

MINUTES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY
COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

Naples, Florida, March 26, 2021

LET IT BE REMEMBERED the Public Safety Coordinating Council in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 9:00 AM at the Collier County Jail Muster Room, 3347 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, FL 34112 with the following members present:

Chairman: Rick LoCastro, Board of County Commissioners
Vice Chairman: Rob Crown, Chief Court Judge (Excused)
Colonel Jim Bloom, CC Sheriff's Office
Michael T. McHugh, Chief Circuit Judge (Excused)
Dave Scuderi, State Attorney Office
Brad Rouskey, State Prob. Circuit Administrator (Excused)
Jeff Nichols, Director, County Probation
Scott Burgess, David Lawrence Center
Joe Paterno, Executive Dir., SW Florida Workforce Dev.
Kathy Smith, Public Defenders Office (Excused)

Also Present: Lee Willer-Spector, Operations Analyst
Crystal Kinzel, Collier County Clerk of Courts
Katina Bouza, Correction Support Director, CCSO
Keith Harmon, Captain, CCSO
Judge Janeice Martin

Any persons in need of the verbatim record of the meeting may request a copy of the audio recording from the Collier County Communications and Customer Relations Department.

I. Introduction

A. Call to Order

Commissioner LoCastro called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Paterno moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Mr. Nichols. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

B. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2019

Colonel Bloom moved to approve the minutes of the December 2019 meeting as presented. Second by Commissioner LoCastro. Carried unanimously 6 – 0.

III. Old Business

A. Presentation/Discussion – Revisit Pre-Arrest Diversion with 2020 data – Katina Bouza, Correction Support Division Director, CCSO

Ms. Bouza provided the update noting staff was investigating a program whereby an onsite CCSO officer (or other appropriate party) could conduct a screening of the individual(s) in question to determine if they're eligible for pre-arrest diversion. After analysis of the records, it was determined only 7 persons would have qualified for diversion and it has been determined there is not enough benefit to establish the program.

IV. New Business

A. Presentation/Discussion – Changes in 287g Policy – Keith Harmon, Corrections Operations Captain, CCSO

Captain Harmon provided the update noting:

- There have been changes to the 287g policy provides for a partnership between the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) and local jurisdictions to assist in immigration and customs enforcement.
- The current policy only allows those individuals to be detained who are found to have entered into the country illegally after November 1, 2020 or entered prior to this date and been convicted of an aggravated felony. He noted the definition of an aggravated felony differs from State to State.
- The detainees processed by the County are sent to the Krome ICE detention facility in Miami.
- There will be a review issued on May 1st by the Federal government which will provide more information on the matter and the situation will continue to be monitored by the Department.

B. Presentation/Discussion – Regarding Work Release Program - Katina Bouza, Correction Support Division Director, CCSO

Ms. Bouza presented the PowerPoint “*Collier County Sheriff’s Office Inmate Work Release Program*” which outlined the concept of reinstating a work release program for qualified inmates held in the County. She noted a Work Release Program:

- Allows an inmate who can be sufficiently monitored to leave confinement, go to a place of employment and return to jail when their workday is complete.

- Provides and individual gradual reintegration back into the community, gainful employment and an accumulation of savings from paid employment. Those participating may be charged room and board based on a pre-established rate.
- Consists of four phases: Assessment/Admission Phases; Orientation; Case Management/Supervision Phase; Post Release Phase

Assessment/Admission Phases; Eligibility Assessment

A Work Release Eligibility Assessment would be conducted for the targeted population to determine those who qualify for Work Release based on a set of criteria which outlines eligibility requirements and automatic disqualifiers based on the individual's characteristics.

Orientation

Those eligible would enter a 7 to 10-day orientation process which includes meeting with Reentry Staff and partners, completing mandatory classes such as career opportunities, resume writing, interviewing techniques, conflict resolution, etc. During the phase, they would be issued identification cards, Social Security cards, etc. should the individual need them.

Case Management/Supervision Phase

The individual would be supervised and monitored through GPS systems and subject to random drug testing. Assistance would be provided to ensure transportation needs are met and employment is verified. Those violating the requirements of the program would be subject to various penalties depending on the nature of the offense.

Post Release Phase

Prior to a participant's release, they will be linked with housing (i.e. St. Matthew's House, family/friends, sober-living home or their own rental place, a community partner/family) and subject to continued monitoring at 90 and 180 days, 1-year and 3-year intervals.

Partners

Partnerships in the endeavor would include The Shelter for Abused Women and Children, Legal Aide, St. Matthew's House/Justin's Place, Goodwill/Joblink, Catholic Charities, Nextstep Sober living, Wounded Warriors of Collier County, Dept. of Children and Families and others.

During Council discussion, the following was noted:

- A major key to the success of an individual's stability upon reintroduction into society is the availability of suitable housing which is difficult in the County given the current inventory available in the County.
- One incentive may be providing opportunities whereby some or all of the employees pay may be funded by through the grant programs or other funding opportunities.
- The costs to implement the program include 2 – 3 additional employees, provision of office space, separate housing for those in the program, administration expenses.
- Analysis indicates, of the current 659 incarcerated, only 19 would be eligible for the program and the benefits may not be worth the expense of instituting such a program.
- Given the minimal number of those eligible for the program, it may be more beneficial to focus on re-entry assistance endeavors for all inmates over the short term and concentrate on the work release program over the long term.
- There are major financial benefits for all programs to curb recidivism given the major costs associated with building, maintaining and staffing new facilities to house increased numbers of inmates.

C. Review of Latest Jail Occupancy Snapshot - Katina Bouza, Correction Support Division Director, CCSO

Ms. Bouza provided the “*Collier County Sheriff’s Office Daily Population Sheet – 03-17-21*” for information purposes. She noted the report indicated the population on the date referenced was a total of 649 inmates, 559 males and 90 females.

V. Member Comments

Commissioner LoCastro requested:

- Members of the Council be diligent in attending the meetings as their expertise and input are important to the success of the County’s endeavors.
- Staff, if necessary, provide periodic updates via email on items of interest to the Council given the meetings are held 2 – 4 times a year and issues may arise in the interim.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Adjournment – Next Meeting Date TBD

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 10:52 A.M.

COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Chairman, Commissioner Rick LoCastro

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on _____ as presented _____ or as amended _____.