



**City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey**

**Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee**

**MINUTES**

**OF**

**ADULT RE-ENTRY STRATEGIES**

**WORKGROUP**

**March 18, 2008**

# **The Jacksonville Journey – Intervention & Rehabilitation**

## **Sub-Committee**

### **Adult Re-entry Strategies Workgroup**

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**10:00 a.m.**

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee, Adult Re-entry Strategies Workgroup taken on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 851 - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 10:10 a.m.

#### **Adult Re-Entry Strategies Workgroup**

**Kevin Gay, Chair**  
**Michael Hallet, Member**  
**Wyllie Hodges, Member**  
**Gordon Bass, Member**

## APPEARANCES

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:**

Kevin Gay, Chair  
Michael Hallet, Member  
Gordon Bass, Member

### **ABSENTEE MEMBERS:**

Wyllie Hodges, Member

### **STAFF:**

Ginny Walthour

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kathy Shedan, JREC Re-entry Coordinator  
Steve Naso, COJ Office of Juvenile Justice

## **PROCEEDINGS**

March 18, 2008

Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee

Adult Re-entry Strategies Workgroup

10:00 a.m.

**Call to Order and Comments.** Chairman Kevin Gay called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 a.m.

### **1. Purpose of Meeting.**

Discuss adult re-entry issues impacting the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey.

Chairman Gay began the meeting and asked Steve Naso, Human Services Planner for the City of Jacksonville's Office of Juvenile Justice & Offender Based Programs, to discuss city initiatives in terms of re-entry and rehabilitation efforts. Mr. Naso provided an overview of two successful city programs: Dawn & Youthbuild. Dawn helps inmates with school learning while incarcerated - over the past 10 years, 135 GEDs have been awarded to inmates while incarcerated. Youthbuild helps 18-24 males, still incarcerated, with skills and training so they can obtain jobs when released. Many are placed in the construction industry. Grants help pay for these programs. However, funding for the Youthbuild program runs out in about 1 ½ years. The key point that makes these programs successful is the after care - when inmates finish their probation period that is when they need most assistance and these programs continue to interact with their participants after they have completed their programs.

Chairman Gay thanked Mr. Naso and then stressed the need for this sub-committee to begin deciding on recommendations to present to the full committee. Mr. Hallett commented that these programs must begin to collect data that will help them quantify their success will prove that they save money. It is cheaper to fund these programs than to pay incarceration costs. There needs to be more funding paid up front for intervention and rehabilitation efforts. Having a comprehensive list of programs will help as we can look

at the services offered on a case by case basis and determine the value. Obviously there is far more need than capacity - that is why we must set a baseline of programs.

Chairman Gay showed a list of the city's public service grants they give to various organizations. He asked if the city had more of a comprehensive list of all agencies that receive city funding - not just public service grants. Ginny Walthour said she will check internally and will send to committee.

Director Bass recommended that someone needs to develop a consortium of all re-entry programs that will be maintained and updated. There needs to be an implementation of an oversight structure to maintain this clearing house of programs - question is where to house this and who will maintain?

Mr. Hallet then suggested that a workshop should be held for all the non-profits to help guide them in the best way to collect and maintain data on their programs. It is very competitive for federal grant allocation and these non-profits need to have a way to show that their programs are both valuable and successful.

Kathy Shedan noted that Chief Stevie Butler has a list of some these programs. It was asked to get Chief Butler at the next sub-committee meeting. Kathy Shedan also said that she would gather her re-entry summit list of participants to give to the committee.

**Next Steps:**

Evaluate all current programs offered to ex-offenders to determine success, duplication of services, etc.

The next sub committee meeting will be held on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ed Ball Bldg, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, in Room 825. Chairman Gay adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:35 a.m.

**Adjournment.** The meeting ended at 11:35 a.m.