

**Public Safety Coordinating Council
Pinellas County
December 2, 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)
Jim Miller, Operation PAR, Inc.
David Moran, representing Public Defender Sara Mollo
Dorothy Vaccaro, County Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit

Not Present

Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff
Sara Mollo, Public Defender

Others Present

Karen Barfield, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
Siomara Bridges-Mata, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Tim Burns, Pinellas County Human Services
Tristian Byrne, Pinellas County Justice Coordination
John Cornett, Department of Children and Families
Katiah Fitzpatrick, Pinellas County Justice Coordination
Anita Fowler, representing Largo Police Chief Mike Loux
Yashira Gonzalez, Pinellas County Justice Coordination
Dawn Handley, NAMI
Frank Kopczynski, Pinellas County Bail Bond Association
Jessica Kushner, NAMI
Kenneth Lyons, Department of Corrections
Jennifer Parker, Trial Courts Administrator
Larnetta Peterson, Suncoast Center, Inc.
Pilar Poligo, Department of Corrections
Tammy Burgess, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk
Other interested individuals

All documents provided to the Clerk's Office have been filed and made a part of the record.

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

At the Chair's request for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2024, meeting, Mr. Miller made a motion. The motion was seconded by Chief Judge Crane and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one responded to the Chair's call for public comment.

REPORTS

Indicators Report

Mr. Burns, with input by Ms. Gonzalez, reviewed jail population statistics through September 2024, indicating that there has been a decline in the average daily population (ADP) of pretrial felons and misdemeanants since July 2024; that there has been an incremental increase in sentenced felons and misdemeanants; and that, as individuals complete their sentences, the jail population should continue to improve.

Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grants

- **Complex Case Reintegration Project**

Mr. Jalazo provided an update regarding the Complex Case Reintegration Program (CCRP), noting that 75 individuals have been enrolled to date, with 24 successful completions; and that while the CCRP will be discontinued in the first quarter of next year as funding sunsets, PERC staff is considering utilizing opioid abatement funds to expand certain areas of the Program; whereupon, in response to a comment by Mr. Burns, Mr. Jalazo provided additional details related to the CCRP and PERC staff's efforts to enable the continuation of certain components of the Program.

OLD BUSINESS

Data Subcommittee Update

Ms. Gonzalez indicated that recent storms delayed the data subcommittee meeting; that three individuals have expressed interest in joining; and that she will be reaching out soon to schedule the meeting. In response to queries by Chair Eggers and Mr. Jalazo, Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Burns provided clarifying comments regarding the purpose of the data subcommittee.

PRESENTATION

Operation New Hope

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Operation New Hope Tampa Bay Regional Director Natasha Goodley provided background information regarding the organization and an overview of the services offered, noting that it recently added a facility in Pinellas County; and that the organization's mission is to provide support and life and job skill training for individuals with a history of involvement in the criminal justice system and to place them in employment that offers a sustainable quality of life. She provided statistical information relating to recidivism rates and the number of individuals released from Florida jails and prisons each year; whereupon, Ms. Goodley discussed various topics, including obstacles for individuals returning to the community following incarceration and programs offered by Operation New Hope.

Operation New Hope Site Manager Shawn Davis provided detailed information regarding the programs and services offered by the organization. Responding to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Davis and Ms. Goodley provided information regarding various topics, including the client referral process, eligibility, and housing and transportation assistance; whereupon, they invited the members to attend one of the graduation ceremonies held every Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Burns indicated that there is no new business to be discussed.

ROUNDTABLE/UPDATES

No one responded to the Chair's call for comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Eggers adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM.