



**City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey
Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee**

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OF
JUVENILE INTERVENTION
STRATEGIES WORKGROUP

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2:00 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee, Juvenile Intervention Strategies Workgroup taken on Friday, April 4, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th Floor, Room 851 - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Juvenile Intervention Strategies Workgroup

William Sulzbacher, Chair

Ron Autrey, Member

Angelia Turner, Member

Sherron Watson, Member

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

WILLIAM SULZBACHER, Chair

SHERRON WATSON, Member

ABSENTEE MEMBERS:

ANGELIA TURNER, Member

RON AUTREY, Member

STAFF:

Ginny Walthour

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Call to Order and Comments. Chairman Sulzbacher called the meeting to order at approximately 2:08 p.m.

1. Purpose of Meeting.

Discuss juvenile intervention impacting the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey.

Mr. Sulzbacher reminded the committee that final recommendations would be discussed at the upcoming full Intervention meeting on Monday, April 7th. He distributed the draft recommendations that had been proposed by the Juvenile Intervention workgroup. It was asked that the recommendations be looked over and any edits or suggestions be given to staff member Ginny Walthour to change and provide at the Monday meeting.

The floor was then open for presentations made by local community organizations and their various intervention and re-entry efforts.

- Cathy Chadeayne with the Jacksonville Sherriff Office gave a presentation and overview of the JADE program - Jacksonville Area Discharge Enhancement. This program works with ex-offenders while they are incarcerated and after they are released. It is part of the JREC - Jacksonville Re-entry Center.
- Cassandra Bush - Thorminc Ministries; this program provides housing/assistance to ex-offenders returning to society. They usually allow ex-offenders (men only) to stay about two months.
- Nicki Gardell - Community Re-entry Staffing; this program helps ex-offenders get jobs. They have helped 486 people get

jobs in fields of warehousing, industrial, etc. These positions are permanent. She is asking the committee to help provide more public awareness and jobs for her program.

- Mr. Carwell - Citizens with Criminal Backgrounds; he would like the committee to help get legislation changed to allow ex-offenders obtain business licenses. He would like the conviction questions to be taken off certain employment applications and have more centralized background checks.
- Pastor Jones - Christ Ministry of Changing; gave an overview of his TGIF presentation to help empower his local community in crisis. He needs funding to get 2 staffers out on the streets and work with citizens. It would take about \$150K to get his Community Empowerment Center up and running.

Mr. Sulzbacher thanked the community members who attended this meeting. He reminded them that the Intervention recommendations would support these community organizations but no dollars would be allocated or associated to them.

3. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.