

Public Safety Coordinating Council
Volusia County
Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
June 22, 2009 - 3:00 PM
Daytona Beach, Florida
MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Joie Alexander, Volusia County Council
Marilyn Chandler-Ford, Volusia County Corrections
J. David Walsh, Chief Judge
James Purdy, Public Defender
R. J. Larizza, State Attorney
Tony Schefstad, Volusia Flagler Coalition for the Homeless
Melanie Anderson, Clerk's Office
Luis Bustamante, State Attorney's Office
Fred North, State Department of Corrections
Dennis Moon, Judicial Corrections Services
Mark Weinberg, County Administration
Bill Lee, Volusia County Sheriff's Office

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Evelyn Thompson, Volusia County Info Technology
Mark Anderson, Fresh Start of Volusia
Fred Hoffmann, Fresh Start of Volusia
Angela Fazio, Mental Health Assoc.
Jim Ryan, Volusia County Public Protection

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joie Alexander called the June 22, 2009 meeting of the Volusia County Public Safety Coordinating Council to order at 3:05 PM and introductions were completed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Alexander called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting. Motion was made by Marilyn Chandler Ford to approve minutes as written. Second by Bill Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

III. REPORTS

A. JAIL REPORT of Marilyn Chandler Ford

Dr. Ford distributed the Division of Corrections report and stated that the numbers are pretty level right now. Year to date in June is 1395 while the end of May was 1405 but there is still a week to go in June. Typical peak period is July through Labor Day. There are 218 females today. This is too many inmates to fit inside the building proper so one dorm has been opened. There are 31 females in the dorm. The dorm is air conditioned and could possibly be open all summer. They are planning to do everything possible to keep male inmates inside the building and not have to go into dorms.

B. CJIS REPORT of Evelyn Thompson

Ms. Thompson reported that the Jail Management System (JMS) exchange interface testing is being completed this week. The first two days of stability testing have been successful, and after finishing the remaining two days, a test will be conducted against the production CJIS. Because test results appear positive so far, Unisys and the other vendors have been asked to furnish available dates in July and August to begin discussions of a possible go-live date for JMS. We hope to have a firm date soon. Unisys and the vendor for the Court Case

Management System (CCMS) are still working through open issues, but work on CCMS data conversion and exchanges continues to move forward.

C. PRE-TRIAL SERVICES ó Shirley Olson

Mark Weinberg distributed the Pre-Trial Services report and pointed out that the successful closer rate is higher than the year to date average. There was discussion following regarding the drug testing process and the number of specimens that are handled each month.

D. CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, & SUBSTANCE ABUSE REINVESTMENT ACT-
Carrie Garnett-Baird

Ms. Baird was not in attendance. The July 2009 Implementation Update report was distributed in her absence.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Ms. Alexander brought up the subject from last month's meeting regarding sanitizing the door knobs and doing other types of things to protect people from getting the swine flu. Judge Walsh explained that the Supreme Court has an Administrative Order out now on the issue of dealing with potential pandemic situations contamination. One of the things that was suggested was possibly having periodic sweeps by maintenance people to clean off door handles and knobs and things of that sort. He didn't know if that was something that could be done in the court facilities. Mr. Weinberg advised that he would check with the facilities department. Mr. Purdy advised that they had ordered hand sanitizers for each of their offices. He recommended doing the same in the alcoves of each of the courtrooms and have maintenance check on them periodically.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fresh Start of Volusia ó Business Plan

Mark Anderson and Fred Hoffman of Fresh Start of Volusia presented information on the business plan for their organization. Chair Alexander asked what their expectations were from the Public Safety Coordinating Council. Mr. Hoffman stated that they provide services such as drug and alcohol rehab. They can provide housing, job finder assistance, in-house paid job program, counseling and other services. They have a location on US 1 between Beville and Bellvue that can provide for 18 clients. These clients must have non-violent offenses such as drugs and alcohol. They want to give clients a chance to change their lives and get back on their own. They have been turned down for JAG funds. They are looking for community assistance/funding in order to continue to offer these services. The program needs \$600 per person to provide the initial first four weeks housing cost. It was suggested that they contact Ed Jasper in Volusia County Community Assistance to find out what assistance may be available to them. Serenity House is taking the lead on the JAG grant. State Attorney Larizza stated that there is a different grant available and recommended they contact Mike Jewell, drug court administration and also Randy Croy at Serenity House.

VI. DISCUSSION

- A. Chair Joie Alexander asked Judge Walsh about the Volusia County Misdemeanor DUI Treatment Court program in county court. Mark Weinberg advised that a task force has been created to examine whether or not such a program would be feasible in Volusia County. A meeting has been scheduled for August 7th to discuss. He stated that it would help prevent reoccurrence.
- B. Fred North advised that the Department of Corrections is moving forward on the re-entry facilities. Expanding work release facilities and increasing bed capacity.
- C. Jim Ryan asked whether or not there was any impact locally on moving prisoners out of state and if there are any local costs associated with the move? Fred North advised the legislature gave the State Department of Corrections the flexibility to move inmates to another state and buy beds in other states. This would be more cost effective than building new prisons. The cost will come out of state revenue.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Joie Alexander adjourned the meeting at 3:50 PM.