

LEGAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
9:30 AM 9.14.21 @ ECSO and Zoom

ALLISON PATTON, SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIR, Retired Attorney

RONNIE RIVERA, SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIR, Neighborhood Specialist with ECSO

Call meeting to order at 9:30AM

CONNIE BOOKMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIR, Pathways for Change

KATHY WHITE, Specialty Courts

AVALON "MAL" MALLORY, 211 Resource Manager/United Way of NorthWest Florida

JUDY NALER, Legal Services of North Florida

BETH BLAGE, Legal Services of North Florida

TRACIE MOORER, Department of Children and Families

SHIRLEY CORNETT, Interfaith Ministries

SCOTT LUNSFORD, Escambia County Tax Collector

MICHAEL KIMBERL, Sean's Outpost/Alfred Washburn Center

CHAD WILLHITE, PPD

KYLE KOPYTCHAK, Realtor

Discussion on Pensacola Police Department's relationship with the homeless community

In relation to the I10 bridge from Jan- Sept, 221 calls for service: the PPD had 38 disturbance, 20 suspicious circumstances, 9 medical calls, 9 citizen contacts, 9 different warrant services, 7 follow-ups, 3 mental health complaints, batteries, 2 vehicle tows, noise complaints, etc.

PPD was having to pull stats from 2 addresses because originally they complaints were reported from the Loaves & Fishes address on Lee Street, now at 1601 Hayne Street.

Discussion on solutions and ways to help: Notice to appear in lieu of arrest, street survival guide, connect to veteran services, etc.

CIT Training/Mobile Response Unit may be a gap of service
County does not have sanctioned encampments
No organization has power to remove bad actors from the property, some members are recommending that an organization leases property so they can remove bad actors.
Problem that the city runs into is Martin v. Boise- has to be an empty bed that is available that they turned down.

Core question: Can we make people leave a public park (1-10) after sundown if we have beds available and they do not want services?

Discussion on leasing the property would be a possible solution, or using another location in similar capacity.

Discussion on changing meeting time/location & speakers

First Tuesday of the month at Noon meeting at City Hall
Next meeting is Oct 6 at 9:30 AM virtual meeting with Judge Erica Quartermaine
Jail diversion program from Pinellas County & Judge Bowles

Other discussions

- Discussion on opportunities with identification cards, there is a “flow bus” that makes ID Cards, tax collectors are close to having a portable office. They currently have a program that helps prisoners soon to be released. They could take new mobile units to encampments or other encampments.
- Might want to consider someone from DOC or jail on committee
- Escambia County Sequential Intercept Mapping Project - meant to see how people with mental health issues move through the court system and at what points they intercept. Two facilities are now closed (Friary and WFCCC) so there is a potential gap for other subcommittee to focus on. Goal to help people in the system avoid consequences.

Data Collection

- Travis Tompkins discusses Jailview data of how many people gave addresses of transient, homeless, Waterfront, Washburn Center in ONE YEAR period of time. Over 1000 from Feb 2020- Feb 2021. This is an underestimation as people sometimes give a wrong address or another’s address.
- Discussion on considering time someone spends in jail and what crimes they are arrested for/seriousness of crimes.
- Note to follow-up with Santa Rosa County Sheriff’s Office; and that the physical Street Survival Guide is now available

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