



Circuit 15 Juvenile Justice Board

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Board Meeting September 13, 2012 Minutes

Meeting called to order @ 2:03pm by Chairperson Barbara Gerlock.

Those in attendance: Marcia Andrews, Lynn Powell, Cristy Altaro; Seth Bernstein, Angela Clarke, James Cummings, Mike Edmondson, Leo Fisher, Barbara Gerlock, Barbara White, Elise Johansen, Brenda Oakes, John Sherman, Daniel Reed, Pat, Kenney, Becky Walker, Clay Walker, Marcia Bahia, Steve Craig, Jay Bonner, Pat Sheffield. Charles Parkins, Brad Sylvain, Kara Justi, Yvette Flores, Schenelle Tonge, Mike Rodriguez, Guyvette Duhart, Feirmon Johnson, Shelley Vana, Kathy Peck, Melissa McKinlay. Rachael Ondrus Merlan, Angela Bess, Theda Roberts

Minutes:

Minutes of last meeting held on 6/14/12 approved by Brenda Oakes and 2nd by John Sherman.

Agenda Adoption:

9/13/12 Meeting Agenda amended to allow Chair of The County Commission Shelley Vana accompanied by her Administrative Assistant Kathy Peck to speak addressing recent issues, concerns and conditions at the Palm Beach Regional Juvenile Detention Center. Items addressed were:

- Lack of air conditioning in the facility during the prior week and morale issues of the staff.
- Superintendent Parkins responded stating that the lack of A/C has been resolved.
- Commissioner Vana stressed the safety and well being of the youths housed at the facility.
- Chairperson Gerlock recruited a subcommittee of the JJB that will immediately look into the issues.
- Member Leo Fisher also brought up the distaste the children have noted as to the food items being served.
- Commissioner Vana expressed concern over recent incidents/environment at the Detention Center. Melissa McKinlay shared that a new detention facility in PBC has been the #2 item on the DJJ's capital improvement list for several years. Chuck Parkins spoke briefly on each of the issues and explained how his staff responded to each incident.
- The following members agreed to serve on the ad hoc committee: Elise Johansen, John Sherman, Barbara White, Lynn Powell, Pat Sheffield and Barbara Gerlock. Ad hoc committee scheduled to meet Thursday, September 20th after the JDAI meeting at the Palm Beach County Courthouse.

Civil Citation:

- Theda Roberts from DJJ Tallahassee discussed the possible implementation of Civil Citations here in this Circuit which gives the community an option of

something in addition to juvenile sanctions and present diversion programs in place already.

- The field trip to the Miami JAC in July 2012 was discussed and observations shared
- Ms. Roberts mentioned there were over 1500 misdemeanors for juveniles here in Palm Beach County during the last fiscal year.
- She also stated that civil citation is a process not a program.
- Also mentioned that law enforcement involvement would be necessary for civil citations to work here and that the Law Enforcement Planning Council involvement is needed.

- Barbara White stressed that equal opportunity should be a main concern as to civil citations.
- A thank you was brought up for Major Jim Cummings from The School District Police Department for financially assisting one of our crossover youth with a new pair of football cleats which were need for the youth to continue his involvement with the JV Football Team at Palm Beach Lakes High School.

Membership and Nominations Committee:

- Elise Johansen Chair of the Nominating Committee presented a slate of 6 new voting members of the Juvenile Justice Board
- Proposed members are:
 - Kara Justi, Big Brothers/Big Sisters
 - Captain Pat Kenny, PBSO Community Policing
Steve Craig, CEO/ Workforce Alliance Steve Craig – WFA made comments about the nexus between WFA and the JJB. Youth needing training and job placement, tax credit for felons. There is a new Director over youth services.
 - Clay Walker, DCF
 - Melissa Mc Kinlay, PBC Legislative Affairs Delegation
 - Brad Sylvain, Florida Community Alliance

A motion was made by Brenda Oakes to accept the slate as presented, Lynn Powell 2nd and all approved.

Nomination of Vice-Chair

- Elise reported that John Sherman was nominated for vice-chair and when he was approached, he suggested she was the better candidate. The vote was unanimous for Elise Johansen as vice-chair. Board welcomed Elise to her new position
- John Sherman nominated Elise Johansen, 2nd by Brenda Oakes and approved by the entire board.

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Bylaws Revision:

Amendments to the By-laws were discussed by Chair Gerlock and member Elise Johansen. Discussion tabled until the October meeting.

Legislative Committee

- Barbara announced that a new chair of this committee is needed since Nora relocated to Chicago. Melissa and Mie Edmondson agreed to co-chair.

Program Committee

- The next 3 meetings are scheduled and typically occur the last Tuesday of the month. Barbara announced that the reentry task force is working on a quick guide to services.

Faith Community

- Father Leo announced successful chaplaincy training and a pending crime prevention summit

Department of Juvenile Justice Updates:

Grant Review Committee

- A committee has been formed and is awaiting the release of PBC applications. There is approximately 57K to be awarded in PBC in increments of \$34,999.
- The CJC applied for a Title V grant to enhance the youth empowerment centers.

Probation

- Feirmon Johnson reported that construction continues at the Detention Center and they are anticipating a November 1 move. Screening and booking will move 1st. He will be notifying law enforcement of the move.
- The Secretary is involved in juvenile justice reform, expect changes.
- There is a new program at PB Lakes HS with a JPO housed in the school.
- Feirmon can post information or services on the kiosk in the lobby of the JAC. JDAI is now under probation.

Detention

- Chuck reported that while the facility has problems they are not insurmountable. He is forging partnerships with the cultural council, FAU. There has been a change in philosophy with new leadership which will enhance the facility. There are 11 vacant positions.

JDAI

- Pat announced several upcoming committee meetings, including one to address Civil Citation. Sadly, Pat announced that she will not be pursuing the full-time JDAI position.

Announcements:

- Becky Walker announced the award of a Mental Health Substance Abuse grant to the CJC.
- Brenda Oakes announced Thinking for a Change will be offered beginning Sept 24, 2012 and all the slots are filled.

- BCC presentation on youth violence will be offered on Sept 25 @ 1 PM.
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Notes provided by Leo Fisher and Brenda Oakes. Minutes compiled by Barbara Gerlock.