

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, ABOLISHING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL AND REVISING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TO MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH COUNCILS.**

**WHEREAS**, Indian River County is required to have a Public Safety Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 394.657, to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners how the Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program may be best implemented in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Indian River County is required to have a Public Safety Coordinating Council, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 951.26, whose principal purpose is to assess the population status of all county detention or correctional facilities and to formulate recommendations to ensure they are not exceeded; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statute Section 394.657 allows the Public Safety Coordinating Council to merge functions with the Public Safety Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, if membership required by statute is met; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to be more efficient, Indian River County would like to abolish its existing Public Safety Coordinating Council and merge its functions with the Public Safety Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners would further like to assign to the Public Safety Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse the additional duty of making recommendations to the Board for the use of funds received from opioid litigation and to receive reports from any formal/informal Opioid and Substance Use Task Force.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**1. ABOLITION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

The Public Safety Coordinating Council is hereby abolished and Resolution 1993-220, which formed the Council, is rescinded. All duties of the Public Safety Coordinating Council are hereby assigned to the Public Safety Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Indian River County Public Safety Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, originally established by Resolution 2016-101, is hereby revised and re-established.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

The Public Safety Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Committee shall have 20 members. There is no resident requirement for members. The members are as follows:

- a. The state attorney, or an assistant state attorney designated by the state attorney.
- b. A public defender, or an assistant public defender designated by the public defender.
- c. A circuit judge designated by the chief judge of the circuit.
- d. A county court judge designated by the chief judge of the circuit.
- e. The chief correctional officer.
- f. The sheriff, if the sheriff is the chief correctional officer, or a person designated by the sheriff.
- g. The police chief, or a person designated by the local police chiefs association.
- h. The state probation circuit administrator, or a person designated by the state probation circuit administrator.
- i. The local court administrator, or a person designated by the local court administrator.
- j. 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.
- k. The director of any county probation or pretrial intervention program, if the county has such a program.
- l. The director of a local substance abuse treatment program, or a person designated by the director.

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- m. The director of a community mental health agency, or a person designated by the director.
- n. 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.
- o. 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.
- p. 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.
- q. 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.
- r. A representative from an area homeless program or a supportive housing program.
- s. The director of the detention facility of the Department of Juvenile Justice, or a person designated by the director.
- t. The chief probation officer of the Department of Juvenile Justice, or an employee designated by the chief probation officer.

4. POWERS AND DUTIES.

The Public Safety Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse shall have the power and duty to recommend courses of action for the Board of County Commissioners to take with respect to all matters encompassed by Sections 951.26 and 394.657, Florida Statutes. Additionally, the Council shall make recommendations to the Board for the use of funds received from opioid litigation and to receive reports from any formal/informal Opioid and Substance Use Task Force.

5. ADVISORY STATUS.

The Public Safety Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse shall be advisory only and the members shall serve without compensation.

6 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

The provisions of Title 1, Chapter 103, relating to the advisory boards and commissions shall apply to this Committee. The Committee shall elect from among its voting members a chairman and a vice-chairman annually at its first meeting in January, or at its next meeting if no meeting is held in January. Each chair and vice chair shall serve for a one-year term and may be reelected but shall be limited to two successive annual terms, at which point they would be ineligible to chair the committee for at least one year.

7. MEETINGS.

A meeting may be called at the request of either staff or the chair of the Committee, but the Council shall meet at least quarterly. The agenda for each meeting shall be established by the chairman in coordination with County staff. The chairman, Committee member, or staff may place matters on the agenda. Any Committee member may make an oral or written report on committee activity at a subsequent Board of County Commissioners meeting under its "Commissioners Items."

8. CONSULTANTS.

The chair or individual Committee members are prohibited from contacting consultants or vendors retained by the County.

The resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Joseph E. Flescher \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chairman Deryl Loar \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Susan Adams \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Joseph H. Earman \_\_\_\_\_

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Commissioner Laura Moss \_\_\_\_\_

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of May 2025.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman**

**ATTEST: Ryan L. Butler, Clerk  
Of the Court and Comptroller**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Deputy Clerk**

**BCC approval date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved as to form and legal  
sufficiency:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Jennifer W. Shuler, County Attorney**