

**Pinellas Safety Coordinating Council**  
**Pinellas County**  
**May 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The Pinellas County Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) met in regular session at 2:00 PM on this date in the Third Floor Judicial Conference Room at the Pinellas County Justice Center, 14250 49th Street North, Clearwater, Florida.

Present

Dave Eggers, Chair, County Commissioner  
Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney  
Shawn Crane, Chief Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit  
Deanna Carey, representing Sheriff Bob Gualtieri  
Christopher Dudley, Department of Corrections  
Michael Jalazo, Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition (PERC)  
Ashley Roura, representing Public Defender Sara Mollo  
Dorothy Vaccaro, County Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit

Not Present

Dianne Clark, Operation PAR, Inc.  
Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff  
Sara Mollo, Public Defender

Others Present

Maxine Booker, Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services  
Nick Bridenback, Court Administration  
Tim Burns, Pinellas County Human Services  
Jazmin Cabrera-Huesca, Department of Juvenile Justice  
Alan Davidson, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network  
Anita Fowler, representing Largo Police Chief Mike Loux  
Yashira Gonzalez, Pinellas County Justice Administration  
Tony Holloway, St. Petersburg Chief of Police  
Frank Kopezynski, Pinellas County Bail Bond Association  
Kenneth Lyons, Department of Corrections  
Keith Meyer, Criminal Administrative Judge  
Jennifer Parker, Trial Courts Administrator  
Pilar Poligo, Department of Corrections  
Justin Shea, National Alliance on Mental Illness  
Cody Ward, Pinellas County Attorney's Office  
Tammy Burgess, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk  
Other interested individuals

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PSCC MEMBERS**

Chair Eggers called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and requested that those in attendance introduce themselves.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chief Judge Crane made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bartlett and carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no response to Chair Eggers' call for public comment.

## **REPORTS**

### Indicators Report

Referring to a document titled *Indicators Report, May 2024*, Ms. Gonzalez noted that the average daily population for pretrial misdemeanors increased slightly in January, February, and March when compared to the previous year; and that this will be monitored due to the potential for the statute regarding public camping to take effect. Thereupon, a discussion ensued regarding the statute.

### Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) – Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) Data Report

Ms. Gonzalez indicated that no one is present for this item due to issues with the system utilized for this report.

### Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grants

## **COMPLEX CASE REINTEGRATION PROJECT**

Mr. Jalazo reviewed project statistics, noting that there are currently 21 individuals enrolled and 12 successful completions; that there has been growth in enrollment; and that there is intent to continue the program for another year if approval is received from the state.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Vacant Seat Nominees

Referencing a discussion at the Council's last meeting regarding the process for filling vacancies and the nomination of Operation PAR CEO, Jim Miller, for a current vacancy, Mr. Burns provided brief information related to the establishment of the PSCC and its Planning Council and discussed the vacant position, which spans both Councils, for a four-year appointment of a Director of a Local Substance Abuse Treatment Program or a designee; whereupon, he indicated that he has received no further nominations from the members; and that Mr. Miller is willing to serve in this capacity.

Mr. Jalazo made a motion to appoint Mr. Miller. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shea and carried unanimously.

Mr. Burns also discussed two current Planning Council vacancies and noted that, based on statutory language, the recommendations for filling the vacancies will be made by Florida Department of Children and Families Regional Substance Abuse and Mental Health Director Melissa Leslie; and that Ms. Leslie will work with staff to identify the recommended appointees, which will then be presented to the Council.

### PSCC Website & Member Packets

Later in the meeting, Ms. Gonzalez referenced materials provided to the members and discussed a proposal for a PSCC page on the County's website, noting that it would include the Council's purpose, mission, vision, contact information and a list of the members; whereupon, she related that meeting agendas and minutes, as well as any other information that the members feel is relevant, could also be added.

Mr. Jalazo made a motion to accept the website proposal, with the provision that the Council conduct a final review before it goes live. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dudley and carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Eggers indicated that he would like to explore whether there is interest in bringing forward ideas to discuss at future PSCC meetings; whereupon, he invited Mr. Burns to address the topic.

Mr. Burns related that member survey feedback showed an interest in learning about community programs and initiatives; whereupon, Mr. Jalazo suggested a presentation regarding Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA) Exchange Pinellas.

In response to a query by Mr. Dudley regarding the opioid settlement and how the money is being spent in Pinellas County, Mr. Burns indicated that a briefing related to the Opioid Task Force can be presented at the Council's next meeting; and that regular briefings can also be provided.

### **ROUNDTABLE/UPDATES**

Mr. Dudley provided information related to the efforts of the Office of Community Corrections and extended an invitation to the members to attend an upcoming innovation session; whereupon, Chair Eggers requested that the meeting information be sent to Ms. Gonzalez for forwarding to the members.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 PM.