

Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting

October 11, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheriff Rick Staly, Chief Dan Engert, Jason Lewis for R.J. Larizza, Judge Melissa Distler, Judge Terence Perkins, Mark Weinberg, John Fanelli, Carrie Baird, Weldene Vaneps for Jennifer Whipple, Commissioner Donald O'Brien, Deanna Johnson for Chief Dan Merrithew, Danielle Moye, Patricia Giaccone, Larry Avallone for Public Defender Matt Metz, Carla Prazeres-Reis for Thomas York, Chief David Brannon, Andrew Williams, Harry Cole, Christine Sikora

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christy Gillis, Angie Zinno, 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 reflecting the vacancy left by Jenai Watkins who resigned from her position on the Board.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Prior PSCC meeting minutes dated July 12, 2023 were reviewed and unanimously approved. Change made to minutes 7.c prior to being archived by Exec. Admin. Asst. to the County Administrator Luci Dance requested by Court Administrator Mark Weinberg reflecting that he is not with the Clerk of the Courts Office.
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 Report on 2018-2019 Total Bookings and Average Daily Population. Court Administrator Mark Weinberg requested a list of those awaiting charges, bond information etc.; Chief Engert will review charges and bond information on an individual basis.
 - b. Mark Weinberg – Gave overview of and discussed pending implementation of changes to the Florida State Statute on Pretrial and Detention under HB 1627 and the uncertainty of how it will be interpreted.

Judge Perkins discussed Bond Schedules and factors of first appearances and the upcoming receipt of a Statewide Bond Schedule.

Judge Distler discussed unfunded mandate concerns.

Sheriff Staly discussed increase in Classifications workload due to rise in bookings and arrests.

- c. County Facility Gain Time for Sentenced Inmates – Sheriff Staly discussed the adoption of the Gain Time Schedule for County Jail inmates and the need to be in compliance.

The PSCC discussed in depth additional days of gain time for good behavior and the decision was made to table until next meeting. Chief Engert and GC John LeMaster will take all into consideration and will return with a possible alternative option and will send out a revised proposal prior to the next PSCC Meeting. Please send any comments to John LeMaster.

Sheriff Staly gave a directive until policy is adopted to follow five (5) day State Law.

- d. Motion was made to adopt the new 2024 proposed quarterly meetings.

7. Council Comments

- a. John Fanelli spoke about the incident involving students assaulting staff on campus and reiterated the students being held accountable for their actions and placed in alternative programs and interventions to include expulsion. School safety continues to be their top priority and all that they can do is being done to ensure this.
- b. Sheriff Staly stated that the Supreme Court is reviewing the consolidation of State Attorney's.

Jason Lewis discussed changes in specific circuits and that county judges will not be affected.

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 10:02 a.m.