

April 2, 2025
PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL
MINUTES
3:00 P.M. – 4th Floor Workshop Room
MARTIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
2401 SE MONTEREY, STUART, FLORIDA 34996

PRESENT

Members	J. Blake Capps
	Dale Shepperd
	Guillermo Orozco
	Suzanne Caudell
	Melinda Buckley
	John Hetherington
	Tom Bakkedahl
	Mykel McMurren
	Robert Pass III
	Micah Skowronski
	Richard Shine

STAFF PRESENT

MC Human Services.....	Michelle Miller
MC Human Services.....	Joanna Greene
MC Human Services.....	Sherilyn Scraders
MC Human Services.....	Philip Ratchford
MC County Attorney's Office.....	Frank Moehrle

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes from October 31, 2024.

**Motion made by John Hetherington and seconded by Mykel McMurren; the motion passed unanimously.

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

A. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Increase in vehicle crashes; enforcement efforts have been stepped up
- Community complaints regarding reckless e-bike drivers
- Pre-Trial Program currently has 64 participants enrolled

B. JAIL UPDATE

- Thirteen individuals deemed incompetent to proceed with trial have been sent to a state facility

C. STUART POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Two overdoses since October
- Thirty-six DUI cases
- 106 Baker Act cases reported

4. JUDICIAL UPDATE

A. STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- Addressing case backlogs by utilizing available staff and prioritizing older cases
- Managing an increase in arrests

B. PUBLIC DEFENDER

- Fully staffed

5. PROBATION UPDATES

A. DJJ

- 30 youth currently on probation
- 6 supervised releases
- 46 delinquency cases filed

B. Felony

- 364 active cases
- 16 sex offenders
- Currently no funding for mental health treatment

C. County

- 926 clients
- 554 DUI's
- Corrections training will be held July 29-31, 2025

6. SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Alcohol (sale/purchase) 8 infractions
- Drug use – 63 incidents
- Tobacco use – 120

7. CAREER SOURCE

- Coordinating move into new facility in Ft. Pierce
- Partnering with IRSC to establish an office in Martin County
- Expanding access through virtual appointments

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reach

- 33 active cases

B. Civil Citation

- 45 active cases

C. Drug Court

- 35 active cases

D. Mental Health Court

- 99 active cases
- 8 graduated in March

E. Prevention Update

- *Agents of Change* conference presented innovative strategies for prevention
- Multiple *Know the Law* trainings have been conducted since September

- *Hidden in Plain Sight* trailer designed to resemble a teenager's room is being used to help parents identify drug paraphernalia

F. Opioid Settlement Funds

- Approximately \$364K allocated to the county for the third year
- Body scanner purchased for the jail
- Funds can support infrastructure improvements
- Allocation will also be used for prevention, treatment, and specialty courts

7. COMMENTS

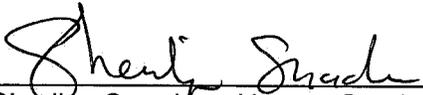
- A. Public – None
- B. Members – None
- C. Staff – None

8. NEXT MEETING DATE: September 24, 2025

ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Recorded and prepared by:



Sherilyn Scraders, Human Services Coordinator

September 24, 2025
Date



J. Blake Capps, Chairperson

September 24, 2025
Date