

Public Safety Coordinating Council

April 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes

**Council Members (or designee) in Attendance:**

Chairman Proctor	Leon County Commission
Owen McCaul	State Attorney
Steve Harrelson	Leon County Sheriff's Office
John Knowles	Public Defender
Brylan Jacobs	Department of Corrections
Teresa Broxton	Office of Intervention & Detention Alternatives
Rebecca Kelly-Manders	REfire Culinary Program
Nancy O'Farrell	NAMI – Tallahassee Chapter
Anne Meisenzahl	Big Bend AFTER Reentry Coalition

**Also, in attendance:**

Kevin Warren	We Are All We Need
Chad Cutkomp	Department of Corrections
Ina Hawkins	Court Administration
Ceressa Haney	Office of Intervention & Detention Alternatives
Amanda Chandler	Apalachee Center, Inc.
Rayshell Holmes	Leon County Commission

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM

### Issues Reviewed

I. Approval of the March 29, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes.

II. LCDF Population Update – Steve Harrelson, Leon County Sheriff’s Office

Assistant Sheriff (AS) Harrelson reported 1,128 individuals are in custody in the Leon County Detention Facility: 1,012 males (89% of the population), 134 females (11% of the population), and no juveniles housed at LCDF. He provided the following breakdown of felony charges:

- 126 murder
- 44 sex offenses
- 74 robbery
- 170 drug-related
- 72 burglary
- 209 other violent crimes
- 376 other felony (miscellaneous) charges

AS Harrelson shared the longest stay in the facility ranges from 5.6-4.5 years, the average length of stay for VOP only cases average 85 days and there are 118 currently in the facility for VOP only. The average daily population is 1,142 consistent with the previous year of 1,140. As of last week, there were 192 arrests with 195 releases, as of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 19 were transported to DOC and there are 13 pending transport next week. 16 individuals are waiting transport to either Apalachee or Florida State Hospital and there are no COVID cases in the facility. He also provided the medication costs for the top 10 individuals that is \$12,000 per month, there are 319 on psychiatric medication and 414 with a mental health diagnosis, which is roughly 37% of the population.

III. We Are All We Need Program Update – Kevin Warren, Founder & CEO

Mr. Warren updated the Council that the We Are All We Need (WAAWN) Program was awarded grant funding through DCF to implement the program in Leon County and provided additional information regarding the program. The WAAWN Program is a community based, national non-profit organization that focuses on community revitalization solutions for at-risk youth. He presented information on the partnership with DCF and Leon County Sheriff’s Office to launch a collective strategy to better understand juvenile arrest disparities, violent crime in Leon County and pilot The Village of Care prevention, intervention, and diversion strategy. Mr. Warren stated this was a three-part project that included development of research studies funded by the Project Safe Neighborhood Grant called “High Risk Behavior Intervention Initiative” and “The Anatomy of Homicide” along with The Village of Care collecting data depicting the overly common problem of black juveniles, committing and/ or being victims of gun violence and disproportionately making up the juvenile arrest in Leon County. Mr. Warren presented statistics on the impacts of poverty, mental health, and/or substance abuse issues for juveniles and their involvement in criminal activity.

Chairman Proctor inquired if the program is collecting data on the impacts of single parent homes versus those with both parents at home and the educational background of parents. Mr. Warren stated that they do not have this data yet as they are only in the second year, but those social determinates are being reviewed and will be considered in the future. He stated that the target is equity versus equality meaning they are looking at the lack of systemic opportunities.

Nancy O'Farrell asked if they go into the child welfare system such as foster care or children that are in group homes due to being removed from their home. Mr. Warren stated the program is heavily involved with DCF and the Leon County Schools.

Chairman Proctor inquired if there was a request from the PSCC. Ms. Broxton shared that the Council had issued a letter supporting the Criminal Justice Substance Abuse Mental Health Reinvestment Grant application through DCF and that Mr. Warren was not requesting funds. She shared that Mr. Warren was requesting a letter from the PSCC to the DCF to assist in the expedition of required signatures to execute the contract and ensure the program can meet the start date of May 1, 2022.

IV. FIRST Program Quarterly Report – Amanda Chandler, Apalachee Center, Director of Residential & Forensic Service

Ms. Chandler presented the third quarterly report for the FIRST Program. During the reporting period, the Detention Liaison screened 202 individuals. Of those screened, 78 received liaison services while in custody, and 10 received services following their release. The FIRST Program is currently serving 190 clients, successfully discharged 11, and 3 were unsuccessfully discharged (2 transported to DOC and 1 was returned to the State Hospital). Ms. Broxton inquired if the two individuals transported to DOC were arrested for new offenses or technical violations. Ms. Chandler shared they did not have new charges but were sent to DOC due to their sentence on the pending charges. Ms. Broxton stated she believed since there were no new arrests they would not be classified as successful. AS Harrelson inquired of the goal of the FIRST Program and Ms. Chandler advised the goal was to reduce recidivism.

Ms. Chandler shared that there were 33 new participants enrolled in the program during the third quarter and 13 were arrested while receiving services. AS Harrelson asked about the types of offenses the 13 participants were charged with; however, Ms. Chandler did not have that information available but stated that she would start tracking the information.

Ms. Chandler concluded in saying that FIRST assists participants with housing, employment, and other services such as applying for benefits, childcare, and transportation. She shared that while not all participants initially seek assistance with housing or employment many do shortly after they begin working with the program. She stated that the number of participants receiving day services and competency restoration services is increasing.

V. Other Business

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM

Next Meeting: *Tuesday, May 17, 2022*

*4:00 PM*

*Commission Chambers, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Leon County Courthouse*