

**Public Safety Coordinating Council
Pinellas County
April 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The Pinellas County Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) met in regular session at 2:01 PM on this date in the Third Floor Judicial Conference Room at the Pinellas County Justice Center, 14250 49th Street North, Clearwater, Florida.

Present

Chris Scherer, Chair, County Commissioner
Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney
Shawn Crane, Chief Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit
Christopher Dudley, Department of Corrections
Cathy McKyton, representing County Judge Dorothy Vaccaro
Jim Miller, Operation PAR, Inc.

Not Present

Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff
Sara Mollo, Public Defender
Michael Jalazo, Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition (PERC)
Dorothy Vaccaro, County Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit

Others Present

Karen Barfield, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
Maxine Booker, Eleos Wellness and Support
Nick Bridenback, Sixth Judicial Circuit
Tim Burns, Pinellas County Human Services
Tristian Byrne, Pinellas County Justice Coordination
Yashira Gonzalez, Pinellas County Justice Administration
Jessica Kushner, National Alliance on Mental Illness
Frank Kopczynski, Pinellas County Bail Bond Association
Jennifer Parker, Trial Courts Administrator
Pilar Poligo, Department of Corrections
Camille Rentz, PERC
Cody Ward, Assistant County Attorney
Ashley Pabilonia, Board Reporter
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 Scherer called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM and requested that those in attendance introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Scherer indicated that the first order of business is approval of the meeting minutes of the December 2, 2024, meeting; whereupon, Mr. Miller made a motion. The motion was seconded by State Attorney Bartlett and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

REPORTS

Indicators Report

Referring to a document titled *Indicators Report*, Mr. Burns reviewed jail population statistics through December 2024, indicating that the monthly average daily population (ADP) has steadily decreased since July; that the declining ADP can largely be attributed to the collaborative efforts to manage cases by the State Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff's Office, and the courts; and that some initial ADP increases during 2024 were the result of uniform bond schedule adjustments; whereupon, Mr. Burns provided additional information regarding declines in several indicators, including pretrial felons and misdemeanants, ordinance-related and Marchman Act arrests, Juvenile Assessment Center bookings, and overall number of arrests.

Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grants

COMPLEX CASE REINTEGRATION PROJECT

Ms. Rentz indicated that the Complex Case Reintegration Project (CCRP) grant ended on February 28; whereupon, she reviewed statistical information regarding intakes, unsuccessful participation, and completions. In response to queries by Mr. Burns, Ms. Rentz provided information regarding services provided through the CCRP and future follow-up regarding the participants who achieved completion.

TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (TIEH)

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Boley Centers, Inc. Chief Executive Officer Kevin Marrone provided a brief overview of his organization and indicated that it provides behavioral health and affordable housing services, permanent supportive housing, and wraparound support to individuals transitioning from crisis stabilization systems, State hospitals, jails, and homelessness; whereupon, he provided information regarding the TIEH program and discussed various topics, including the following:

- Timeline for program development and launch
- Grant funding sources
- Status of program development
- Program structure
- Personnel and current vacancies
- Service Delivery Plan
- Demographics of enrolled program participants

In response to queries by Ms. Gonzalez and Chair Scherer, Mr. Marrone provided details regarding challenges associated with finding candidates for Peer Specialist positions and noted that program admittance began approximately three weeks ago.

Adult Drug Court Overview and Updates

Mr. Bridenback discussed the Adult Drug Court (ADC) process and presented statistics regarding the number of intakes and subsequent admissions since 2021, emphasizing the importance of partnerships with Pinellas County and other stakeholders with regard to the ADC.

Chief Judge Crane and Mr. Bridenback provided detailed information related to grants which were awarded to support the ADC and have a focus on trauma issues within specialty populations and neurotrauma as a basis for individuals involved with substance abuse; whereupon, Mr. Bridenback and Chief Judge Crane, with input from Mr. Burns, also discussed the importance of establishing accountability and reliability when managing grant funds by meeting performance goals and demonstrating adaptability when faced with difficulties.

OLD BUSINESS

Data Subcommittee Update – March 21

Ms. Gonzalez indicated that the data subcommittee met on March 21; whereupon, she provided details regarding the subcommittee's membership, discussion at the meeting,

and next steps, including that subcommittee member Captain Christina Cuttitta with the Sheriff's Office will obtain a report regarding types of offenses; that the subcommittee will discuss areas for further exploration; and that the next subcommittee meeting is on April 25.

NEW BUSINESS

Juvenile Justice Citizens Academy Update

Referring to a document included in the agenda packet, Ms. Gonzalez provided information related to the Juvenile Justice Citizens Academy and indicated that it will operate from April 24 through June 12; and that its purpose is to allow the public to gain a better understanding of the juvenile justice system and resources available to the community.

ROUNDTABLE/UPDATES

Mr. Burns provided details regarding an open solicitation for Opioid Abatement Funding and indicated that proposals are due by June 2; whereupon, he provided information regarding the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board's priority populations and recommendation areas.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Scherer adjourned the meeting at 2:44 PM.