

Public Safety Coordinating Council

May 17, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Council Members (or designee) in Attendance:

Owen McCaul	State Attorney
Jessica Yeary	Public Defender
Chad Cutkomp	Department of Corrections
Teresa Broxton	Office of Intervention & Detention Alternatives
Rebecca Kelly-Manders	REfire Culinary Program
Anne Meisenzahl	Big Bend AFTER Reentry Coalition

Also, in attendance:

Ina Hawkins	Court Administration
Jason Laursen	Tallahassee Police Department
Ceressa Haney	Office of Intervention & Detention Alternatives

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 PM

Issues Reviewed

I. Approval of the April 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The Council was not able to approve the minutes due to lack of quorum.

II. LCDF Population Update – Teresa Broxton, IDA Director

Ms. Broxton shared the population update in the absence of Assist Sheriff Harrelson. She reported 1,146 individuals are in custody in the Leon County Detention Facility, 1,019 open cases (80%), average days in the Detention Facility is 249, and she provided the following breakdown of felony charges:

- 127 murder
- 46 sex offenses
- 75 robbery
- 85 Theft
- 11 property crimes
- 192 drug-related
- 61 burglary
- 222 other violent crimes
- 260 other felony (miscellaneous) charges

Ms. Broxton went on to report that the longest stay in the facility ranges from 5.6-4.5 years, the average length of stay for VOP only cases average 87 days and there are 108 currently in the facility for VOP only. There is a total of 813 in custody clients on non-psychotropic medication, 322 individuals are on psychotropic medication and the medication costs for the top 10 individuals was \$51,325 for the month of April and there are no COVID cases in the facility.

III. Board Workshop on Leon County Detention Facility Population Management Update – Teresa Broxton, IDA Director

Ms. Broxton provided an update on the Board's actions at the March 22, 2022 Workshop on the Leon County's Detention Facility (LCDF) Population Management discussing options to assess the need for additional capacity in the LCDF and programs to assist in reducing the facility's population in future years. As shared during the workshop, the detention facility's population has remained steady at approximately 1,000 since 2003.

During the April 12, 2022 meeting, the Board ratified the following actions taken at the Workshop.

1. Accept the status report from the Detention Facility
2. Approve two additional Pretrial/Probation Officer positions effective FY 21/22 to address the increased workflow in pre and post case management.
3. Directed staff to include \$200,000 in the FY 23 budget process for consultant services to identify additional strategies to further mitigate the need for additional infrastructure and any future needs that may be necessary for the Detention Facility. The consultant will also look at any diversion programs that may help reduce the population in the Detention Facility.

4. Directed staff to work with the Florida Association of Counties to develop a state legislative policy proposal that would place a limit on the amount of time that a person charged with a felony offense and awaiting sentencing can be detained in a county jail. In addition, staff is to first provide a report to the Board outlining ways to address inmate transport to ensure defense counsel maintains access to their clients should the legislative proposal be approved.

Ms. Broxton advised that staff will seek input from the Council and provide updates as staff begins developing the Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a consultant at the beginning of FY 23.

IV. Court Administration Reports – Ina Hawkins, Detention Review Coordinator

Ms. Hawkins, the Detention Review Coordinator provided an update on the activities of the Criminal Case Management Unit (CCMU).

Veterans Treatment Court

There are currently 44 participants in VTC and 26 currently in custody with one person is on hold in Franklin County, there are three new cases that have not been set for court as of this meeting, one has been sentenced and will be released in June, 18 are set for court event/action (case management, pleas/MH hearings, etc.), one person was picked up on a capias and one committed a new offense, there is one person that is listed as a VTC participant however, he is not a Veteran and she is working to have him removed from the list. The next VTC graduation is scheduled for June 20, 2022. VTC returned to in-person court on April 25, 2022. Ms. Hawkins reports that Brenda Mueller is recruiting new mentors and that Tallahassee Veterans Legal Clinic has been assisting in some cases such as civil issues and transportation.

Mental Health Court

There are 28 defendants on the misdemeanor mental health docket. Of those, 4 are in custody in the LCDF. The active caseload is 235. There are 102 individuals that need competency evaluations: 34 are in the community, 61 in the LCDF, 2 have an outstanding capias, 3 are in programs, and 2 are in custody in other facilities. The Court appointed Evaluators are working to catch up on the backlog of cases as well as Court Administration is working to add experts to the rotation.

There are 22 individuals waiting to be placed with DCF/APD, 9 individuals waiting to return to the LCDF from state forensic hospitals.

Felony Drug Court

There are currently 34 participants in FDC. There is no defendant in custody. All treatment sessions, court hearings and staffings are continuing to be held via Zoom. The program continues to graduate participants every two weeks and admit eligible cases.

Detention Review

The current detention facility population is 1,135 and the average for the last 5 weeks is 1,130. The current disposition rate for non-VOPs is 3.86% and for VOP/Re-opened is 5.22%. Ms. Hawkins is focusing on the female population, misdemeanor plea offers, stand-alone violations of probation and misdemeanor cases to ensure they are processed as quickly as possible to assist in managing the detention facility's population.

V. Electronic Monitoring Reports – Ceressa Haney, IDA Coordinator

Ms. Haney shared that the OIDA began the month of April with 205 defendants on electronic monitoring. There were 15 defendants ordered to GPS and 3 to SCRAM; 16 defendants were released from custody and enrolled on GPS and 6 on SCRAM monitors. As of April 30th, there were 165 defendants on active GPS and 36 defendants on SCRAM. During the month of April, a total of 21 cases were disposed; of those, 11 (53%) closed successfully and 10 (47%) closed unsuccessfully.

VI. Other Business

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM

Next Meeting: *Tuesday, June 28, 2022*

4:00 PM

Commission Chambers, 5th Floor, Leon County Courthouse