

October 27, 2025, Meeting Minutes

**Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) – Regular Meeting
Monday, October 27, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.
Growth Services Training Room, 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryant, at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025, at the Marion County Growth Services Building, 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34471.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chairman Kathy Bryant.

Roll Call:

Members in Attendance: (A quorum was present)

Chairman Kathy Bryant; Judge Robert W. Hodges; Sasha Kidney; Major Charles McIntosh; Jeffrey King; Robin Lanier; Regina Lewis; Travis McAllister; Major Angy Scroble; Stephanie Boyd (DCF); Sasha Kidney; Travis McAllister. Cheyenne Wallace arrived at 3:05 pm immediately after roll call.

Members Absent: Vice Chair Judge Robert Landt; Michael Graves; Joshua Fairbrother; Rusty Skinner; Jackie Gibson; Hilary Jackson; Karla Greenway; Christi Stua; Randy Reynolds

Additional Attendees: Linda Blackburn; Alina Stoothoff; Julie Rada; Jeremiah Alberico; Mike McCain; Matt Cretul; Capt. Bryan Nix.

Notice of Publication

Meeting notice published on the Marion County website on April 11, 2025, in accordance with Florida Sunshine Laws.

Minutes Adoption

A motion to approve April 28, 2025, PSCC Meeting Minutes was made by Major McIntosh, seconded by Major Angy Scroble. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Member Discussion Items

- **Introduction of new State Probation Circuit Administrator Jeffrey King**
Susan Cizmada retired from this position in June 2025. Mr. King introduced himself to the group and indicated that he looks forward to working together. He mentioned that currently there are 2,528 current offenders on felony probation, including Pre-Trial Intervention; and of that number, 253 are sex offenders.
- **Introduction of Stephanie Boyd, the Monitoring and Technical Analyst for DCF,** who replaces Jean Tucker as the representative of the substance abuse program office and the mental health program office of the Department of Children and Families. On Oct 15 -after this agenda was published- Jean Tucker from DCF noted membership designation changes, if approved by PSCC, ratification by BCC on 11/18/25 board's agenda.
- **Introduction of Cheyenne Wallace, Program Director at Zero Hour Life Center,** who replaces Barbette Barnes as the representative primary consumer of mental health services.
- **Jail Population**
Maj. McIntosh introduced Captain Bryan Nix who reported the current inmate count at 1,467. Chairman Bryant reiterated the figures for current capacity as rated for an in case of emergencies, Capt. Nix confirmed the current capacity is 1,924, with the potential to house up to 2,600 in emergencies.

Chairman Bryant asked if it seemed like the population was remaining because the courts are moving the people through faster or were they being released on other jail alternatives. Judge Hodges mentioned that when the court has less cases, they are able to move to disposition quicker and when there are more cases, the move to disposition takes longer. Sasha Kidney agreed that it seems like the Courts are moving cases to disposition quicker.

- **SMA Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant (CJMHSA Grant)**

Chairman Bryant invited Julie Rada from SMA to show a brief PowerPoint to provide an update on the CJMHSA grant and the associated task force. Julie reported steady progress as the quarter ends.

Planning Grant Timeline: 1st Quarter, Data collection and collaboration, 2/1/2025 – 4/30/2025

2nd Quarter, Strategic Intercept Mapping, 5/1/2025 – 7/31/2025; 3rd Quarter, Best Practices and collaboration, 8/1/2025 – 10/31/2025; 4th Quarter, Preparation and submission, Implementation Grant Application, 11/1/2025 – 1/31/2026.

Strategic Intercept Mapping (SIM) was held 06/17-06/18/25; Facilitated by the Technical Assistance Center team from University of South Florida; 33 participants: Actively involved, Cross Continuum representation and Positive response. USF Report received and submitted to DCF with 2nd quarter report.

The **Adult Sequential Intercept Map** was discussed.

SIM Identified Goals were listed: Goal #1 – Increase Housing for Target Population (MH/SUD/COD/CJ); Goal #2 is Co-response Team, High-utilizer Team Expansion, and Capacity Building; Goal #3 is Reentry Planning from Jail to Community; Goal #4 is Reduce Recidivism via Peers across the Continuum (e.g. Jail Bridge Program)

Proposed Direction

Objective

- Strengthen existing Specialty Courts foundation
- Streamline process for identifying individuals appropriate for inclusion in specialty courts
- Provide program continuity in concert with stakeholders and collaborators

Peer Bridge Program

- Intake screening for all individuals
- Behavioral Health Assessment within 24 – 48 hours of intake
- Collaboration with Specialty Courts – appropriate placement of individuals
- Outreach to individuals posting bond

Tailor treatment to criminogenic needs of individual

- Evidence based practices
- Wrap around services

Develop / Implement formal reentry strategy

- Assess, Plan, Identify, Coordinate (APIC) framework
- Collaborate with established reentry initiatives
- SAMHSA's Guidelines for Successful Transition

Formalize boundary spanner roles

- Create sustainable infrastructure for long-term interagency coordination and client-centered support
- Establish high utilizer team for the target population

This plan addresses goals #3 and 4, partial #2 of the SIM action plan and covers Intercepts #3 through 5

What's Next:

- Present Strategic Plan to PSSC for review and comment (SIM Report) finalize
- Present Strategic Plan to Board of County Commissioners (prior to 1/31/2026)
- 4th quarter report to DCF due 2/15/2026
- Final report to DCF due 3/31/2026
- PSSC formal recommendation to Board of County Commissioners for reinvestment grant
- Memoranda of Understanding executed with collaborators
- Calendar of PSSC quarterly meetings

Julie Rada asked for a Motion to Accept the Strategic Plan and Mapping Report; Major McIntosh made the motion to accept and seconded by Sasha Kidney

- Department of Juvenile Justice Funding

Budget from the General Fund for Juvenile Justice costs have increased by \$1.4 million due to higher utilization rates due to Law Enforcement, Judges, and Courts keeping our most violent juvenile offenders behind bars. Between now and next meeting, have a broader discussion on what this council can do for DJJ Funding and bring back recommendations to the next meeting. We were able to fill the gap this year due to the Sheriff making some changes in his budget.

- Mental Health Programs Funding

Not for this agenda; will be a broader discussion as this is not just a Marion County problem. Major McIntosh added that if someone with mental health issues breaks the law, unfortunately they have to go to jail and that we (Marion County) lacks programs for diversion instead of going to jail. Also, there are 33 patients waiting at the Jail for beds at the State Mental Health Hospital. Maybe there needs to be a sub-committee to put something together for some funding to help with these issues. Maybe there needs to be separate housing for these cases when they come in, where they different type of care – all which costs money.

Robin Lanier from SMA said that they do have the capability to take someone who isn't charged with a crime, or low-level crimes under a Baker Act to help stabilize them before releasing them to the jail. However, they cannot accept anyone on a violent crime or a Felony. Judge Hodges mentioned that he has seen some great things coming out of Mental Health Court and more needs to be done by getting these individuals the help they need.

Between now and next meeting, have another broader discussion about this and think about what this council could do that would effective; any recommendations or any ideas that you may have about this issue.

- Marion County Problem-Solving Courts

Regina Lewis reported that just finished up first year of grant; by next meeting, we should have the first year report from UF and will share with the council.

- 2026 PSCC Meeting Schedule

Propose holding quarterly meetings on the last Monday at 3 pm (1/26/26; 4/27/26; 7/27/26; 10/26/26). Motion to approve those dates by Sasha Kidney, second by Robin Lanier. With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Member Comments

Alina Stoothoff with Court Administration described a pilot program that Miami-Dade is currently using; she volunteered to reach out to Miami-Dade to learn their costs, results, etc. and to share her results at the next meeting.

Public Comments – General Public Comment

Jennifer Murty, with Ocala Gazette newspaper. Shared that there will an article coming out where they are reporting on use of force incidents with mentally ill persons. Of the first 117 'severe' use of force incidents since January, 80% were on individuals with documents competency issues with courts or prior contact with law enforcement. And 60% of those incidents happened when a strip search was being conducted. She went on to say that she is happy to share her findings with anyone who would like to see them. She shared that there is one incident in particular, Zachary Adams, that from the body cam footage of arrest to the booking photo; he had been beaten several times. She suggested having workshops with law enforcement to take them somewhere for de-escalation rather than taking them to jail.

Action Items for next meeting

- Recommendations for ways to get funding to help cover Juvenile Justice increase.
- Recommendations for possible ways to help people arrested with mental health/competency issues.

Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was officially adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Kathy Bryant

Kathy Bryant, Chair

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Date