

Public Safety Coordinating Council
Volusia County
Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida
February 17, 2020, 3:30 P.M.
Media Room, Emergency Operations Center
Daytona Beach, Florida
APPROVED 1/28/2022

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ben Johnson, Volusia County Council
Honorable Belle Schumann, County Court Judge
Mark Flowers, Volusia County Corrections Director
Matthew Metz, Public Defender's Office
Kathleen Moore, Judicial Corrections Services
Melanie Anderson, Clerk's Office
Shirley Olson, Court Administration
Nicole Sharbono, Stewart Marchman Act
Mike Willard, State Attorney's Office

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Joseph Pozzo, Director of Public Protection
Mark Swanson, Deputy Director of Public Protection
Randa Matusiak, Volusia County Corrections
Greg Ledet, Volusia County Information Technology
James Lynam, Heroe's Mile
Jillian Lewandowski, Department of Juvenile Justice
Jennifer Stephenson, Stewart Marchman Act
Patrick Miley, Stewart Marchman Act
Robert Brown, Volusia County Information Technology
Dawn Harridge, Volusia County Corrections

I. CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Ben Johnson called the February 17, 2020 meeting of the Volusia County Public Safety Coordinating Council to order at 3:30 PM. Introductions were completed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ben Johnson called for additions or corrections of the meeting minutes from the October 7, 2019 meeting. The motion was made to approve by Director Mark Flowers and seconded by Judge Belle Schumann. The minutes were approved unanimously by all present.

III. REPORTS

A. JAIL REPORT –Mark A. Flowers

The jail is currently below its authorized capacity 1,494, with a year-to-date ADP of 1,406.

A group called Inmate Encounters is a faith-based program and wants to build a 100-bed re-entry transition center in Volusia County. They want Volusia County to be the “starship” for this. They are also doing a 1-day event at both buildings for Corrections and the inmate population.

There is another group called Creating Jobs that will come in to teach inmates on how to make concrete and to help them get a job upon release. It will be paid for through the Inmate Welfare Fund.

The jail now has a greenhouse and will possibly be growing sea oats in the future. There are other success stories for Corrections as well.

B. CJIS REPORT – Greg Ledet

The new video visitation system is working well. Visitation is now available on-site for no charge or via remote connection for \$7.50 per half hour. This is a great benefit for out-of-county family and friends.

The inmate tablets have been installed in the jail. Due to their demand, Corrections is expanding the number available for inmate use.

We have begun the installation process of the new jail management system. We expect the process to be completed near the end of the year. This will integrate many of the jail’s systems into a single product and will provide the ability to streamline many operational processes.

The newly installed full body scanners have passed the radiation scatter testing and will soon begin daily usage. This will greatly cut down on contraband entering the jail.

C. PRETRIAL SERVICES REPORT – Shirley Olson

January report information is attached.

IV. DJJ REPORT – Jillian Lewandowski

For the data year January 2019 through December 2019, statewide of the eligible youth, 62% were issued a civil citation. It was 55% just in Volusia County. There are 242 juveniles on some type of juvenile probation supervision status. There are 67 youth in the residential communal programs.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Randa Matusiak discussed the option of the PSCC applying for a grant that would be of assistance for mental health inmates. The Implementation grant would be for three (3) years and is \$400,000. The Planning grant would be a 12-month project and is \$100,000. Patrick Miley (Stewart Marchman Act) has experience with putting these type of grants together. The deadline for this grant is April 1, 2020. Mr. Riley stated that the PSCC has to determine who would apply for the grant. The strategic plan has to be submitted with the application. The needs assessment will have to be addressed and will have to work with the strategic plan to help a community. Mr. Riley gave a complete summary of how it will need to be done and hand delivered to Tallahassee.

The motion was made to apply for the planning grant by the PSCC by Director Flowers and was 2nded by Judge Schumann. SMA will be the applicant and will build and apply it. Mr. Pozzo said it would go to council for approval. The overview sheet for the grant is attached to these minutes.

Melanie Anderson reminded the PSCC that the Clerk's office is having its Operation Green Light on February 29, 2020. This allows Volusia County customers with suspended driver licenses will have an opportunity to pay overdue court obligations, including traffic tickets, while saving up to 40% in additional fees to get their license back. It will be held at the Volusia County Courthouse in DeLand on Saturday. The time will be from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. A flyer is attached to these minutes.

VII. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Director Flowers brought up the people who should be involved with the grant. Ben Johnson nominated Nicole Sharbono, Shirley Olson volunteered and Judge Schumann did as well.

Mr. Pozzo stated Community Services would be involved in the grant also. He also discussed medical benefits for inmates. When you are incarcerated, all benefits cease. Mr. Pozzo has suggested that Randa Matusiak bring the data to the next meeting that shows why inmates might continue to return to the jail. There are so many different reasons why they return.

Shirley Olson discussed E-Notify; it is a program for people to register that will be able to send a notification by text or email when their next court date is.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM. The next meeting will be as an update for the grant.