



Project Status

Feb. 14, 2008

Positive Youth Development Committee
Chief Community Officer Roslyn Mixon Phillips
presenting on behalf of
Chair Audrey McKibbin Moran

Status Summary

- **Dec. 21, 2007 Initial meeting**
- **Jan. 9, 2008 Addressed *Mentoring and Volunteerism* charge**
 - **Super Bowl-level passion/involvement needed**
 - **Chamber should be a lead mentor recruiter**
 - **3,500 mentors currently in place/ 45,000 children in need**
 - **\$4-5 million needed to fully fund Take Stock**
 - **Commitment/Resources/Structure/Unity**

Status Summary

- **Jan. 23, 2008 Developed Action Items for *Mentoring and Volunteerism* charge**
 - **Mayor to lead effort to grow mentoring in Jacksonville**
 - **Provide comprehensive training for individuals working with youth and for young parents**

Progress

- **Is committee on track for delivery of recommendations by April 30, 2008: YES!**
- **Action items developed for *Mentoring and Volunteering* charge**
- **Op-Ed in the Times Union on Sunday, Feb. 10**
 - Highlighted “Super Bowl Effort” needed to recruit members
 - Kesler Mentoring, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Take Stock in Children and Tipping the Scale
 - Leaders from the education, faith and business communities needed to encourage volunteerism and mentoring

Progress

- **Feb. 13, 2008 Addressed *Encourage Mentoring and Volunteerism charge and Engaging Duval Youth Voice Council; Make 211 Hotline to Youth charge***
 - **Guest speakers included:**
 - **Wally Lee**
 - **President of Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce**
 - **Youth Panel**
 - **Youth subcommittee members and EWC students**

Progress

- **Wally Lee, Chamber**
 - **Chamber had active school partnership until about 3½ years ago**
 - **Chamber has faced challenges**
 - **Reception by schools that use volunteers as mentors.**
 - **Working with Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals to re-focus on mentoring.**

Progress

- **Wally Lee, Chamber (cont.)**
- **Career Academies**
 - Focus on technology, healthcare and finance.
 - Currently significant support/resources from biz community.
- **Encouraged subcommittee to consider recommending DCPS to seek nat'l accreditation/certification for Career Academy program**

Progress

- **Wally Lee, Chamber (cont.)**
 - **Subcommittee encourages Chamber to be actively engaged in mentoring**
 - **If the city makes mentoring a priority, the Chamber will also make it a priority to engage its members.**

Progress

● Youth Panel

– Duval Youth Voice Council focus areas

• *Top two:*

– Crime

– Communication with adults

• *Also:*

• Education

• Sex education

• Poverty

• Discrimination

Progress

- **Youth Panel (cont.)**
 - **Every child first should have access to an adult who is caring and consistent**
 - **Communication between youth and adults is key!**
 - **Programs needed to help youth develop self esteem**
 - **More positive male role models needed**
 - **Actors who commit crimes in a movie get paid; real people get punished!**
 - **Need to support families and parents**
 - **Government should have a role in providing resources but businesses, faith organizations and schools must be a part**

Progress

- **Youth Panel (cont.)**

- **Subcommittee feels listening to and engaging young people is critical**
 - **Ready to go to where the children are to hear from them**
- **Also need to hear from troubled youth, not just success stories**
 - **Possible future meeting at jail to hear from troubled youth**

Goals for Next Review

- **Upcoming subcommittee meeting topics**
 - **Develop action items for engaging Duval Youth Voice Council**
 - **Develop action items for working with Chamber**
 - **Presentations on enhancing summer programs (jobs and camps)**