



**CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**March 22, 2021; 1:00PM – 2:00PM**

**Location:**

Via Zoom Online Meeting

**I – GREETINGS, INTRODUCTIONS, OVERALL UPDATES**

- Stanley Brizz opened the meeting at 1:00 PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Stanley Brizz began with a brief overview on the coalition along with a reminder of some of the new website features, specifically the “Events” page. There you can find an up-to-date calendar with meeting dates and any links required to join.  
<https://www.brevardprevention.org/calendar/>

**II – DEA 2020 NATIONAL DRUG THREAT ASSESSMENT DATA REVIEW**

- Stephen Collins began a review of the 2020 DEA National Drug Threat Assessment. **(see full presentation “2020 NDTA”)** Below is an overview of the key findings:
  - Illicit fentanyl remains a primary driver behind the epidemic of drug overdose deaths in the United States as heroin and prescription opioids also remain significant public health and law enforcement challenges.
  - The methamphetamine threat is persistent with deaths and seizures sharply rising. The cocaine threat is still prevalent; the marijuana threat remains challenging; and New Psychoactive Substances continue to be a concern.
  - The 2020 pandemic of COVID-19 and the associated restrictions on daily travel, U.S. border closings, closure of nonessential businesses, and broad shelter-in-place orders temporarily posed new challenges to criminal organizations’ movement of drugs during the first half of 2020.

**III – PRESENTATION *Central Florida HIDTA Data Review***

**Presenters:** Stephen R. Collins (Director, Central FL HIDTA) and Paul E. Maxwell, Jr. (Drug Intelligence Officer (DEA Retired) Overdose Response Strategy, Central FL HIDTA)

- Stephen Collins began a review of HIDTA program. **(see presentation for full breakdowns and additional details “Central FL HIDTA Presentation”)**
- Their goal is to provide assistance for law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions.
- There are currently 33 HIDTAs designated by congress.
- Drug caused deaths (2019)
  - Cocaine: **increase 2.9%**
  - Heroin: **decline 19%**
  - Fentanyl: **increase 32%**
  - Methamphetamine: **increase 28%**
  - Fentanyl Analogs: **decline 41%** (possibly from restriction of China import of analogs)



- Primary drug threats:
  - Fentanyl, fentanyl analogs, heroine (top 3)
  - Methamphetamine ahead of cocaine now
  - Opioid prescription drugs
  - Marijuana and byproducts (from legalized states commercially or through parcels)
- Paul Maxwell then began speaking about his position, a new position added to the Central Florida HIDTA as part of the ORS (overdose response strategy) a national strategy where all HIDTA in the nation join with CDC to share data insights and trends from nationwide information and inform and help local communities.
- Paul Maxwell stated one of the emerging trends they are tracking is a possible wave of prescription psychostimulants like Adderall.

#### **IV – REVIEW OF NEXT STEPS / SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

- The Criminal Justice Subcommittee meetings will try to be held at least once a quarter.
- Next meeting **tentatively scheduled for the week of June 21, 2021**. Confirmation of the date, links to join, and an updated agenda will be sent to everyone as the date draws closer.

#### **V – OPEN FORUM**

- Stanley Brizz reviewed the 2021 Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit virtual event being held April 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and the grant available to cover costs for a number of those interested in attending.

#### **VI – MEETING CLOSURE**

- Stanley Brizz reminded everyone that meeting minutes will be sent via email once completed and thanked everyone for joining today.
- Stanley Brizz closed the meeting at 2:00 PM.