

Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting

July 12, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheriff Rick Staly, Chief Dan Engert, Jason Lewis for R.J. Larizza, Judge Melissa Distler, Carrie Baird, John Chiaramonte for Jennifer Whipple, Commissioner Donald O'Brien, Danielle Moye, Christy Gillis, Public Defender Matt Metz, Chief David Brannon, Andrew Williams, Harry Cole, Christine Sikora

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chief Dan Merrithew, Judge Terence Perkins, Patricia Giaccone, Thomas York, John Fanelli, Angie Zinno, Mark Weinberg, Jenai Watkins, Commissioner Scott Spradley

STAFF PRESENT: Sheri Gopie Recording Secretary, FCSO General Counsel John LeMaster

GUESTS: See Sign-in Sheet (Attachment 1)

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Chair Staly called the meeting to order and lead the Council in the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Roll Call** - Roll call was taken reflecting a quorum was present.
3. **Opening Comments** - Chair Staly welcomed members and made opening remarks.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Prior PSCC meeting minutes dated April 12, 2023 were reviewed and unanimously approved.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. Jail Occupancy Report - Chief Daniel Engert
 - b. Mental Health Report – SMA
 - c. CJMHSA Grant Progress Report – Carrie Baird
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Chief Dan Engert – Presented Inmate Population Analysis/Sentenced v. pre-trial; local sentenced v. DOC sentenced etc.; what is driving increased population.
 - b. Carrie Baird – Reviewed Crime Prevention Grant Application Scores.
7. **Council Comments**
 - a. Sheriff Staly and Chief Engert discussed Jail Population Analysis to include indirect supervision v. direct supervision. Commissioner O'Brien inquired about the possibility of leveling off. Matt Metz requested 2018-2019 Inmate Population Analysis during COVID to compare to current Analysis.
 - b. Three Crime Prevention Grant Applications were received for 2023-2024, each making a 3-minute presentation.

It was discussed and decided that the Grant Allocation of \$30,000.00 would be divided between two entities with EPIC Community Services Inc. (dba EPIC Behavioral Healthcare) receiving \$20,000 to increase the hours of their current part-time Transition Specialist. The increased hours would provide access to treatment for the target population of incarcerated individuals.

Flagler Sheriff's PAL Inc. would be allotted the remaining \$10,000.00 to support the facilitation of bringing the sport of boxing to Flagler County as a proven youth crime reduction strategy. In addition, mentorship, mental health and substance abuse education and life skills development will be provided.

The Public Safety Coordinating Council eagerly anticipates the implementation of this Grant allocation to significantly support the Flagler County Community.

Sheriff Staly reiterated that a Form8B will need to be completed by those who have a conflict within 15 days to be attached to the minutes.

- c. A conversation held by the PSCC members, prompted by Judge Distler, was over the pending implementation of changes to the Florida Statute on Pretrial and Detention under HB 1627. Specifically, the Judge raised concerns and problems with how the information on the offenders is recorded and retrieved. The PSCC requested a presentation from Court Administrator Mark Weinberg for the meeting scheduled for October 11, 2023. Changes to the statute are summarized below:

HB 1627 Pretrial release and Detention (HB 1627)

1. Establishes a statewide uniformity for bond schedules.
2. Adds following offences to the definition of a dangerous crime:
 - a. DUI/BUI Manslaughter;
 - b. Extortion;
 - c. Trafficking fentanyl;
 - d. Written threats to kill.
3. Requires a detention hearing to be held prior to trial for dangerous crimes.
4. If the Court finds a substantial probability the defendant committed the offense and based on the defendant's past and present patterns of behavior no conditions of release or bail will reasonably protect the community and ensure the defendant is present at trial the court must order pretrial detention.
5. Requires the following arrestees to be held until first appearance:
 - a. A person arrested for a capital, life, first, second degree felonies; or
 - b. A person at the time of arrest was designated a sexual offender or sexual predator in this state or any other.
 - c. A person who at the time of arrest was on pre-trial release, probation, of community control in this state or any other.
 - d. A person who has, at any time before the current arrest, been sentenced pursuant to §§775.082(9) or 775.084 as a prison releasee reoffender, habitual violent felony offender, three-time violent felony offender, or violent career criminal.

- e. A person who has been arrested 3-times in previous 6-months.
 - f. A person arrested for violating a protective injunction.
 - g. A person arrested for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.
 - h. A person arrested for child abuse or aggravated child abuse.
 - i. A person arrested for sexual battery; indecent, lewd, or lascivious touching, exposure of sexual organs, incest, luring or enticing a child, or child pornography.
 - j. A person arrested for abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly or disabled person.
 - k. A person arrested for arson, riot, aggravated riot, inciting a riot, or aggravated inciting a riot, or a burglary or theft during a riot.
 - l. A person arrested for escape; tampering or retaliating against a witness, victim, or informant; destruction of evidence; or tampering with a jury.
 - m. A person arrested for any offense committed for the purpose of benefitting, promoting, or furthering the interests of a criminal gang.
 - n. A person arrested for trafficking in a controlled substance, including conspiracy to engage in trafficking a controlled substance.
 - o. A person arrested for racketeering.
 - p. A person arrested for failure to appear at required court proceeding while on bail.
6. Effective January 1, 2024.

8. Public Comments – No public comments were made.

9. Closing Remarks – Chair Staly summarized the meeting and provided closing remarks.

10. Next Meeting – January 10, 2024 at 8:45 a.m. and will be located in the Emergency Operations Center.

11. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.