commissioner Ketchel announced she will be assigned as liaison to the PSCC while Commissioner Goodwin will be liaison to Corrections. She asked that prior to being elected chairperson; she would like to review FSS 951 and what is expected for the meetings and the attendees.
 - b. Mr. Bishop has reviewed the current bond schedule of this county comparing it to Escambia County which is the only other county in this district using a bond schedule. The Okaloosa schedule is more detailed. He reviewed the schedule with the Judges who felt it remains appropriate.
 - c. Mr. Lawson reviewed the senate committee proposal to increase jail sentences from 12 months to 18 or 24 months. Mr. Farnsworth submitted a report on the impact of the change to the county. The change would impact the jail population by approximately 200 inmates. The cost might shift from state to county budgets but would not save tax payer dollars.
 - d. Commissioner Ketchel reminded the committee that consideration of a jail expansion covering a 5 to 10 year plan is necessary. Mr. Lawson has reached out to a construction professional in the area in an effort to determine an estimate for expansion costs.
3. **New Business**
 - a. Mr. Farnsworth reviewed the Jail Capacity Survey results showing Okaloosa County as having a lower cost per day than many other counties.
4. **Program for Pregnant Females**
 - a. Ms. Priddy presented a new initiative Corizon has started for pregnant females. The medical staff will meet with all pregnant females as a group to provide education on what to expect with the pregnancy and with a new baby. The program is then tailored to what each individual needs for preparation.
 - b. Ms. Priddy introduced Stephanie Davis who has started with Corizon as Director of Nursing.
 - b. Ms. Hoffa presented information pertaining to the group that has started working with juveniles. She will be working with them on anger management, substance abuse and reducing criminal thinking.
 - c. Ms. Hoffa explained requirements to gain benefits and necessity for working with social security to obtain identification.

5. Jail Population Report

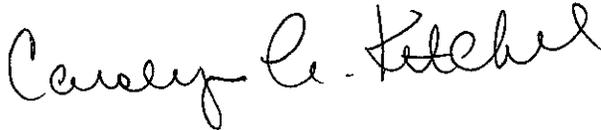
- a. Mr. Farnsworth reviewed the jail population statistics.

6. Pretrial Services Report

- a. Mr. Farnsworth reported on Pretrial Services statistics.
- b. Mr. Farnsworth reviewed the Department of Juvenile Justice report and explained how and when days are challenged for payment. He presents challenges to the attorney for review.
- c. Warden Willis explained the staffing and inmate counts for Okaloosa Correctional Institute (OCI). The agency currently has an average population of 1250 with 283 staff members. They have been required to hold 5% of staff positions vacant which equates to approximately 10 positions. He stated most housing units are cell units not open bay dorms with a higher classification. He stated many of the cells are close management single cells. He reported the institution releases approximately 300 inmates into Florida each year with 28 to 30 staying in the local community. Most of their staff resides in Okaloosa County.

The next full meeting for the Public Safety Council will be April 13, 2015.

Meeting ended at 12:48 pm.



Carolyn Ketchel
County Commissioner