

April 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) – Regular Meeting Monday, April 15, 2024 – 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 Chair, Commissioner Kathy Bryant, at 3:01 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024 at the Marion County Growth Services Building, 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34471.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Commissioner Kathy Bryant.

Roll Call:

Members in Attendance: *(A quorum was present)*

Chair Kathy Bryant; Vice Chair Judge Landt; Cindy Harper; Michael Graves; Judge Robert W. Hodges; Major Clint Bowen; Joshua Fairbrother; Susan Cizmada.

Members Absent:

Rhonda Harvey; Rusty Skinner

Staff Present:

Dana Olesky; Gennifer Medina; MCSO: Judge Cochran; Ron Burnett; Brian Peterson.

Notice of Publication

Notice of meeting published online on June 20, 2024 in accordance with Florida Sunshine laws.

Minutes Adoption

A motion to approve the 01/23/24 PSCC Meeting Minutes was made by Vice Chair Judge Landt, seconded by Maj. Clint Bowen.

With no further discussion and no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Member Discussion Items

- SMA Criminal Justice/Substance Abuse Planning Grant Application:

Robin Lanier from SMA Healthcare told the council that the grant application was submitted and awaiting determination on whether or not they will receive the grant.

- PSCC Re-entry Subcommittee:

Maj. Bowen said that the subcommittee determined it will be a benefit to show the PSCC the current jail re-entry programs. Mr. Judge Cochran from MCSO did a presentation on the current re-entry programs available to Marion County inmate population, at 1822 inmates to date. A copy of the presentation will be included with the minutes.

An open discussion ensued on various topics discussed during Mr. Cochran's presentation on subjects like the use of specific medications to treat substance abuse disorders; additional vocational training certifications; average of veteran's incarcerated; selection guidelines for referral to problem-solving courts; inmate work-related items like the percentage of inmates working outside the jail and their classification depending upon charges. The type legal assistance provided was also discussed and deemed to be strictly as access to resources (i.e. forms) and inmates self-research and not legal advice.

Drug Court referral delays were addressed by Alina Stoothoff, Senior Court Operations Consultant for Treatment Courts. Further conversations to occur to determine the cause of delays in processing of referrals.

Additional information will be requested for future meetings to discuss the type of jobs inmates can hold depending on their charges, as well as the potential for the issuance of vocational construction work certificates and personal development opportunities, including more information on anger management programs.

- Jail Population:

Illegal detainees' numbers and daily cost discussed along with potential to request Federal reimbursement for costs of housing them. Current jail population is at 1822 nearing full capacity of 1924.

Average daily population and Total number of inmates booked monthly graphs provided by MCSO were addressed, these numbers will be updated at each quarterly meeting.

Public Comments – General Public Comment

None

Action Items for next meeting:

- SMA planning grant application status
- Jail population over the next three (3) months, in relation to new bond schedule, including number of inmates held without bond.
- Number of veterans incarcerated
- ICE detainee population
- Inmate jobs according to charges
- Anger Management Program
- Vocational Construction Training Certificate
- PTI

Adjournment:

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 pm.

Kathy Bryant, Chair

Date