

MEETING NOTES: PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL (PSC) FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

A meeting of the Public Safety Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse (hereafter referred to as the PSC) was held on Friday, August 23, 2024, at 12:00 PM in Conference Room B1-501 of the County Administration Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. You may hear an audio of the meeting and review the agenda on the IRC website at www.ircgov.com/Boards/PSC/2024.

PSC Members Present

Eric Flowers, Chairman, Indian River County Sheriff
David E. Currey, Vice Chairman, Chief of Vero Beach Police Department
Joseph Flescher, Commissioner
Kent Campbell, IRC Sheriff's Office (IRCSO) Deputy Chief Correctional Officer
Nathan Peterson, Detention Facility Director, FL DJJ
Nikhol Primm, County Judge
Nicole Menz, County Judge
Justin Barenborg, Public Defender
Carrie Lester, Substance Awareness Center of IRC
Valerie Smith, National Alliance on Mental Illness

PSC Members Absent

Thomas Bakkedahl, State Attorney
Ann Berner, SE Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN)
Suzanne Caudell, Director, Comprehensive Offender Rehab & Education
Dedilia Finlayson, Detention Facility Director, FL DJJ
Shaun Leydon, Treasure Coast Community Health
Carol Martin, Director of Consumer Services, Mental Health Assoc. of IRC
Rayme Nuckles, Treasure Coast Homeless Services (TCHS)
Charles A. Schwab, Chief Circuit Judge
Joseph Cracchiola, FL Department of Corrections
William Wims, President/CEO, New Horizons Treasure Coast

Others Present

Angela Rosado-Jones, IRC Sheriff's Office (IRCSO)
Cliff Labbe, IRC Sheriff's Office (IRCSO)
Mike Cianci, Dynamic Life Vero
Vicki Soule, Treasure Coast Community Health Inc.
Bill Long, 19th Judicial Circuit of Florida

IRC Staff

Ashley Brown, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Flowers called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm; a quorum was not present.

Approval of the PSC Minutes From May 24, 2024

Approval of the Minutes has been tabled until a quorum has been reached.

Discussion Items

Minimum quorum requirements were not met. The meeting was held for informational purposes only and no action items were voted on.

Committee members had a brief discussion and touched on a number of topics. The Southeast Behavioral Health Network Grant has ended and there is a transition to Treasure Coast Community Health. Judge Menz announced the next Mental Health Court Graduation will be held on September 24th and invited all committee members to attend. Ms. Lester discussed Substance Awareness Month which is held in September. Commissioner Flescher thanked everyone for their dedication and informed them that the committee made a great recommendation to the Board regarding the Opioid Settlement. Lastly, Deputy Jones discussed several new programs the jail is providing to both inmates and members of the community.

A Full recording of this meeting is available in the office of the Board of County Commissioners.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm.

The next meeting of the PSC is scheduled for **November 22, 2024, at 12:00 PM**, in Building B, Conference Room B1-501, at 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL.