

Public Safety Coordinating Council

July 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Council Members (or designee) in Attendance:

Judge Ashenafi Richardson	Judiciary
Erika Barnes	Public Defender's Office
Owen McCaul	State Attorney's Office
Chief Craig Carroll	Leon County Sheriff's Office
Brylan Jacobs	Florida Department of Corrections
Teresa Broxton	Office of Intervention and Detention Alternatives
Rebecca Kelly-Manders	ReFire Culinary
Anne Meisenzahl	Big Bend AFTER Reentry Coalition

Council Members Not in Attendance:

Nancy O'Farrell	NAMI Tallahassee
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Also in attendance:

Jelani Marks	Office of Humans Services and Community Partnerships
Johnna Coleman	Big Bend Continuum of Care
Kevin Warren	We Are All We Need, Inc.
Jonathan Goodwin	We Are All We Need, Inc.
Isaac Boykin	Tallahassee Police Department
Kimberly Holland	Office of Intervention and Detention Alternatives
Irene Laws	ReFire Culinary
Brenda Mueller	Court Administration
Dr. Hairston	SWAN
Jasmine Queen	Apalachee Center
John Knowles	Public Defender's Office
Victor Williams	Public Defender's Office

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 PM

Issues Discussed

I. Approval of June 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Owen McCaul moved to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2025 (Attachment #1), meeting; seconded by Judge Ashenafi Richardson.

The motion passed unanimously.

II. LCDF Population Update – Chief Craig Carroll, Leon County Sheriff’s Office

Chief Craig Carroll presented the Leon County Detention Facility (LCDF) Status Report for 7/13/25 (Attachment #2). Chief Carroll advised that as of 7/13/25 the population was 1030, which is an increase from 995 during the Council’s last meeting on 6/24/25. He said that the increase could be attributed to the summer months and multiple law enforcement operations (stings). Chief Carroll highlighted the areas with noteworthy changes.

- Sentenced population increased to 139, from 130 in June
- Non-sentenced cases increased to 845, from 827 in June
- Male population for ages 18-29 (June – 245; July - 251) and 30-39 (June – 274; July – 281) increased
- VOP and other pending charges increased to 175, from 158 in June
- ALOS declined from 56 to 43 days in June, which may be attributed to DOC transfers
- Adult population increased for “Other Felony Offenders” from 345 in June to 365

Chief Carroll shared that Yes Care, LCDF’s mental health provider, shared that in June they had an average daily population of 956 with 539 (56%) of those individuals having mental health, substance use disorders, or co-occurring diagnoses.

Ms. Broxton shared that looking at trend data for the LCDF, the population has not exceeded 1,000 since June 2023. Chief Carroll commented that if the population continues to rise, which is common in July and August, it is going to create issues due to one of the pods being shut down for remodeling, which reduces the overall bed capacity by 90 to 94 beds within the facility. LCDF Administration will be monitoring the situation closely to stay ahead of any issues to the best of their ability.

Ms. Brenda Mueller shared DCF transfers is prolonging lengths of stay as it takes approximately 4 months for males to be placed and 5 to 6 months for females to be placed which use to take approximately 15 days. She also added that Court Administration has been working with Yes Care on the statistics for the incarcerated mental health population to provide a better breakdown. In the June report, Yes Care reported 678 contacts and 116 diagnoses. Based on Court Administration’s review 28 individuals would have been counted as having a severe mental health diagnosis. She added that a lot of the data reflects substance use disorders and they are continuing to look at ways to evaluate the data.

III. Housing Presentation – Johnna Coleman, Executive Director, Big Bend Continuum of Care; Jelani Marks and Jackie Fortman, Office of Human Services and Community Partnerships

Ms. Broxton introduced Ms. Coleman and Mr. Marks and provided the background for scheduling the presentation. At the March meeting, the Board expressed interest in exploring options to engage the business/private sector for collaborative opportunities to assist in addressing the community's housing needs. Ms. Coleman and Mr. Marks' presented on housing efforts and initiatives by the Big Bend Continuum of Care and Leon County Government. The presentation is provided under Attachment #3.

Mr. Jelani Marks, Housing Services Manager, provided an overview of the affordable housing programs that Leon County Government has been administering, the goals of the programs, and recent accomplishments. Leon County's Housing Services has two primary goals: 1) increase the stock of affordable housing and 2) preserve the stock of affordable housing in the community.

Ms. Johnna Coleman, Executive Director, Big Bend Continuum of Care (BBCoC), provided an overview of permanent supportive housing (PSH) in Leon County, eligibility criteria, and services associated with PSH. Ms. Coleman reported that there are currently two PSH programs funded by HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development): A Place Called Home which serves approximately 45 individuals funded at \$726,000 annually, and Home Plate which serves approximately 70 individuals funded \$884,000 annually. The allocation this year was increased slightly due to the rise in housing costs in order to maintain the level of clients served by the programs.

Ms. Broxton inquired if stakeholders serving homeless clients can assist them in completing the assessment and Ms. Coleman confirmed service agencies can assist in completing the assessment.

Ms. Coleman discussed community collaborations. BBCoC partners with local non-profit agencies, and many of the non-profit agencies conduct fund raisers to illicit support from the community. The BBCoC and many of the non-profit partner agencies have donation links that are highly visible on their websites and social media as well as engagements with local businesses and other community partners for year-round contributions.

Council members reiterated the annual allocations provided for the Landlord Risk Mitigation Program and Reentry Housing Assistance Program were designed to assist in filling gap areas due to being incarcerated individuals no longer meeting the HUD definition of homeless.

Judge Ashenafi Richardson inquired as to how the PSCC, and its members can be supportive of the BBCoC's efforts. Ms. Coleman stated the key issue now is to educate the public about the reality of people experiencing homelessness and its impact on the working population that cannot make their income match the rising rental costs. She shared that if anyone is interested in donating funding or talent can do so through the BBCoC or any of the non-profit partner agencies as they all have need for additional support.

IV. We Are All We Need Inc. – Three-Year Impact Report – Keven Warren, CEO

Mr. Warren and Jonathan Goodwin, Project Director, presented the Three-Year Impact Report (2022-2025). Mr. Goodwin shared that the program focuses on prevention and noted the following program highlights: 97% of youth participants were not arrested, recidivism rates remained under 3%, and 90% of youth maintained stable housing. The full report is available in Attachment #4.

Vice Chair Kelly-Manders expressed appreciation for the work that We Are All We Need Inc. does in the community to support youth.

V. OIDA Electronic Monitoring Report – Kimberly Holland, OIDA, Coordinator

Ms. Holland shared that we began the month of June with 126 defendants on electronic monitoring. There were 18 defendants ordered to GPS and 1 to SCRAM; 15 defendants were released from custody and enrolled on GPS and 5 on SCRAM monitors. As of June 30th, there were 104 defendants on GPS and 21 defendants on SCRAM. During the month of June, a total of 19 cases were disposed; of those, 11 (58%) closed successfully and 8 (42%) closed unsuccessfully (Attachment #5).

Judge Ashenafi Richardson shared that it would be helpful to have a listing of available community supervision options in the surrounding counties of the 2nd Judicial Circuit when covering First Appearance. Ms. Broxton shared that they would work with the Criminal Case Management Unit in Court Administration to collect and provide the information.

VI. Other Business:

Vice Chair Rebecca Kelly-Manders shared that she was honored to be a member of the PSCC for the past two years, but this will be her last meeting as she and her family are relocating out of the area.

Judge Ashenafi-Richardson commended Ms. Kelly-Manders vision and work in mentoring individuals who have been involved in the criminal justice system to give them a second chance at life and thanked her for the contributions she has made to the Leon County community.

Council members expressed wishes to Ms. Kelly-Manders. Ms. Kelly-Manders expressed that ReFire will continue to grow.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 PM

Next Meeting: September 2, 2025

4:00 PM

Commission Chambers, 5th Floor, Leon County Courthouse