



**City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey**

**Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee**

# **MINUTES**

**OF**

# **JUVENILE INTERVENTION**

# **STRATEGIES WORKGROUP**

**February 29, 2008**

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

## **Sub-Committee**

### **Juvenile Intervention Strategies Workgroup**

**February 29, 2008**

**2:00 p.m.**

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee, Juvenile Intervention Strategies Workgroup taken on Friday, February 29, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 825 - 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

RON AUTREY, Member

### **ABSENTEE MEMBERS:**

ANGELIA TURNER, Member

SHERRON WATSON, Member

### **STAFF:**

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### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Robert Arnold, United Way

Ross McDonough, Full Service Schools of Jacksonville

Harlon Stallings, Blueprint for Prosperity

Sandra Tysver, Girl Scouts of Gateway council, Inc.

## **PROCEEDINGS**

February 29, 2008

Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee

Juvenile Intervention Strategies Workgroup 2:00 p.m.

**Call to Order and Comments.** Chairman Sulzbacher called the meeting to order at approximately 2:11 p.m.

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

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

Sandra Tysver, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc. was asked to make the first presentation of the day. Ms. Tysver provided a handout to the meeting attendees with information regarding the academic enrichment and drop-out prevention programs currently in place with the Girl Scouts. These programs are located in urban areas and are offered separately from troop programs. There are currently 20 sites located in Jacksonville servicing about 600 girls.

Q. What is your feeling on how these programs are reaching at-risk girls? The members of our programs emulate the city population both racially and fiscally. Our sites are located in urban, lower income areas and service both girls and their families. Outside of the public school system, we service more girls than in any other organization.

Q. You stated that many of your programs have been in place for 20 or 30 years. Do you have any new programs you are planning to implement? The youth that seem to be getting into trouble are not the children that we service. We do update our programs as times change and needs change. We currently serve 17,000 girls in the six county area - 40% reside in Duval County.

Q. Are you attempting to reach out to girls more aggressively? Yes, specifically to middle school age girls.

Q. What kind of issues do you have with funding? There is always a need for funding. We receive funding from both private and

public sources. We are concerned, however with the state funding we receive as to whether or not that will continue.

Q. Is there anything we can do to assist with your continuing to receive state funding? Contact state legislatures such as Senator Wise. Our funding comes from the state education programming funds.

The next presentation to the workgroup was Ross McDonough with Full Service Schools of Jacksonville (a United Way Program). He provided handouts to the meeting attendees describing what Full Service Schools are and the locations that they are available in.

Q. Would you concede that mental health services in our community are inadequate? Yes.

Q. Why do you suppose that mental health is off the radar as far as a need to address? Many individuals with mental health issues self medicate. Generally where you find substance abuse you will find mental health issues. It is an invisible problem that is not readily seen.

Q. Does participation in your program require parental participation or approval? Only where there is medical or mental health treatment required.

Q. Who are the best ones to identify at-risk children? Probably the School Resource Officers, Juvenile Probation Officers, and school disciplinarians.

The next presentation was made by Robert Arnold, Director of United Way 2-1-1. He provided the meeting attendees with a brochure describing the 2-1-1 Information and Referral line also known as the "First Call For Help".

Q. Would it be instructive for us to call the number and explore?  
Yes. You may also want to visit our website for statistical information.

Harlon Stallings spoke up to discuss the Blueprint for Prosperity and one of the action items they have been tasked with - gather information for all programs offered under one umbrella, including United Way organizations and other organizations not affiliated with United Way. He also discussed a mentoring program, called

Mentor First Coast, which includes 40 organizations in 5 counties. Ron Autrey mentioned his recent discussion with Reverend Mark Griffin with Wayman Ministries. Reverend Griffin has launched an effort to join together 80 small churches in "Project Crimes" to work to reduce crime in urban areas. He is organizing a "community fest" to get church leaders more involved in their community. Mr. Autrey suggested that the sub-committee needs to take a look at what he is spearheading and see how that effort can be included in the overall recommendations to the Steering committee.

Chairman Sulzbacher asked all presenters to e-mail the workgroup with any additional questions or ideas. The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

## **2. Action Items**

Schedule a follow-up meeting for Friday, March 7, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

**Adjournment.** The meeting ended at 3:29 p.m.