

Public Safety Coordinating Council

February 17, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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

Commissioner Bill Proctor	Leon County Commission
Ross Marshman	Public Defender's Office
Owen McCaul	State Attorney's Office
Major Norman Mack	Leon County Sheriff's Office
Teresa Broxton	Office of Intervention and Detention Alternatives
Patrick Mahoney	Big Bend AFTER Reentry Coalition
Nancy O'Farrell	NAMI Tallahassee
Chad Cutkomp	Florida Department of Corrections

**Council Members Not in Attendance:**

**Also in attendance:**

Ashley Jones	Intervention and Detention Alternatives
Ina Hawkins	Court Administration
Dr. Hairston	SWAN

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

#### Issues Discussed

I. Approval of October 1, 2025, and January 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes – Chairman Proctor

Owen McCaul moved to approve the minutes for October 1, 2025, and January 20, 2026, meeting minutes; seconded by Patrick Mahoney.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

II. LCDF Population Update – Major Norman Mack, Leon County Sheriff’s Office

Major Mack reviewed the LCDF Population Status Report for 2/17/26 (Attachment #1). The detention facility’s population is currently 1,040. Major Mack reviewed variables of the detention facility’s population based on case level, case status, demographics, violations of probation, and the average length of stay. Major Mack shared there are a total of 7 juveniles in custody: 3 in the LCDF and 4 detained in Jefferson County.

Commissioner Proctor inquired of Major Mack if there are any dynamics that the Council should focus on to lower the detention facility’s population. Major Mack shared that the population trends typically reflect increases during the holiday months due to court closures and other factors. He reported that the judicial system has returned to normal operations and the detention facility’s population is in line with trend data.

Commissioner Proctor and members commented on the calm atmosphere of the LCDF in comparison to other detention facilities and commended the Sheriff’s Office’s culture in working with the incarcerated population.

Commissioner Proctor inquired if Leon County Sheriff’s Office is currently working with or a part of ICE facilities to detain individuals. Major Mack explained that LCSO holds individuals for a maximum of three (3) days until they are transferred to an ICE facility.

III. Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Proposal(s) – Commissioner Proctor

Ms. Broxton provided an introduction on this item explaining that the Department of Children and Families (DCF) released the biennial Request for Applications (RFA) for the Criminal Justice, Mental, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant on January 23, 2026. Ms. Broxton shared that Apalachee Center, Inc. and We Are All We Need have both been or are currently recipients of this grant and provide quarterly reports as required. Ms. Broxton explained the two types of funding available under this grant opportunity. Ms. Broxton explained that the Office of Intervention and Detention Alternatives notified Big Bend A.F.T.E.R. Reentry Coalition, a local advocacy group, of the grant opportunity for dissemination to its membership that work in these areas and posted the grant opportunity on the PSCC’s webpages with instructions for submitting proposals for the PSCC’s consideration.

Ms. Broxton introduced Eryn Calabro, with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who attended the meeting as a representative of OMB in compliance with the grant eligibility and recommendation requirements.

Mr. Kevin Warren introduced himself as the CEO and founder of We Are All We Need (WAAWN) and presented the agency's proposal for the grant application. Mr. Warren explained that WAAWN is seeking an expansion grant for the Village System of Care 2.0 – Bridge the Gap proposal (Attachment #2). Mr. Warren shared that WAAWN Village System of Care was awarded \$1.2 million in 2022 to build and implement the pilot program for youth (ages 17 and younger) focusing on serving those living in Promise Zone zip codes (80% of participants). He shared that through the grant, the program was able to provide \$3.4 million economic savings to Leon County with a less than 3% recidivism and arrest rate, over 80% housing completion rate, and 85% program completion rate.

Over the three years, one of the reasons the program was so successful in preventing arrests and rearrests is the Village Provider Network which grows and expands maintaining core providers. The Bridge the Gap program will utilize the established and successful Village System of Care model to expand services to individuals 18 to 28 years of age. The Village Provider Network will extend to include Big Bend Continuum of Care (BBCoC) and NWF Health Network, etc. The Bridge the Gap Program will focus on assisting participants in five areas: earning, housing, mental and behavioral health, life planning, and coaching. Mr. Warren discussed the 3-year service goals detailed in the proposal and distributed materials (Attachment #3).

The Council had the following inquires of Mr. Warren to further understand the program proposal:

- Ms. Broxton inquired how the program would address the 100% match for grant eligibility. Mr. Warren explained that WAAWN negotiates in-kind services with all the service providers in the Village Provider Network, and in-kind donations for physical space.
- Commissioner Proctor inquired if the program was intentionally distancing from the faith community. Mr. Warren explained they do have faith-based participants, but they want to ensure that they have diversity to serve all populations.
- Commissioner Proctor asked about the potential client base after the expansion to 18 to 28 years of age. Mr. Warren explained based on the BBCoC's Point-In-Time count and DCF's Independent Living, the data reflects a target population of more than 1,000 individuals.
- Ms. Broxton inquired about continued services for youth (17 years and younger) participating under the current Village System of Care program. Mr. Warren explained that WAAWN has secured funding from other sources to continue the original program and current participants reaching the ages of 18 to 28 will continue receiving services under the Bridge the Gap Program 2.0.

- Commissioner Proctor inquired if the program included residential components. Mr. Warren advised one of the goals is housing, which will focus primarily on transitional housing for young people aging out of foster care as they are most vulnerable to criminal activity within the first year of homelessness (80%).
- Commissioner Proctor inquired if the program works with the 32304-zip code. Mr. Warren stated yes and that 80% of participants came from Promise Zone zip codes.
- Mr. Mahoney asked how the program defines recidivism. Mr. Warren explained that they define recidivism as someone who has been booked and arrested, excluding civil citations and diversion programs.
- Mr. McCaul inquired what entrepreneurial support entails. Mr. Warren explained in the life center they have a wide range of activities from a podcast studio to a work group to learn social media or learning skills such as lawn maintenance and professional cleaning courses.
- Ms. Broxton inquired about the process from referrals, assessments to connections with the Village Provider Network. The program offers community prevention intervention opportunities which are free screenings (ACE's, 40-point assessment). FAMU CePRA conducts the on boarding and completes the Flourishing Assessment providing participants with a score. The score is used to identify the appropriate tier for services (3, 6 or 10 months) and develop a life plan. FAMU CePRA is notified and has 48 hours to make contact and fully onboard the participant. The Star team assigns a life coach who works with the participant in navigating the individual life plan and connecting them to providers. The Star team conducts check-ins with participants every 60 days. Once participants complete the tiered plan they continue to have access to workshops.
- Ms. Broxton asked what agencies are the primary referral sources for the new program. Mr. Warren identified BBCoC, NWF Health Network, Leon County Schools, community referrals, and street outreach.
- Ms. O'Farrell asked what incentivizes youth to participate in the program and services. Mr. Warren explained that the program is based on relationships and the participant's understanding that they are trying to help them achieve a better life. He shared in working with high school aged participants they incorporated small rewards (movie tickets, etc.) for completing online based programming.

Ms. O'Farrell motioned to support WAAWN to apply for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Grant, seconded by Owen McCaul.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. 2026 Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Commissioner Proctor

Commissioner Proctor requested Ms. Broxton facilitate the nominations and election process for the Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. McCaul nominated Commissioner Proctor for PSCC Chair, seconded by Major Mack.  
*The motion passed unanimously.*

Commissioner Proctor nominated Mr. McCaul for PSCC Vice Chair, seconded by Major Mack.  
*The motion passed unanimously.*

V. FY 2026 Funding Recommendations – Chairman Proctor

Commissioner Proctor explained that we want to determine approaches, models, as to how the Council can formulate a recommendation for the FY 2026 funding from the Diversionary Account. Ms. Broxton provided a summary, explained that in FY 24 and FY 25, the PSCC recommended allocating the funding to the Reentry Housing Assistance (RHA) Program managed through LCSO's RISE Center. To date we have expended approximately \$60K and have a balance of \$140K to continue the program. We will request any outstanding balance as of September 2026 to be carried forward into FY 2027.

Ms. Broxton shared that in the past we initiated a sub-committee of PSCC members including the LCSO staff to analyze the LCDF population to identify programs or initiatives to address emerging needs contributing to the average daily population. Ms. Broxton shared the Council has recommended reentry assistance programs such as LIFT and Bethel Reentry and focused on housing the past few fiscal years.

Mr. McCaul shared that he was a huge fan of the LIFT Program and inquired if there was anything comparable occurring at the detention facility. Major Mack explained that the LIFT Program served the sentenced male population; however, over the past years the number of sentenced individuals has significantly declined.

Ms. Broxton inquired based on the reduction in post sentenced individuals how do we pivot to address the needs of the pre-sentence population and reduce recidivism within that population. Mr. McCaul inquired if there was interest in a program similar to LIFT for individuals after release from the detention facility. Commissioner Proctor inquired as to how to engage individuals to participate once they are released from the detention facility.

Commissioner Proctor requested information on services available in the community and expressed interest in new ideas. Ms. Broxton stated staff would bring back categories of services and if the Council wants to focus on a specific category, a formal procurement process may be required. Commissioner Proctor commented on the possibility of using the funds to conduct a study to assess and articulate the need for mental health facilities. Mr. McCaul inquired if there are any restrictions on allocating funds to programs that already exist (e.g. treatment courts) with proven track records.

VI. OIDA Monthly Electronic Monitoring Reports – Ashley Jones, Supervisor, Supervised Pretrial Release Division

Ms. Broxton introduced Ms. Jones to the Council and explained that Ms. Jones will be attending the PSCC meetings moving forward and serving as staff to the PSCC.

The February 2026 EM report was distributed in the minutes as Attachment #4.

VII. Other Business:

Ms. Broxton shared that the 2026 PSCC Meeting schedule was modified due to a change in the Board's schedule. The September meeting was rescheduled for September 29, 2026.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:12 PM

Next Meeting: March 17, 2026

5:08 PM

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