

RESOLUTION 2019 - 304

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA DESIGNATING THE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL AS THE PLANNING COUNCIL RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE REINVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 394.657, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Johns County Public Safety Coordinating Council was created via County Resolution 2005-98 on April 6, 2005 in accordance with Section 951.26, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 394.657, Florida Statutes, requires that each Board of County Commissioners designate the county public safety coordinating council established under Section 951.26, Florida Statutes, or another criminal or juvenile justice mental health and substance abuse council or committee, as the planning council or committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Johns County Public Safety Coordinating Council, in coordination with the County offices of planning and budget, shall make formal recommendation to the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners regarding how the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program may best be implemented within the community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that:

1. The above recitals are hereby adopted as legislative findings of fact.
2. The St. Johns County Public Safety Coordinating Council is hereby designated as the planning council in accordance with Section 394.657, Florida Statutes.
3. The Board of County Commissioners approves the membership in accordance with Section 394.657(2)(a), Florida Statutes to include:
  - (1.) The state attorney, or an assistant state attorney designated by the state attorney.
  - (2.) A public defender, or an assistant public defender designated by the public defender.
  - (3.) A circuit judge designated by the chief judge of the circuit.
  - (4.) A county court judge designated by the chief judge of the circuit.
  - (5.) The chief correctional officer.
  - (6.) The sheriff, if the sheriff is the chief correctional officer, or a person designated by the sheriff.
  - (7.) The police chief, or a person designated by the local police chiefs association.
  - (8.) The state probation circuit administrator, or a person designated by the state probation circuit administrator.
  - (9.) The local court administrator, or a person designated by the local court administrator.
  - (10.) The chairperson of the board of county commissioners, or another county commissioner designated by the chairperson, or, if the planning council is a

consortium of counties, a county commissioner or designee from each member county.

- (11.) The director of any county probation or pretrial intervention program, if the county has such a program.
  - (12.) The director of a local substance abuse treatment program, or a person designated by the director.
  - (13.) The director of a community mental health agency, or a person designated by the director.
  - (14.) A representative of the substance abuse program office and the mental health program office of the Department of Children and Families, selected by the substance abuse and mental health program supervisor of the district in which the county is located.
  - (15.) A primary consumer of mental health services, selected by the substance abuse and mental health program supervisor of the district in which the primary consumer resides. If multiple counties apply together, a primary consumer may be selected to represent each county.
  - (16.) A primary consumer of substance abuse services, selected by the substance abuse and mental health program supervisor of the district in which the primary consumer resides. If the planning council is a consortium of counties, a primary consumer may be selected to represent each county.
  - (17.) A family member of a primary consumer of community-based treatment services, selected by the abuse and mental health program supervisor of the district in which the family member resides.
  - (18.) A representative from an area homeless program or a supportive housing program.
  - (19.) The director of the detention facility of the Department of Juvenile Justice, or a person designated by the director.
  - (20.) The chief probation officer of the Department of Juvenile Justice, or an employee designated by the chief probation officer.
4. The above membership supersedes any previous membership adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for the St. Johns County Public Safety Coordinating Council.
  5. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.
  6. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

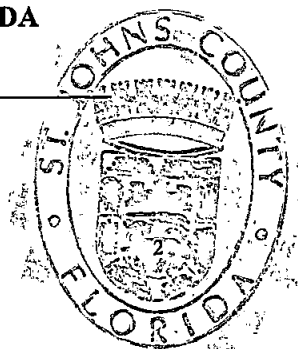
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: Paul M. Waldron  
Paul M. Waldron, Chair

ATTEST: Hunter S. Conrad

By: Pam Hiltner  
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 9/23/19



RESOLUTION NO. 2005- 98

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CREATE A PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 951.26, FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, Section 951.26, Florida Statutes, requires that each Board of County Commissioners establish a Public Safety Coordinating Council or join a consortium of one or more other counties to establish said council; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has made public safety a priority and that properly planning for detention and correctional facilities forwards public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners enjoys a cooperative relationship with local public officials concerned with public safety and proper planning of detention and correctional facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that:

Section 1. A Public Safety Coordinating Council is hereby established in accordance with Section 951.26, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. The members of the Public Safety Coordinating Council shall be:

- (a) the State Attorney, or an Assistant State Attorney designated by the State Attorney;
- (b) the Public Defender, or an Assistant Public Defender designated by the Public Defender;
- (c) the Chief Circuit Judge, or another Circuit Judge designated by the Chief Circuit Judge;
- (d) the Chief County Judge, or another County Judge designated by the Chief County Judge;
- (e) the Chief Correctional Officer;
- (f) the Sheriff, or a member designated by the Sheriff, if the Sheriff is not the Chief Correctional Officer;
- (g) the State Probation Circuit Administrator, or a member designated by the State Probation Circuit Administrator, to be appointed to a 4-year term;

- (h) the chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners, or another County Commissioner as designee;
- (i) if the County has such program available, the director of any county probation or pretrial intervention program, to be appointed to a 4-year term;
- (j) the director of a local substance abuse treatment program, or a member designated by the director, to be appointed to a 4-year term; and,
- (k) Representatives from county and state jobs programs and other community groups who work with offenders and victims, appointed by the chairperson of the board of county commissioners to 4-year terms;

Section 3. The Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners, or another County Commissioner as designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the Council until the Council elects a chairperson from the membership of the Council.

Section 4. The Council shall meet at the call of the chairperson for the purpose of assessing the population status of all detention or correctional facilities owned or contracted by the County.

Section 5. The Council shall have other powers and duties as set forth in the enabling statute.

Section 6. The County Administrator, or his designee, shall provide for staff support for the Council as reasonably required.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 

Bruce A. Maguire, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: 

Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 4-8-05

# The Florida Senate

## 2018 Florida Statutes

<u>Title XLVII</u> CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AND CORRECTIONS	<u>Chapter 951</u> COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PRISONERS  <u>Entire Chapter</u>	<b>SECTION 26</b> <b>Public safety coordinating councils.</b>
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### 951.26 Public safety coordinating councils.—

(1) Each board of county commissioners shall establish a county public safety coordinating council for the county or shall join with a consortium of one or more other counties to establish a public safety coordinating council for the geographic area represented by the member counties.

(a)1. The public safety coordinating council for a county shall consist of:

- a. The state attorney, or an assistant state attorney designated by the state attorney.
- b. The public defender, or an assistant public defender designated by the public defender.
- c. The chief circuit judge, or another circuit judge designated by the chief circuit judge.
- d. The chief county judge, or another county judge designated by the chief county judge.
- e. The chief correctional officer.
- f. The sheriff, or a member designated by the sheriff, if the sheriff is not the chief correctional officer.
- g. The state probation circuit administrator, or a member designated by the state probation circuit administrator, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- h. The chairperson of the board of county commissioners, or another county commissioner as designee.
- i. If the county has such program available, the director of any county probation or pretrial intervention program, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- j. The director of a local substance abuse treatment program, or a member designated by the director, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- k. Representatives from county and state jobs programs and other community groups who work with offenders and victims, appointed by the chairperson of the board of county commissioners to 4-year terms.

2. The chairperson of the board of county commissioners, or another county commissioner as designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the council until the council elects a chairperson from the membership of the council.

(b)1. The public safety coordinating council for a consortium of two or more counties shall consist of the following members, appointed with the approval of each board of county commissioners within the consortium:

- a. A chief circuit judge, or a circuit judge designated by a chief circuit judge.
- b. A chief county judge, or a county judge designated by a chief county judge.
- c. A state attorney, or an assistant state attorney designated by a state attorney.
- d. A public defender, or an assistant public defender designated by a public defender.
- e. A state probation circuit administrator, or a member designated by a state probation circuit administrator, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- f. A physician who practices in the area of alcohol and substance abuse, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- g. A mental health professional who practices in the area of alcohol and substance abuse, to be appointed to a 4-year term.
- h. A sheriff or a jail administrator for a county within the consortium.
- i. A chief of police for a municipality within the geographic area of the consortium.
- j. A county commissioner from each member county of the consortium.
- k. An elected member of the governing body of the most populous municipality within the geographic area of the consortium.

1. An elected member of a school board within the geographic area of the consortium.

2. The members of the public safety coordinating council shall elect a chairperson from among its members.

(2) The council shall meet at the call of the chairperson for the purpose of assessing the population status of all detention or correctional facilities owned or contracted by the county, or the county consortium, and formulating recommendations to ensure that the capacities of such facilities are not exceeded. Such recommendations shall include an assessment of the availability of pretrial intervention or probation programs, work-release programs, substance abuse programs, gain-time schedules, applicable bail bond schedules, and the confinement status of the inmates housed within each facility owned or contracted by the county, or the county consortium.

(3)(a) The council may also develop a local public safety plan for future construction needs. The plan must cover at least a 5-year period. The plan may be submitted for consideration to the local planning agency for the county, or the planning agency for each county within the consortium, at least 120 days before the adoption of or amendment to the comprehensive plan for the county by the local planning agency pursuant to part II of chapter 163.

(b) Each county, or county consortium, that contracts to receive community corrections funds for its community corrections programs under s. 948.51 shall require the public safety coordinating council to develop a comprehensive public safety plan as described therein which includes the future public safety construction needs as described in paragraph (a).

(4) The council may also develop a comprehensive local reentry plan that is designed to assist offenders released from incarceration to successfully reenter the community. The plan should cover at least a 5-year period. In developing the plan, the council shall coordinate with public safety officials and local community organizations who can provide offenders with reentry services, such as assistance with housing, health care, education, substance abuse treatment, and employment.

(5) All meetings of a public safety coordinating council, as well as its records, books, documents, and papers, are open and available to the public in accordance with ss. 119.07 and 286.011.

**History.**—s. 2, ch. 87-340; s. 90, ch. 88-122; s. 16, ch. 91-225; s. 35, ch. 92-310; s. 7, ch. 93-204; s. 44, ch. 95-283; s. 32, ch. 96-312; s. 1881, ch. 97-102; s. 22, ch. 2010-64.

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## 2018 Florida Statutes

<u>Title XXIX</u> PUBLIC HEALTH	<u>Chapter 394</u> MENTAL HEALTH  <u>Entire Chapter</u>	<b>SECTION 657</b> <b>County planning councils or committees.</b>
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### 394.657 County planning councils or committees.—

(1) Each board of county commissioners shall designate the county public safety coordinating council established under s. 951.26, or designate another criminal or juvenile justice mental health and substance abuse council or committee, as the planning council or committee. The public safety coordinating council or other designated criminal or juvenile justice mental health and substance abuse council or committee, in coordination with the county offices of planning and budget, shall make a formal recommendation to the board of county commissioners regarding how the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program may best be implemented within a community. The board of county commissioners may assign any entity to prepare the application on behalf of the county administration for submission to the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Statewide Grant Review Committee for review. A county may join with one or more counties to form a consortium and use a regional public safety coordinating council or another county-designated regional criminal or juvenile justice mental health and substance abuse planning council or committee for the geographic area represented by the member counties.

(2)(a) For the purposes of this section, the membership of a designated planning council or committee must include:

1. The state attorney, or an assistant state attorney designated by the state attorney.
2. A public defender, or an assistant public defender designated by the public defender.
3. A circuit judge designated by the chief judge of the circuit.
4. A county court judge designated by the chief judge of the circuit.
5. The chief correctional officer.
6. The sheriff, if the sheriff is the chief correctional officer, or a person designated by the sheriff.
7. The police chief, or a person designated by the local police chiefs association.
8. The state probation circuit administrator, or a person designated by the state probation circuit administrator.
9. The local court administrator, or a person designated by the local court administrator.
10. The chairperson of the board of county commissioners, or another county commissioner designated by the chairperson, or, if the planning council is a consortium of counties, a county commissioner or designee from each member county.
11. The director of any county probation or pretrial intervention program, if the county has such a program.
12. The director of a local substance abuse treatment program, or a person designated by the director.
13. The director of a community mental health agency, or a person designated by the director.
14. A representative of the substance abuse program office and the mental health program office of the Department of Children and Families, selected by the substance abuse and mental health program supervisor of the district in which the county is located.
15. A primary consumer of mental health services, selected by the substance abuse and mental health program supervisor of the district in which the primary consumer resides. If multiple counties apply together, a primary consumer may be selected to represent each county.
16. A primary consumer of substance abuse services, selected by the substance abuse and mental health program supervisor of the district in which the primary consumer resides. If the planning council is a consortium of counties, a primary consumer may be selected to represent each county.

17. A family member of a primary consumer of community-based treatment services, selected by the abuse and mental health program supervisor of the district in which the family member resides.

18. A representative from an area homeless program or a supportive housing program.

19. The director of the detention facility of the Department of Juvenile Justice, or a person designated by the director.

20. The chief probation officer of the Department of Juvenile Justice, or an employee designated by the chief probation officer.

(b) The chairperson of the board of county commissioners or another county commissioner, if designated, shall serve as the chairperson of the planning council or committee until a chairperson is elected from the membership.

(c) All meetings of the planning council or committee, as well as its records, books, documents, and papers, shall be open and available to the public in accordance with ss. 119.07 and 286.011.

(3)(a) If a public safety coordinating council established under s. 951.26 acts as the planning council, its membership must include all persons listed in paragraph (2)(a).

(b) A public safety coordinating council that is acting as the planning council must include an assessment of the availability of mental health programs in addition to the assessments required under s. 951.26(2).

**History.**—s. 2, ch. 2007-200; s. 4, ch. 2010-159; s. 93, ch. 2014-19.

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## St. Johns County

Public Safety Coordinating Council

January 24, 2019

Michele Staffieri  
Procurement Manger  
FL Department of Children and Families  
1317 Winewood Blvd.  
Room 6, Building 231  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700

Re: Certified Designation Letter

Dear Ms. Staffieri,

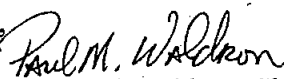
The St. Johns County Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) certifies that EPIC Community Services, Inc. (dba EPIC Behavioral Healthcare) has been designated by the PSCC to apply to the Florida Department of Children and Families for an Implementation Grant under the Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Implementation Grant program – Grant #RFA06H16GS1. This certification is required in Section 1.2 in the Request for Application. This action took place at the PSCC meeting on January 11, 2019.

Previously, the PSCC and the St. Johns County Board of County Commission approved the Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Strategic Plan as developed through the Reinvestment Planning Grant completed in December of 2017. The Plan included an application for a Jail-Based Transition to Community program. EPIC Behavioral Healthcare (EPIC) was chosen to pursue this funding to develop and implement this Transition Program based on their extensive experience working with adults in the criminal justice system with co-occurring mental health and/or substance use disorders. EPIC currently operates an in-jail treatment program and is the treatment provider for the Adult Drug Court Program and the Veterans Treatment Court. EPIC was also awarded a contract from our Board of County Commission to begin Care Coordination services in the jail as cash match to the Implementation Grant proposed.

The Public Safety Coordinating Council understands that the program proposed is an important strategy to increase public safety, avert increased spending on criminal justice services and improve access to and effectiveness of treatment services for adults with significant mental health and/or substance use disorders. This is an important undertaking and alignment with the mission of the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

The Public Safety Coordinating Council membership will actively participate in the ongoing, planning, implementation, assessment and monitoring of the program's goals. In the event the EPIC is awarded the grant, EPIC will report quarterly to the PSCC as to the activities of the project.

We look forward to the success of this grant application and to the opportunity that it will provide us to implement these vital and needed service enhancements.

Sincerely,   
Commissioner Paul Waldron, Chair  
Public Safety Coordinating Council  
St. Johns County, FL

**Per Florida Statute Title XXIX, Chapter 394.657 County planning councils or committees –(1) Each board of county commissioners shall designate the county public safety coordinating council established under s. 951.26 or designate another criminal or juvenile justice mental health and substance abuse council or committee as the planning council or committee.**

The purpose of the list below is to reflect the designated membership of the council requesting to be ratified by the Board of County Commissioners:

Ben Rich  
Norma Wendt  
Judge Howard M. Maltz  
Judge Charles J. Tinlin  
Sam Williams  
Sheriff David Shoar or Stephen Colson  
Chief Barry Fox or Chief Rob Hardwick  
John Richards or Wendene "Wendy" Vaneps  
Mark Weinberg or Shirley Olson  
Commissioner Paul Waldron  
Darlene Schnittker  
Patti Greenough  
Sandra Jackson or Ivan Cosimi  
Patricia Medlock or Paul Kellam  
Larry Brooks  
Jason Clements  
Linda Scaffè  
John Eaton  
Daniel Merrithew  
Chris Massey