



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jacksonville City Council

FROM: Debbie Verges

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RE: Monthly Report on *Jacksonville Journey*-October 2009

During the month of October we continued to move forward in implementing the *Jacksonville Journey* program. The progress includes (1) The oversight committee held its monthly meeting (2) The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at UNF class continues to study programs (3) SHADCO meeting (4) Team Up program are in full operation (5) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Additional detail on the progress is below. Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to visit a program. I can be reached at 630-7258.

Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee-The JJOC met on September 17 with 6 members present. JJOC members are making site visits to their respective programs. The committee reviewed in detail Team Up, Juvenile Assessment Center, Project Second Chance (run by the Youth Crisis Center), and the Jacksonville Commitment. In year two, there will be additional measures added to the contracts of each of these programs.

UNF Graduate Policy Class-Dr. Hallett's graduate policy class is moving forward in their review of the *Jacksonville Journey* programs. During the month of October students heard presentations from the JSO, State Attorney's office and the ex-offender programs.

Downtown SHADCO meeting-On October 21, I gave an overview and update on the Jacksonville Journey at the Downtown SHADCO meeting.

Team Up-All 15 Team Up programs began the new school year. During the month of September the average daily attendance was 1993 children a day which is 95% of contract. Six of the 15 sites are greater than 100% of their contract.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation-The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through the National League of Cities has awarded Jacksonville a \$250,000 planning grant. The grant will allow Jacksonville to create a strategic plan to double the number of low income students to enroll and complete the post secondary process.

All Information relative to the Journey programs is available on the website at - <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/default.htm>. All JJOC meetings are being held in the Ed Ball Conference room. All meetings are broadcast live and recordings are available on the website within 48 hours of each meeting.