



Project Status

**Positive Youth Development Committee
Audrey McKibbin Moran, Chair**

Status Summary

● Overview of committee activities

- Dec. 21, 2007 Initial organizational meeting
- Set meeting agenda structure and dates
 - Two meetings per month
 - First meeting of month: Subject matter experts on one of four charges
 - Second meeting of month: Discussion of charge and development of action plan
- Is committee on track for delivery of recommendations by April 30, 2008: YES!

Status Summary

● Jan. 9, 2008 Address *Mentoring and Volunteerism* charge

– Subject matter experts:

- Warren Grymes, Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Mike Weinstein, Take Stock in Children
- Lynn Sherman, Tipping the Scale

– Key highlights:

- Super Bowl-level passion/involvement needed
- Chamber of Commerce 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 Develop Action Plan for *Mentoring and Volunteerism* charge

– Subject matter experts:

- Linda Lanier, JCC

- *State of the Child* report

– Developed action items:

- Mayor to lead effort to grow mentoring in
Jacksonville

- Provide comprehensive training for individuals
working with youth and for young parents

Progress

- Action items developed by committee for *Mentoring and Volunteering* charge based on subject matter input
- Set subject matter expert panel to address *Empowering the Duval Youth Voice Council* charge for committee meeting on Feb. 13, 2008

Attention Areas

- **List obstacles or challenges since last status update was given:**
 - N/A

Recommendations

● Two-Part Recommendation:

● (1) Mentor recruitment

- Mayor to spearhead effort to instill mentoring as a core community value (similar to *RALLY Jax!*)
- Forge strategic partnerships w/ corporate, non-profit, community and faith organizations
 - Recognize and motivate (employee programs, incentives, etc.)
- Structure so any group can implement
- Capitalize on existing programs

Recommendations *continued*

● (2) Training

- Create positive youth role models by establishing standards of behavior for interaction with youth
- Implement consistent, high-quality training programs for:
 - Individuals who work with youth
 - Young parents of at-risk kids
- **Model is Pinellas County, FL**

Recommendations *continued*

● Anticipated Outcome

- Anticipated outcome/objective:
 - Recruit mentors for current need of 41,500 children
 - Provide guidance through training for young parents raising at-risk children
 - Provide opportunity for all children to receive a high-quality experience in any Jacksonville program
- How will this improve Jacksonville:
 - Mentoring:
 - Presence of a caring adult is key to healthy and positive development of every child.
 - Helps children to achieve in school, have better relationships with adults and have higher aspirations for the future.
 - Training:
 - Parents and those who work with children will understand positive development, thereby doing a more effective job as caretakers and role models.

Cost and Funding

- **Cost: TBD**
 - **One time expense or ongoing expenses:**
 - **Projected cost of implementation**
 - **Annual budget to maintain program**
- **Funding: TBD**
 - **Proposed funding sources**
 - **Public/Private or other**

Implementation

● Stakeholders in implementing program

- Mayor Peyton
- Jacksonville Children’s Commission
- Mentor First Coast partnership
- Business community and Chamber of Commerce
- Existing youth-serving non-profits
- State and local government entities
- Faith community
- Higher education community (EWC, FCCJ, JU, UNF, etc.)
- Public and private high school community

Resources

- Summarize project resources: TBD
 - City
 - State/Federal
 - Foundation/Non-Profit
 - Private/Corporate
 - Other

Goals for Next Review

- **Date of next status update:**
 - Feb. 28, 2008
- **Goals for next review**
 - *Mentoring and Volunteering Charge*
 - Formulate a suggested task force to develop and implement
 - Begin to develop budget
 - Develop list of stakeholders to approach
 - *Develop action item(s) for Engaging Duval's Youth Voice Council charge*