

**MEETING OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL (PSC)  
FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, & SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

A meeting was held of the Public Safety Council (PSC) for Criminal Justice, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse (from now on referred to as the Committee) on Tuesday, April 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501 of the County Administration Building B, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> St., Vero Beach, Florida. Note: You may hear an audio of the meeting and review the agenda and minutes on the IRC website - [www.ircgov.com/Boards/PSC/2017](http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/PSC/2017).

**PSC Members Present**

Joseph E. Flescher, IRC BCC Chairman  
Chris Taylor (alternate for Bruce Colton), State Attorney  
Michelle Rhodeback (alternate for Diamond Litty), Public Defender  
Elizabeth Metzger, Circuit Judge  
Selby Strickland, Chief Correctional Officer  
Jim Harpring, (alternate) IRC Sheriff  
David E. Currey, Chief, Vero Beach Police Dept  
Mike Davis, FL Dept of Corrections  
Robin Dapp, Substance Awareness Center  
John Romano, New Horizons Treasure Coast  
Alison Verger (alternate for Ann Berner), SEFBHN  
Barbara Devoe (alternate for Carol Martin), Mental Health Assoc  
Kathy Jones, Substance Awareness Center  
Louise Hubbard, Treasure Coast Homeless Svcs

**PSC Members Absent**

Joe A. Wild, County Judge  
Thomas Genung, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Suzanne Caudell, C.O.R.E.  
Valerie Smith, NAMI  
Dedilia Finlayson, FL DJJ  
Wydee'a E. Wilson, Chief Probation Officer, FL DJJ

**Others Present**

James Harpring

**IRC Staff**

Dylan Reingold, County Attorney  
Tina Cournoyer, Commissioner Assistant, Recording Secretary

**Call to Order**

Chairman Strickland called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Role was taken and a quorum was noted.

## Approval of the PSC Minutes of September 8, 2016

**ON MOTION BY Ms. Dapp, SECONDED BY Ms. Hubbard, the members voted unanimously (14-0) to approve the minutes of September 8, 2016 meeting.**

### Review and make a recommendation on the Transportation Plan that is required per Senate Bill 12 (2016).--presented by Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

Mr. Reingold provided a brief overview of the draft 2017 Indian River County Transportation Plan, which is on file in the commission office and was provided to each member for review/discussion. The draft was prepared by Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN) and required this Council's recommendations and approval to go forward to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

Mr. Reingold announced one needed change, which was on page 2, second sentence to read: "This plan has been developed by the managing entity, Southeast Florida SEFBHN and reviewed by the Indian River County Public Safety Council."

Barbara Devoe asked how the intake process works, because she felt the need for a medical examination be part of the initial process. The answer was a physical and mental examination were both part of the intake process.

Jim Harper sought clarification for the destination facility for Marchman Act individuals. He was answered Midway Road Facility in Fort Pierce. The recommendation for the plan was, on page 2 under Purpose, to add the descriptor "Midway Road Facility" to New Horizons of the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee.

Mr. Harper also suggested a change on page 3 under Choice, to change the word "will" to "may."

Mr. Harper also suggested clarification on the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph under Methods of Transportation, second to last sentence "...individual has criminal charges." After discussion, it was decided to leave the language as is; no changes were recommended.

There was much discussion regarding the language under Marchman Act Transportation. It was decided to make two changes in this section:

1. Remove a portion of the first sentence: "or an intoxication level that is medically compromising."
2. Additionally, the PSC members agreed to remove the second paragraph ("If NHTC is at capacity...another facility.").

There was a question regarding why the first draft included a listing of the designating receiving system pages but it was not on subsequent draft. Ann Berner answered by explaining there would be two plans, one for transportation and another for central receiving system plan.

Chief Currey inquired about involuntary officer-initiated Baker Acts, which were not currently addressed in the Plan. It was decided to add under Methods of Transportation (at the end of the first sentence) that Indian River County would be the designated Law Enforcement agency. Attorney Reingold said he would take the language from the statute to make this addition.

Mr. Romano added there was an error in the System Capacity: Baker Act Receiving Facilities. For NHTC, it should say "50" beds, not 20. Additionally, he suggested adding "(30 adult, 20 youth)" to describe the bed capacity.

Attorney Reingold summarized the seven changes and said he would send out the revised document for review only, not for further suggestions for edits. He added that he would let members know when it would be on the Board of County Commission agenda and recommended for the members to attend if possible.

The members discussed the need to meet on a more regular basis, perhaps quarterly, due to the reinvestment grant.

**ON MOTION BY Commissioner Flescher, SECONDED BY Mr. Romano, the members voted unanimously (14-0) to recommend for the Board of County Commission to approve the Indian River County Transportation Plan for 2017 after the seven discussed changes had been added.**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned **at 3:09 p.m.**