

Public Safety Coordinating Council
Volusia County
Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
June 6th, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.
Emergency Operations Center
3825 Tiger Bay Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32124
Approved on September 5th, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Honorable Leah Case, Chief Court Judge
Joseph DeMore, Director of Corrections
Christopher Schell, Assistant Director of Corrections
Christy Gillis, Dept. of Family and Children Services
Mary Singleton, Dept. of Corrections
Honorable Wesley Heidt, County Court Judge
Melanie Anderson, Clerk's Office
Karen Chrapek, Volusia Recovery Alliance
Shirley Olson, Court Administration
Jennifer Stephenson, SMA Healthcare
Robert Brown, Volusia County – IT
Jessica Day, Volusia County Corrections
Brian Henderson, Chief Deputy Volusia Sheriff's Office
Mark Weinburg, Court Administration

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Honorable Judge Leah Case called the June 6th, 2024, meeting of the Volusia County Public Safety Coordinating Council to order at 9am. Introductions were completed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Honorable Judge Leah Case called for additions or corrections of the meeting minutes from the March 7th, 2024, meeting. The motion was made to approve by Brian Henderson and seconded by Judge Wesley Heidt. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. REPORTS

A. JAIL REPORT - Joseph DeMore

- Introduction of new Assistant Director – Christopher Schell
- West Wing anticipated to be ready August 2024.
- Concrete poured for MH dorms on May 31st
- Padded cell project
 - specs with purchasing for the 6 padded cells
- Population as of Thursday June 6th, 2024
 - Males - 1111
 - Females – 234
 - Total - 1345
- Still working with Daytona State - New Smyrna campus on Cosmetology, Barber, and Virtual Welding classes

B. CJIS REPORT – Robert Brown

- The First Appearance application is still on-hold until our analyst is able to complete the EOC Management application.
- Beacon has rolled out wrist bands with RFID tags. This will allow Corrections as well as VSO to quickly “tap” an inmate’s wristband to identify the inmate or check the inmate in to a scheduled event.
- Shared information on Volusia Counties Beach App. [Volusia Beaches mobile app](#)

C. PRETRIAL SERVICES REPORT – Shirley Olson

- Highlighted the report created by John Kollmer containing alleged victims’ contact information. Alleged victims contact information is used by Pretrial Services to communicate with alleged victims before First Appearance

Reporting Period: May 2024

PRETRIAL ASSESSMENT				
Statistic	Month of May		Current FY 23/24	
Defendants Interviewed	253		1,863	
DV Victim Contacts	160		991	
Def's Appearing at 1st Appearance	1,288		9,596	
Def's Appearing at JARR	51		499	
Total Cases Released to Pretrial	266		1,910	
Cases Released to Pretrial at 1st Appearance	236	88.7%	1,711	89.6%
Cases Released to Pretrial at JARR	1	0.4%	11	0.6%
Not in Custody Cases Ordered to Pretrial Supervision	2	0.8%	21	1.1%
Cases Released to Pretrial via Court Action Form	27	10.2%	167	8.7%
Total Cases Released to Pretrial with Bond	65	24.4%	362	19.0%
PRETRIAL SUPERVISION				
Statistic	Month of May		Current FY 22/23	
Caseload- 1st day	655			
New Cases Assigned	266		1,910	
Cases Terminated	239		1,912	
Caseload- End of Month	682			
Terminations				
Successful	191	79.9%	1,550	81.1%
Failure to Appear	5	2.1%	74	3.9%
Failure to Comply	18	7.5%	150	7.8%
Arrested-New Charge	25	10.5%	138	7.2%
DRUG SCREENING LAB				
Statistic	Month of May		Current FY 22/23	
Specimens Screened/Positive Specimens Percentage	1,361	27.7%	10,782	24.3%
AGENCY INITIATIVES				
Agency initiatives to address jail population: At First Appearance, Pretrial Assessment provides a risk assessment instrument that measures the likelihood of a defendant appearing for court and not committing new crime if released before trial.				

D. DJJ CIVIL CITATION REPORT – no reports provided

IV. OLD BUSINESS – no reports provided

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Chirsty Gillis
 - Meeting scheduled with Department of Family and Children Services, DJJ, and state-wide judges to review processes and how to better identify Crossover Youth (youth involved in both dependency and delinquency systems)
 - Meeting scheduled with the Delinquency Judges regarding juveniles who are incompetent to proceed and how to connect those youth with services to prevent them from being re-arrested
 - Department of Family and Children Services provided a training with Delinquency Judges regarding access to behavioral health services that utilized Medicaid. This training course provides continuing education credits for the Judges.
- Brian Henderson
 - Hurricane Season
 - Mandatory Evacuations can impact the jail population due to the possibility of housing sexual offenders and predators.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Karen Chrapek
 - Programs provided by Volusia Recover Alliance
 - 1st responder program
 - Trainings for new corrections officers
 - New Leave Behind cards
 - Provide Narcan
 - Information regarding the services available from Volusia Recover Alliance
 - [Volusia Recovery Alliance | Substance use Recovery in Florida](#)
 - Brian Henderson
 - The collaboration between the staff of Volusia Recovery Alliance and Sheriff's Office Overdose Task Force has been successful in identifying the family and friends of those who have overdosed that are substance dependent as well and provide services to those individuals and are saving lives because of the services.
 - Judge Case praises the area partnerships that the Community Agencies have and can share the programs with the community.
 - Judge Case
 - Appeared and spoke at the County Council meeting (based on the findings of a Needs Assessment) to request the spacing challenges are addressed by the 5-year capital plan for the 7th circuit judicial area that serves the citizens. There are safety challenges and concerns due to the current logistics of how the current space must be utilized.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:25am.