



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

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SUB-COMMITTEE

March 3, 2008

The Jacksonville Journey – Intervention & Rehabilitation

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2:30 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee taken on Monday, March 3, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th 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
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APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

JOHN COXWELL, Chair
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WYLLIE HODGES, Member
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MICHAEL HALLETT, Member
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JOSEPH HUTCHINSON, Member
CAL JACKSON, Member
RAYMOND REID, Member
ANGELIA TURNER, Member

STAFF:

KERRI STEWART
GINNY WALTHOUR
LYNN RIX

OTHERS PRESENT:

CATHY CHADEAYNE, JREC
LINLEY NEWBOLD, Connective Coaching
YSRYL, Jacksonville Youth Works
MARCUS HAILE
ALYSSA BISHOP, JSO
RANDY JENNINGS

PROCEEDINGS

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Call to Order and Comments. Chairman Coxwell called the meeting to order at approximately 2:35 p.m.

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

Chairman Coxwell welcomed committee members and thanked them for their attendance. He reviewed housekeeping items.

A presentation was made by Linley Newbold of Connective Coaching for a proposed Out of School Suspension and Truancy Program. This program would use Corrections Officers as this provides the greater authority that these children need. There would also be teachers on staff to help children with their school work so that they don't fall behind while on suspension. Children who are having trouble in a class and fall behind or more like to act out.

Therefore, out of school suspension (OSS) may inadvertently be creating more behavioral problems. This program will help students keep up and possibly get the tutoring help necessary to prevent future behavioral problems. A third aspect would be counselors on staff to work with the children to get to the root of their behavioral problems. The program would assist approximately 30 students a day. She does not yet have a funding source and has not yet spoken with JSO or the School Board.

Each work group than gave a report of their most recent meeting. Adult Re-Entry Strategies was presented by Kevin Gay. It has been brought to the attention of the workgroup that groups of violent and non violent offenders cannot be mixed. There needs to be separate programs for each. Both programs need to be offered consistently to both groups. The workgroup will now be evaluating all the current programs to determine success and overlap of each and then begin providing the training programs while in the institution so that a seamless portal of entry can be provided. Ultimately the goal is to reduce incarceration rates and hopefully this can be done by creating productive citizens rather than repeat offenders.

Employer/Employment Strategies was presented by Lad Daniels. They had Bruce Ferguson from WorkSource speak to their work group. It was determined that career academies are important to make young people ready for the job market out of high school thereby reducing the number that become incarcerated. WorkSource is more focused on providing employees to employers than on training. It is best if job training can be conducted while the person is still incarcerated and then WorkSource can assist with job placement when they come out already trained. It needs to be determined what licensures are available to individuals with a criminal background. One problem is that there is no matrix of services. There are a lot of programs, but no easy way to find them. Secondly, businesses need to be encouraged to hire ex-felons by changing the mindset of business owners. Thirdly, need to encourage job creation and business creation in parts of town

where there are currently few job or business opportunities. One way may be through micro loans. Also, talk with companies who hire a lot of young people to find out if these youths go on to be productive citizens or if they are just as likely to become incarcerated. How are these companies engaging these young people to keep them out of trouble?

Juvenile Intervention was presented by Bill Sulzbacher. He provided the JCCI Study on Services for Ex-Offenders to the committee members. They had 4 speakers at their workgroup meeting: Robert Arnold of United Way; Ross McDonough of Full Service Schools of Jacksonville; Harlan Stallings of Blueprint for Prosperity and Sandra Tysver of Girl Scouts of Gateway Council. The Girl Scouts have a successful program called "Get Real Mentoring Program". They receive \$100,000 annually from the state and feel that this funding is in jeopardy with the current budget crisis. Mental Health is also a factor that needs to be looked at and addressed. This workgroup will be meeting again on Friday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m.

It was suggested that the full committee have a meeting in a venue such as Gateway, Clanzel Brown Community Center or Simonds-Johnson Community Center where these young people can have a say about what their needs are.

2. Public Comment

Marcus Haile from "Community In School" spoke about the possibility of losing federal funding for this program.

Ysryl from "Jacksonville Youth Works" talked about his program which takes students to different job sites to inspire them to

choose a life's work.

3. Action Items

The committee voted unanimously to ask the Duval Delegation to lobby for the continuation of state funding for the Girl Scouts program "Get Real Mentoring Program".

4. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.