



**City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey**

**Intervention and Rehabilitation**

**MINUTES**

**OF**

**INTERVENTION & REHABILITATION**

**SUB-COMMITTEE**

**February 25, 2008**

# The Jacksonville Journey – Intervention & Rehabilitation

## Sub-Committee

February 25, 2008

2:30 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee taken on Monday, February 25, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 2:30 p.m.

### Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee

John Coxwell, Chair  
Ron Autrey, Member  
Bob Baldwin, Member  
Gordon Bass, Jr., Member  
Karen Bowling, Member  
Lad Daniels, Member  
Latroy Daniels, Member  
Ron Foster, Jr., Member  
Reginald Gaffney, Member  
Kevin Gay, Member  
Michael Hallett, Member  
Elder Harris, Member  
Wyllie Hodges, Member  
Joseph Hutchinson, Member  
Cal Jackson, Member  
Sharon Kirkland, Member  
Ray Reid, Member  
David Stevens, Member  
William Sulzbacher, Member  
Angelia Turner, Member  
Sherron Watson, Member

## APPEARANCES

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

JOHN COXWELL, Chair  
RON AUTREY, Member  
BOB BALDWIN, Member  
GORDON BASS, JR., Member  
KAREN BOWLING, Member  
LAD DANIELS, Member  
LATROY DANIELS, Member  
REGINALD GAFFNEY, Member  
KEVIN GAY, Member  
MICHAEL HALLETT, Member  
RAYMOND REID, Member  
WILLIAM SULZBACHER, Member  
ANGELIA TURNER, Member

### **ABSENTEE MEMBERS:**

RON FOSTER, JR., Member  
ELDER HARRIS, Member  
WYLLIE HODGES, Member  
JOSEPH HUTCHINSON, Member  
CAL JACKSON, Member  
SHARON KIRKLAND, Member  
DAVID STEVENS, Member  
SHERRON WATSON, Member

### **STAFF:**

KERRI STEWART  
GINNY WALTHOUR  
SHAWN JEROR

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

CATHY CHADEAYNE, JREC  
DAVID COFFMAN, JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
W. EARL KITCHINGS, CEO, SPORTIVATION  
DOUG MURR, CHARACTER FIRST

## **PROCEEDINGS**

February 25, 2008

Intervention and Rehabilitation Sub-Committee

2:30 p.m.

**Call to Order and Comments.** Chairman Coxwell called the meeting to order at approximately 2:32 p.m.

**Purpose of Meeting.** Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step - Intervention and Rehabilitation Sub-Committee.

Chairman Coxwell presented motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion was approved and carried.

Chairman Coxwell gave an overview of Steering Committee meeting housekeeping items.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by Chief David Coffman from the Jacksonville Sheriff's office. His presentation gave an overview of the proposed program entitled *Project Safe Students in Schools* (PSSS). This presentation detailed the program goals and guidelines, illustrated its usefulness as a tool for School Resource Officers (SRO's), and compared and contrasted this program to the former Mentoring At-Risk Students (MARS) program utilized during 2003-2004. During and at the conclusion of his presentation, the floor was open to questions.

Q. Are the records destroyed after the child is no longer in the school system? Yes, there is no reason to retain those records.

Q. Between the time that the MARS program was terminated and this program proposal, have any other programs been implemented? No.

Michael Hallett spoke to emphasize the differences between the MARS program and PSSS. One of his disagreements with the MARS program was that parents were not notified or involved with intervention measures being taken with their child. PSSS has included parent notification and participation in the program/

Q. What is the general course of action for conduct violations? We do not address classroom discipline. Our program addresses 54% of the level two violations and all level three and four violations.

Q. How can our sub-committee assist with the implementation of this program? Make recommendations to the steering committee.

Q. Of the many programs through JSO, can a list be provided to the sub-committee to evaluate the best course of action for the future? The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office has many successful programs in place for intervention and rehabilitation. If a program is not successful, it is not continued.

Following the presentation and questions/answer session, Chairman Coxwell thanked Chief Coffman for his presentation.

Ron Autrey, member and chairman of the Juvenile Intervention Strategies Workgroup, introduced Jack Sears, CEO of the North Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America, to present to the sub-committee the programs and resources available through his organization.

Q. What is your assessment of the unmet need? Being new to the area, my observation is that there seems to be a disconnect in the pooling of resources.

Q. Is it possible to utilize the Boy Scout's resources to assist with Camp Jacksonville to extend the program from six weeks to a year long?

A. That would not be a problem as long as the program and goals are aligned with the mission, vision and goals of the Boy Scouts of America.

Q. Can you elaborate on your infrastructure? We have campgrounds just 45 minutes away, two full-time professional employees, and a 13 passenger van.

Q. Referring to what you describe as an unmet need, are you aware of any other cities that have a model as you describe? No, but I am encouraged by the efforts of Jacksonville Journey and the call to action.

Concluding the presentation and question/answer session, Chairman Coxwell thanked Mr. Sands.

Chairman Coxwell then introduced Betty Holzendorf. Ms. Holzendorf, former state senator and Steering Committee co-chairperson, spoke to the sub-committee on the focus of the "journey". She stated that the purpose was to intervene in the process of what takes a person from at-risk to a criminal or felon. She also stated that the plan of action should be the best plan of action with the funding and resources available. Additionally, the sub-committee should also make long-range considerations to determine what action can be taken for crime prevention. She stated that education is key, and targeting 16 - 25 year olds is imperative. She thanked all of the members of the sub-committee for the work they are doing.

Chairman Coxwell thanked Ms. Holzendorf and moved on to the next topic on the agenda - Reports on workgroup meetings. William Schulsbacher reviewed the discussions from the Juvenile Intervention Strategies Workgroup meeting. He requested that the workgroup meet again.

Ray Reid discussed the workgroup meetings by the Employer/Employment Strategies Workgroup.

Kerri Stewart noted that many speakers were recommended to speak to the sub-committee on various topics. She suggested that they speak to the members at the workgroup level and the workgroup report back to the sub-committee on their findings.

The issue of compiling a list of available resources was discussed by sub-committee members. Organizations to contact regarding compiled listings were:

- Office of Community Services
- United Way
- Department of Health

Kevin Gay provided a report to the sub-committee on the workgroup meeting of the Adult Re-Entry Strategies Workgroup. He stated that that workgroup also needed to schedule another meeting.

Director Gordon Bass with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office asked for Cathy Chadeayne with the Jacksonville Re-Entry Center to give a brief update on the federal, state and local re-entry efforts. She provided a handout of information covering their interaction with inmates prior to release, assisting released offenders with programs and resources, and needs to improve their program.

Chairman Coxwell thanked Ms. Chadeayne for her presentation.

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Action Items**

Workgroups to schedule additional meetings prior to the next scheduled meeting of March 3, 2008.

**3. Discussion Items**

None.

Adjournment. **Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.**