

**Public Safety Coordinating Council
Pinellas County
September 8, 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
Bruce Bartlett, State Attorney
Deanna Carey, representing Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
Shawn Crane, Chief Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit
Christopher Dudley, Department of Corrections
Michael Jalazo, Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition (PERC)
Jim Miller, Operation PAR, Inc.
Sara Mollo, Public Defender
Dorothy Vaccaro, County Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit

Not Present

Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff

Others Present

Tim Burns, Pinellas County Human Services
Yashira Gonzalez, Pinellas County Justice Administration
Cody Ward, Assistant County Attorney
Nick Bridenback, Sixth Judicial Circuit
Tristian Byrne, Pinellas County Justice Coordination
Scott Gore, Largo Police Department
Jamari Graham, Pinellas County
Jennifer Parker, Sixth Judicial Circuit
Pilar Poligo, Department of Corrections
Dominique Randall, Pinellas County Human Services
Jennifer Reed, Pinellas County Human Services
Melissa Reid, Department of Juvenile Justice
Rebekah Stephens, Largo Police Department
Jessica Oakes, 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 agenda item is approval of the meeting minutes for the last PSCC meeting; whereupon, Mr. Miller made a motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mollo and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-Up Open Discussion, 2nd Quarter Presenter: Pinellas County CPT Camelot Community Care, Inc.

Ms. Gonzalez indicated that the Camelot Community Care Child Protection Team conducted an informational presentation at the previous meeting; whereupon, no one responded to her call for input or questions related to the presentation.

Data Subcommittee Update

Ms. Gonzalez explained that while the data subcommittee recently met and has identified areas for further exploration, such as specialty core and behavioral health indicators, a recommendation for the PSCC has not yet been finalized; whereupon, Mr. Burns indicated that the subcommittee is working to better understand the types of programs that are needed so that the PSCC can make recommendations related to the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse (CJMHS) Reinvestment Grant, which will be released in approximately three to six months.

Responding to comments by Ms. Mollo, Mr. Burns provided additional details regarding the data subcommittee's work and noted that while everyone is welcome to attend the meetings, suggestions related to areas for further exploration may also be emailed to staff.

Open Discussion / Q&A on Old Business

No one responded to the Chair's call for questions regarding Old Business.

REPORTS

Indicators Report

Referring to a document titled *Indicators Report*, Mr. Burns reviewed jail population statistics through June 2025 and indicated that the monthly average daily population has increased over the last few months, which appears to be primarily due to short-term holds by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); whereupon, he highlighted increases in various indicators, such as pre-trial felons and misdemeanor populations and noted that two new charts were added on page seven.

In response to queries by the members, Mr. Burns provided clarifying details regarding the two new charts containing data related to individuals awaiting placement at a treatment facility and releases on own recognizance; whereupon, responding to comments and queries by Mr. Jalazo and Chair Scherer, he also briefly discussed the categorization and visualization of data specific to ICE holds.

Department of Juvenile Justice 6th Circuit Advisory Board (CAB) Data and Initiatives

Ms. Reid provided background information regarding the CAB, including its membership. She also provided details related to the CAB's subcommittees and indicated that the Data Driven Decision Making subcommittee is assembling focus groups in order to develop a curriculum for minors, which would educate them regarding legislation pertaining to social media, safety, and consequences associated with social media-related criminal charges.

Thereupon, Ms. Reid referred to a document included in the agenda packet and reviewed statistical information related to the number of minors charged due to intimidation and threat-related offenses on social media in Fiscal Years 2022 through 2025. She also briefly discussed repercussions for minors charged with these offenses and efforts to educate minors regarding actions that can lead to a criminal charge.

Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grants

TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (TIEH)

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation titled *TIEH Program 6 Month Update*, Boley Centers, Inc. CEO Kevin Marrone provided a brief overview of the TIEH program, including details related to staffing, goals, and collaboration with external partners;

whereupon, Boley Centers, Inc. Vice President of Community Services Rahim Samji reviewed program achievements related to housing, mental and medical healthcare, public assistance program applications, and reduction of re-arrests.

In response to comments and queries by the members, Messrs. Marrone and Samji, with input from Mr. Burns, provided information regarding various topics, including the program's start date, procedures for Baker Act individuals, and steps taken to follow-up with patients.

PSCC APPROVAL VOTE: TAC COURSES SELECTION

Referring to a document titled *TA Topic Summary*, Ms. Randall explained that technical assistance opportunities are available to agencies that receive DCF's CJMHSA Reinvestment Grant; and that, as part of the TIEH program, Boley Centers selected three training opportunities, which will be provided by the University of South Florida's Technical Assistance Center. She indicated that a formal vote is necessary to recognize the options selected by Boley Centers as the training opportunities for the coming year; whereupon, Mr. Jalazo made a motion to accept the technical assistance programs chosen for the CJMHSA grant. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mollo and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Britt Technical Youth Academy

Program Director Janus Pierre indicated that, one year ago, the Wayne Halfway House took over operation of the Britt Technical Youth Academy; whereupon, he provided an overview of its residential program, including details related to the ability for youths to leave the facility for educational purposes and the age range and background of the youth. He also noted that he is looking for community service opportunities in which the youth may participate.

Responding to comments and queries by the members, Mr. Pierre provided brief comments regarding program capacity and the ability for youth to leave the facility under staff supervision, noting that the youth are not only from Pinellas County but from various parts of Florida.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Future Presentations, Discussions, and Updates

No one responded to the Chair's call for future presentations, discussions, and updates.

2023-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND UPDATES

Mr. Burns indicated that, at a future meeting, staff will be bringing forward the strategic plan that was originally adopted in December 2023; and that staff will be requesting feedback regarding updating the plan.

In response to queries by Chair Scherer, Mr. Burns explained that while staff would like to establish a subcommittee related to the strategic plan, feedback could also be provided through a survey; and that the ultimate goal is for a final strategic plan to be developed by the end of next year, which would be brought to the PSCC for approval; whereupon, Mr. Burns noted that staff can send an email so that individuals can express interest in serving on the subcommittee or provide suggestions.

LEGAL AID SERVICES

Mr. Burns indicated that, if the members are interested, staff would like to suggest that a presentation be scheduled for the next PSCC meeting by three organizations that provide legal aid services in the community and which receive a portion of their funding from the County through court-related fees.

ROUNDTABLE/UPDATES

This item was not addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.