

**LEGAL SERVICES, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND SPECIALTY COURTS
COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
6/8/21**

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR: Allison Patton- Retired Attorney
COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR: Ronnie Rivera- Neighborhood Specialist at Escambia
County Sheriff's Office- Call meeting to order at 9:40 AM

TASK FORCE CO-CHAIR CONNIE BOOKMAN- Welcomes everyone to the committee, this idea came about on November 22, said she was reading the paper and there was a suggestion that business owners, police, and licensed social workers come together to solve homelessness. Explains the other committees and other co-chairs: Housing, Healthcare, Employment/Workforce Development, Faith-Based Orgs/Food/Transportation/Mentorship (What if every church adopted a homeless family?), Legal Services/Criminal Justice, AT LARGE Committee. Gives everyone a copy of the Marbut Report, but recognizes it is just a guide; the committee will decide whether or not to follow these recommendations.. Asks everyone to be thinking about who else needs to come to the table.

ACTION ITEM: Think about who else needs to come to the table and shoot Connie an email so they can be added.

TASK FORCE CO-CHAIR JOHN JOHNSON

INTRODUCTIONS/INVENTORY

BLAIR CASTRO: Reminds everyone that they received a printed version of the Charter, the Mission/Goals, and 211's most recent resource guide. Reviewed the third point that we will create an inventory and a roadmap, so that in the next couple meetings we will introduce one another and speak on individual missions. The character is a working document, so keep that in mind.

MICHAEL KIMBERL, Sean's Outpost/Washburn Center

AVALON MALLORY, 211- "Mal" is the Resource Manager at 211, which is 24/7. You can call anytime or text your zip code to get info to get help. 211 is confidential. Is here to keep her ear to the ground about what services are out there. Highest category right now is housing and shelter, as well as medical assistance and counseling, utility assistance and food assistance. Between 20-30% of the community who call for services are experiencing homelessness or at risk for homelessness. Also has Florida Veteran Support line, which is for veterans by veterans.

LESLIE POWELL-BOUDREAUX, Legal Service of North Florida- Leslie was present via Teams.

CATHY WHITE- Director of Case Management, First Judicial Circuit- Cathy heads up the speciality courts in the 1st Judicial Circuit and will send more information on the types of courts and cases they assist with soon.

CHAD WILLHITE, Pensacola Police Department

ED FLEMING, Attorney- Ed is concerned after he had an encounter with a knife drawn on him downtown via a homeless person. His daughter has done a lot of work with the homeless.

KAITLYN BONAM, Clerk of Court

KATLIN BASS, Opening Doors of NWFL, Street Outreach Team (Her Dad is a Probation Officer that everyone loves!) Katlin can help with IDs and connecting to Scott Lunsford's office.

DELARIAN WIGGINS, Neighborhood Specialist with the ECSO- Delarian was here as a guest.

DAVE PATRICK, Pensacola Police Department

CHRISTINE KELLY, Legal Service of North Florida- Christine is an attorney who gave the group a rundown on eviction processes.

Suggested members:

Parks & Rec Department (Ronnie will contact- Brain Cooper, Michael Rhodes)

REAP (Connie to contact)

S. R. Programs

State Attorney's Office and Public Defender's office- Cathy will contact (Greg Marcille is on At-Large Committee)

- Best practices- what jurisdictions to look at?
 - South Carolina is helpful
 - Oregon and Houston are not
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Action Item: find and bring a best practice of your own to next meeting!

- Healthcare insurance fraud issue
 - Connect with Michael and Christine to fight against this!
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- Data -> Michael can help
 - Michael knows the addresses of the shelters (Washburn, waterfront, etc)
 - There are more homeless than we may be aware of on reports due to them listing these addresses OR family/friends/etc addresses

Speakers can include individuals in the homeless community who have had criminal justice interactions, Dr. Marbut, or Judge Quartermaine (Mental Health Court)

Question: How is data being tracked at each agency in terms of WHO is homeless? How can we better align this information? Can we all SHARE current police report forms to see?

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:00 AM

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS/FOLLOW UP

POTENTIAL SURVEY QUESTIONS:

What kind of legal services does your organization provide?

- Eviction Help
- Criminal Defense
- Etc

Where are your services offered?

What county/city?

Do you offer delivery/mobile outreach?

Who do you provide services for?

(Men, women, pregnant woman, children, families)

Are these services available **now**, and if not, **when** will become available?

What do you need in order for them to become available?

Are there any **eligibility requirements** necessary in order to be approved for your services?

Income

Job Requirements

Citizenship Requirements

Down Payments

Financial Requirements

Sobriety/Program Completion

ID Card

How many people do you currently provide services to while at:

- 1.) full capacity
- 2.) current capacity and
- 3.) what is your goal capacity for next year?

What is your mission statement...**why** are you a member of this task force?