

# Mayor's Orange County Jail Oversight Commission

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 Criminal Justice Case Processing Subcommittee met on June 17 to review the draft recommendations

12 recommendations were approved by the subcommittee members



#### **Recommendations**

- Encourage the judiciary, attorneys, and public defenders to attend and complete Crisis Response and Management Training (formerly known as CIT). (Interagency Collaboration)
- 2) Evaluate additional inmate vocational training programs that are specific to in-demand jobs in Florida. (Fiscal Impact)
- 3) Consider hosting a Central Florida Summit aimed at educating stakeholders on the 11th Judicial Circuit, Miami-Dade Criminal Mental Health Project (CMHP). (Interagency Collaboration & Fiscal Impact)
- 4) Encourage the judiciary to hear motions to compel release (33-day motion) be held on weekends and holidays. (Interagency Collaboration)



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- 5) Explore communication modalities that minimize delays for attorneys entering the jail to facilitate meetings with inmate clients. This may include technologies to assist with inmate movement. (Interagency Collaboration)
- 6) Explore cost effective technologies to expedite communication between attorneys and OCCD (e.g. attorney phone helpline. (Interagency Collaboration)
- 7) Encourage judges to resolve technical violations of probation (VOP) as promptly as possible (Interagency Collaboration)
- 8) Continue to monitor inmates detained civilly on writs to ensure timely hearings and prompt releases. (Interagency Collaboration)



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- 9) Explore cost effective methods to provide inmates with the necessary treatment within the jail while awaiting placement in state facilities. (Interagency Collaboration & Fiscal Impact)
- 10) Explore cost effective opportunities to repurpose the Work Release Center in a way that is beneficial to the community while relieving pressure on the jail. (Interagency Collaboration & Fiscal Impact)
- 11) Encourage law enforcement to utilize Notice to Appear (NTA) and civil citations whenever possible to divert persons from the jail. (Interagency Collaboration)
- 12) Explore opportunities to facilitate virtual plea hearing options at the Booking and Release Center (BRC). (Interagency Collaboration)