



**Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council**

**Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting: June 11, 2015 12:00 PM**

**Courthouse Annex Extension, Fort Walton Beach**

**Public Safety Coordinating Council Members**

Present	Name	Agency
	Carolyn Ketchel	Board of County Commissioners
x	Paul Lawson	Chief Corrections Officer
x	Judge Brown	Circuit Judge
x	Judge Grinsted	Chief County Judge
x	Jay Jones	Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Designee
	Bill Bishop	Assistant State Attorney
	Tom Murphy	Assistant Public Defender
	Deborah Brown	Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole Services
	Kelli Huckabee	Pretrial Services
	Tina Ferland	Judicial Corrections Services, County Probation Provider

**Other Attendees:**

Stefan Vaughn, Department of Corrections  
 Tammy Matthews, Department of Corrections  
 Joseph Foley, Department of Corrections  
 Paul Farnsworth, Department of Corrections  
 Susan Priddy, Corizon Health Services Administrator  
 Stephanie Davis, Corizon Health Services, Director of Nursing  
 Jack Hammontree, Florida Department of Corrections  
 Michael Klugh, Florida Department of Corrections  
 Paul Wallis, Department of Juvenile Justice  
 J. D. Peacock, Clerk of Court  
 Marty Sollenberger, Clerk of Court  
 Allison Mikel, Court Administration

Meeting opened at 12:03 pm.

**Welcome:**

**Minutes**

1. Minutes will be approved at the next meeting. Commissioner Ketchel is receiving a state award for her work in social work and has had a loss in her family. She sent her regrets in her inability to attend the meeting.
2. Attendees introduced themselves and the agency they represent.
3. **Old Business**  
None

#### **4. New Business**

- a. Mr. Farnsworth presented overview of population statistics identifying increase in Domestic Violence charges. He explained the difference in operational capacity versus design capacity.
- b. Mr. Farnsworth reviewed Pretrial Services statistics. The program has had an increase in revocations but a decrease in Failure to Appear cases. Mr. Lawson reported the cases in custody have become more complex crimes which may prevent PTS accepting the inmate into the program.
- c. Mr. Farnsworth presents the DJJ report on detention day billing. He reported estimated billing over \$800,000 for year. He explained how challenged to billing can be done.

#### **5. Medical Health Care Presentation**

- a. Ms. Priddy introduced the new "Baby and Me" program that Corizon has implemented at the facility which provides services to pregnant females. She reviewed services provided by Oasis which offers HIV testing at no cost to the agency. AA is conducted by volunteers each weekend for both male and female inmates. She reviewed the community provides and hospitals that provide services.

#### **6. Questions**

- a. Judge Brown introduced a discussion of how the 11/29 sentences versus the 12.1 sentence impacts the jail populations. Mr. Lawson stated if it goes more toward the 11/29 sentences, it can significantly impact jail population. Mr. Lawson reported on the presentation by the state on changing the time the inmate would serve the sentence in the jail to 18 months over 11/29. The decision did not move forward but is presented every few years.
- b. Judge Brown asked how the jail staff addresses inmates that refuse to attend court. A Judge in the past issued a standing order that all inmates were required to attend required court proceedings. Judge Brown did not feel this would be the path the courts from his division would want to pursue. Mr. Lawson assured the members that the jail staff will work hard to make sure inmates attend court.

#### **7. Review of Jail Expansion**

- a. Mr. Lawson reviewed evaluation of the jail expansion project for the structure planned behind the jail. The project was originally estimated to have a cost of 21 million and has now been estimated at a cost of 27 million. The facility would have a new ACR unit on the ground floor; the second and third floor would be direct supervision housing for up to 650 inmates.

The next full meeting for the Public Safety Council will be August 20, 2015.

Meeting ended at 12:49 pm.

Carolyn Ketchel  
County Commissioner  
Chairperson Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council