Public Safety Coordinating Council Pinellas County June 2, 2025 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

Chris Scherer, Chair, County Commissioner
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
Jennifer Parker, representing Chief Judge Shawn Crane
Omar Raschid, representing State Attorney Bruce Bartlett

Not Present

Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney
Shawn Crane, Chief Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit
Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff
Sara Mollo, Public Defender
Dorothy Vaccaro, County Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit

Others Present

Tim Burns, Pinellas County Human Services
Yashira Gonzalez, Pinellas County Justice Administration
Cody Ward, Assistant County Attorney
Karen Barfield, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
Tristian Byrne, Pinellas County Justice Coordination
Katiah Fitzpatrick, Pinellas County Justice Coordination
Kenneth Lyons, Department of Corrections
Larnetta Peterson, Suncoast Center, Inc.
Pilar Poligo, Department of Corrections
Beth Stephens, representing Largo Police Chief Mike Loux
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 Scherer called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 for the last PSCC meeting. Upon his call for a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Jalazo made a motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dudley 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*, Ms. Gonzalez indicated that the document contains errors; and that a revised report will be provided via email; whereupon, Mr. Burns, with input from Ms. Gonzalez, reviewed jail population statistics through April 2025 and indicated that the monthly average daily population (ADP) has been slowly decreasing; whereupon, he briefly described reasons for ADP increases and decreases in 2024 and 2025.

In response to a query by Mr. Jalazo, Mr. Burns provided brief comments regarding preliminary ADP figures for April 2025; whereupon, he related that, due to a slight increase in sentenced felon and misdemeanant populations, staff will be monitoring those figures; that there is still a relatively significant increase in the number of individuals awaiting treatment facility placement; and that U.S. Marshal and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) holds have also risen significantly in the last couple of months.

Responding to a query and comments by the members, Mr. Burns, with input from Ms. Gonzalez, provided details related to recent U.S. Marshal and ICE holds and data regarding arrests by agency and indicated that, at this point, there has been no major indication of an impact from legislation pertaining to public camping.

Later in the meeting, in response to comments by Mr. Jalazo, Ms. Carey, with input by Mr. Burns, provided brief comments regarding the potential impact of ICE holds on ADP and indicated that ICE detainees are held for up to 72 hours.

Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grants

TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (TIEH)

Referencing a presentation conducted at the last PSCC meeting by Boley Centers, Mr. Burns provided an update regarding the TIEH program and discussed its grant funding sources, partnerships, program staffing, demographics of enrolled participants, and other program metrics; whereupon, in response to a query by Ms. Parker, Mr. Burns provided clarifying information related to data being collected by Boley Centers regarding program participants and indicated that quarterly program updates will be provided in future PSCC meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Data Subcommittee Update

Ms. Gonzalez indicated that the data subcommittee met last month and will meet again this Friday; and that more information will be provided next quarter. In response to a query by Chair Scherer, Mr. Burns, with input by Ms. Gonzalez, provided historical information regarding the subcommittee and discussed its purpose and membership; whereupon, Mr. Burns noted that data subcommittee meetings are open to the public.

PRESENTER

Pinellas County Child Protection Team: Camelot Community Care, Inc.

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Pinellas County Child Protection Team Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Medical Lead Alexa Walker discussed background information regarding the Child Protection Team and the statutory criteria that determines when the Team must provide a service; whereupon, Ms. Walker provided a lengthy overview of the County's Child Protection Team's services and briefly discussed referral sources.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Ms. Walker, with input by Pinellas County Child Protection Team Coordinator Krystal Canales-Crespo, discussed various topics, including the Team's structure and staffing, case progression and referral sources, and the need for additional funding to accommodate the number of cases.

Responding to comments and a query by Mr. Jalazo, Mr. Burns provided brief comments regarding statutory requirements pertaining to representation at PSCC meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

No one responded to the Chair's call for new business.

ROUNDTABLE/UPDATES

Ms. Gonzalez requested that the members inform her of any other types of agency presentations in which they would be interested.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Scherer adjourned the meeting at 2:53 PM.