

Public Safety Coordinating Council

December 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Judge Augustus Aikens	Judiciary
Rebecca Kelly-Manders	ReFire Culinary (Vice Chair)
Jessica Yeary	Public Defender's Office
Assistant Sheriff Argatha Gilmore	Leon County Sheriff's Office
Chief Norman Mack	Leon County Sheriff's Office
Teresa Broxton	Office of Intervention and Detention Alternatives
Brylan Jacobs	Florida Department of Corrections
Charles Deal	Assistant State Attorney
Anne Meisenzahl	Big Bend AFTER Reentry Coalition

**Council Members Not in Attendance:**

Nancy O'Farrell	NAMI Tallahassee
Bill Proctor	County Commissioner

**Also, in attendance:**

Kimberly Holland	Office of Intervention and Detention Alternatives
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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Vice Chair: Rebecca Kelly-Manders conducted the meeting in the absence of Commissioner Proctor

#### Issues Discussed

I. Approval of the December 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Jessica Yeary moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Chief Norman Mack. The Council voted unanimously in favor.

II. Leon County Detention Facility Population Updates and Discussion- Chief Norman Mack, Leon County Sheriff's Office

Chief Mack provided the Leon County Detention Facility (LCDF) Status Report for 12/4/2023 (Attachment #1). The population is currently at 959: 135 sentenced, 786 non-sentenced and 20 with a combination of sentenced and non-sentenced cases. Chief Mack shared that the average days in jail on violation of probation (VOP) and other pending charges is 206, 56 days on open VOP cases only and 124 days on sentenced VOP cases. As of 12/4/2023, the average length of custody in the Leon County Detention Facility is 219 days.

Jessica Yeary informed the Council that the open VOP cases are individuals that have a violation of probation only. These clients/defendants received a technical violation which may include GPS issues or failed random urinalysis test, but the defendant has not committed a new law offense. Ms. Yeary acknowledged that to bring down the average days in jail to 56 is fast.

Ms. Kelly-Manders inquired of the open VOP cases, what percentage get their probation reinstated? Ms. Yeary did not have the information readily available but advised that she would provide it at a future meeting. Ms. Yeary did inform the Council that it depends how long they have left on probation. Mr. Jacobs offered that it also depends on how you define reinstated; is any of the conditions modified or are they being put back on supervision but not found to be in violation of probation.

Ms. Kelly-Manders inquired, if we have these individuals that are currently being housed in the Leon County Detention Facility due to a violation of probation and the goal is to decrease the LCDF's population, what can be done or is there a solution to "trim" the time even more to keep the population in the Leon County Detention Facility lower? Ms. Kelly-Manders acknowledges that the current population of 959 is amazing but the ideal goal is 800 or less.

III. PSCC Workgroup Update- Teresa Broxton, IDA Director

Ms. Broxton informed the PSCC that the workgroup met on October 31, 2023, to identify a scope of services for the FY 23/24 allocation to assist in managing the Leon County Detention Facility's (LCDF) population. The consensus of the group is to identify options to address homelessness among criminal justice involved individuals returning to the community. Ms. Broxton shared that she is coordinating a future meeting to include staff from Leon County's Office of Human Services and Community Partnership and Big Bend Continuum of Care. This meeting will provide additional information on existing program(s) and services available in the community to minimize

a duplication of services and provide guidance on best methods for assisting this population to secure housing.

IV. 2024 Meeting Schedule- Teresa Broxton, IDA Director

Ms. Kelly-Manders requested a motion to approve the 2024 PSCC meeting schedule. Anne Meisenzahl moved to approve the 2024 meeting scheduled, seconded by Assistant Sheriff Argatha Gilmore. The Council voted unanimously in favor (Attachment #2).

V. Court Administration Reports- Ina Hawkins, Detention Review Coordinator

*Tabled in the absence of Ina Hawkins and Kendra Brown.*

VI. Electronic Monitoring Reports- Teresa Broxton, IDA Director

Ms. Broxton provided the Electronic Monitoring Program Report for the month of October 2023 (Attachment #3). The Office of Intervention & Detention Alternatives began the month of October with 120 defendants on electronic monitoring: 28 defendants were court ordered GPS; 2 defendants were ordered SCRAM monitoring during the reporting period. As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, there were 102 defendants being supervised on GPS and 19 defendants on SCRAM. In the month of October, 21 cases were disposed: 12 successful and 9 unsuccessful.

Assistant Sheriff Gilmore requested Ms. Broxton define unsuccessful. Ms. Broxton advised a unsuccessful closure would be the result of an Order to Show Cause being submitted to the Court due to the defendant's non-compliance with court ordered conditions of supervision such as not properly charging electronic monitoring equipment, entering an exclusion zone, etc.

VII. Other Business:

Ms. Kelly-Manders inquired if it would be a good recommendation to send to the Commission a recommendation to start a Homeless Court targeting individuals with multiple offenses such as trespassing, camping in public, or other "nuisance crimes" and to help treat the problem(s) that keeps bringing individuals into the detention facility.

Ms. Yearly responded yes and requested this item be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion. Ms. Yearly also acknowledged that when you look at the number of defendants having a place to be housed and/or sheltered it has been a huge help. And as the PSCC continues to strengthen community resources the Leon County Detention Facility population will continue to decrease.

Next Meeting: February 27, 2024

4:00 PM

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