

**LEGAL SERVICES, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND SPECIALTY COURTS
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
7/13/2021- Encampment under I-110 Bridge**

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, Pathways for Change- This is an immersion experience so that we can talk to our service providers. We will go around and introduce ourselves for those of us who are new.

PAT JENNINGS, Attorney- Legal Services of North Florida, Eviction Notices, helps people find bridge assistance, but wants to know how they can be involved on the back end.

BLAIR CASTRO, Shook PR

KYLE KOPYTCHAK, Realtor- invests in real estate and for 20 years has helped with pay and attrition of PPD

MICHAEL KIMBERL, Sean's Outpost/Alfred Washburn Center

SCOTT LUNSFORD, Tax Collector- works with stakeholders, helps people establish their identities

TRACIE MOORER, DCF

CHAD WILLHITE, PPD- community service

MAGGIE MCKEAN, Tulane Intern who is interning with Pathways

BRITTANY AUSTIN, Pathways for Change

SERENE KEIEK, Opening Doors- bring services directly to the feet of the homeless, breaking the mold and the barriers necessary. They have a book of everyone out here (62) people, housing navigator Melissa Johnson oversees this. We have a 5 minute phone call to an attorney every week for clients, we do also have crime issues.

BIANCA MALDEN, PPD- she is on day shift patrol

ANGERIA(?) BRIDGES, Opening Doors- Street Team/Outreach

EDDIE, Opening Doors- Drives the van

KENYA (?), Community Health of NWFL- who has done a lot of work with homeless population

SERENE: Michael started out as the encampment manager, most of these people have an income of about \$800/month, and 20 of these people have no income. 10 have a case manager with SOAR, 20 have been put in some sort of housing program, we do also have veterans. 40 people have chosen to leave this place on their own. Many do not feel safe.

MICHAEL: This is a public park, we can't remove bad actors.

MALDEN: Victims often don't speak about guns or violence.

MICHAEL: People have to go somewhere, they shouldn't go to jail, we should have designated areas for people to call while we try to find housing.

QUESTION: Is the crime coming from residents or people outside this community?
Both- some tents are set up as "business tents."

There is no mental health and substance abuse treatment money, they do not have the ability to provide consistent services.

*A woman says she is there because husbands and wives can't sleep together at shelters, and she's been married for 20 years and not leaving without her husband.

Camp wants to know if they can get help with Baker Acts on site.