



Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council

Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting: June 23, 2016 12:00 PM

Courthouse Annex Extension, Fort Walton Beach

Public Safety Coordinating Council Members

Present	Name	Agency
	Carolyn Ketchel	Board of County Commissioners
x	Stefan W. Vaughn	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
x	Kelli Huckabee	Pretrial Services
x	Tina Ferland (Ms. Davis)	Judicial Corrections Services, County Probation Provider

Other Attendees:

Paul Farnsworth, Department of Corrections
 Joseph Foley, Department of Corrections
 Susan Priddy, Health Services Administrator, Corizon
 Mary Sollenberger, Clerk of Court Office
 Valerie Broxson, Court Administration
 Larry McFarland, Bridgeway Center, Inc.
 Judge Stone, Circuit Court Judge
 Julie Gaither, Department of Corrections
 Fletcher Forte, Department of Corrections

Meeting opened at 12:00 pm.

Welcome:

Minutes

1. a. April minutes were approved as sent.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. No old business to discuss.

4. Pretrial Services Report

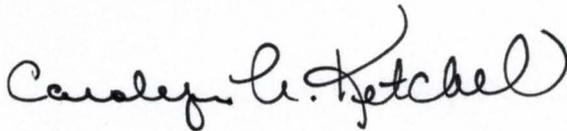
- a. Ms. Huckabee reported an increase in GPS monitoring of 27 to 28%. All other statistics within normal bounds.

5. New Business

- a. Chief Vaughn discussed the time involved with Violation of Probation (VOP) holds which continue to 5 to 10 calendar days to be filed and sent to the jail. In response to a question from Judge Stone, 60 to 70% of those that incur a new law violation are charged with a VOP. Chief Vaughn proposed with a new law violation, a probable cause arrest made instead of placing a hold on the defendant. He recognizes that this would lead to increased work for the clerk's office.
- b. Judge Brown suggests a specified time frame for payment of court ordered obligations during probation, so the system is not burdened with VOPs that deal only with nonpayment issues. Judge Stone concurred and feels this area needs improvement. He further explained the order and process. Judge Brown stated that having a specified time frame would reduce rushed financial violations very close to the end of probation. Ms. Gaither will report on the way FDOC handles this issue.
- c. Chief Vaughn and Mr. Farnsworth presented a report on weekend and intermittent incarceration.
- d. Judge Stone discussed the use of community control sanctions as a condition of bond. Judge Stone stated that adding community control as a condition of bond was not legal as it is essentially adding a more stringent form of supervision without conducting a hearing to do so. Judge Stone stated that if community control sanctions were added as a condition of bond then the person would have to be monitored by Pretrial Services. Ms. Gaither stated Okaloosa County is the only county in the circuit ordering these sanctions. The Judges agree that bond should be denied in these circumstances.

The next full meeting for the Public Safety Council will be August 18, 2016.
Mr. Farnsworth will send an email reminders for upcoming meetings.

Meeting ended at 1:00 pm.



Carolyn Ketchel
County Commissioner
Chairperson Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council