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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 30, 2017

**TO:** Dr. Cheryl L. Brown  
Director/Council Secretary  
Jacksonville City Council

**FROM:** Jon Heymann, Executive Director  
Jacksonville Children's Commission

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Heymann".

**Re:** Jacksonville Children's Commission 2016 Annual Report

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### **JCC's Responsibilities and Mission**

- **JCC functions as the City's funding arm to support local agencies that provide direct services to the neediest children in our community.**
- **Mission: To ensure all of Jacksonville's children are educated, safe, and healthy.**
- **Services and programs include: afterschool, summer camp, early learning, early literacy, mentoring, nutrition services, mental health, and the Healthy Families Program in Duval County.**

### **JCC Board of Directors**

- **11 voting Board Members & 9 Ex-Officio Members(non-voting)**
- **JCC Board Meetings scheduled for the *third* Wednesday of each month at the Jacksonville Children's Commission**
- **2016, the JCC Board of Directors held 11 publicly noticed Board meetings, and 11 Committee meetings.**

**Board Members:**

- **Matthew Kane, Board Chair, At-Large District 2**
  - **Attended 11 meetings in 2016**
- **Cathie Shimp, Vice Chair, At-Large District 3**
  - **Attended 10 meeting in 2016**
- **LeAnna Cumber, Treasurer, SB District 3**
  - **Attended 10 meetings in 2016**
- **Ju'Coby Pittman, Secretary At-Large District 1**
  - **Attended 7 meetings in 2016**
- **Dr. Donnie Horner, Treasurer SB District 2**
  - **Attended 8 meetings in 2016**
- **Elder Lee Harris, SB District 5**
  - **Attended 10 meetings in 2016**
- **Jill Bechtold, SB District 7**
  - **Attended 9 meetings in 2016**
- **Dr. Davalu "Davey" Parrish, At-Large District 4**
  - **Attended 11 meetings in 2016**

**\*\*\* Currently two vacancies (Districts 1 & 4) \*\*\***

**JCC Ex-Officio Board members:**

- **9 Ex-Officio Members defined in Ordinance or their designees**
  - **Hon. Tommy Hazouri- City Council Liaison**
  - **DCPS Superintendent Nikolai Vitti**
  - **Hon. Judge David Gooding- Juvenile Judge**

- Patricia Medlock- DCF Dist. 4 Administrator
- Hon. Sheriff Mike Williams
- Hon. State Attorney Melissa Nelson
- Michelle Braun- President of UWNEFL
- Dr. Johnny Gaffney- Representative of the Mayor
- Susan Main- President of the Early Learning Coalition
- Julia Davis, Office of General Council (Advisor)

In 2016, the JCC Board of Directors met for over 20 hours; Committees met for over 18 hours. Totals nearly 800 hours of volunteered time by Board Members

- JCC Board of Directors always obtained a quorum
- Board and Committee meetings attended by local non-profit providers, the public, and media outlets

### Accomplishments

- Completing our largest project: the comprehensive rebidding of afterschool and summer programs.
- Year-long process to develop a strategic plan around out-of-school time.
- Created the JaxShines Coalition: a coalition of community funders and partners sharing a common goal of providing *high quality* afterschool and summer programs to our city's youth.
- JaxShines partners: JCC, United Way, Early Learning Coalition, Community Foundation, JPEF, DCPS, Jax Journey, FIE (UNF), Jax USA (Chamber), Parks and Rec, Jax Public Library.
- The Coalition developed recommendations for the Afterschool and Summer RFP. Task forces, listening sessions, research reviews, and months of discussion gave us the RFP that the JCC Board ultimately approved.

## Additional Accomplishments

- **We brought a new commitment to quality in every funded program.**
  - **Early learning coaches improved practices to become the first UF/Lastinger-certified early learning coaches in Florida.**
  - **Reviewed the Healthy Families home visiting program.**
  - **In Mental Health, we worked with our Full Services Schools partners to serve more kids.**
  - **Jax Kids Book Club**
- **Rebid all of our contracts: Full Service Schools, Coach Jax, Healthy Families, Mentoring – not to mention all of the Journey programs that we manage. These were competitively bid to make sure the City of Jacksonville and the youth we serve were getting the very best.**
- **Implementation of a \$150,000 grant from the Wallace Foundation to reform out of school time practices.**
- **The National League of Cities awarded us planning dollars (\$27,000) and a full award of \$260,000 for the KidCare program.**
- **Brought in 21<sup>st</sup> Century funding as an additional \$5 million of afterschool and summer funding to this community.**
- **Expanded our System of Care with an additional \$4 million for youth with complex mental health needs.**
- **Turned DCF Criminal Justice Reinvestment into an additional three years of funding with an added award of \$1.2 million.**
- **Won an AmeriCorps planning grant (\$28,000) and submitted our proposal for \$291,000, to bring STEM AmeriCorps services to afterschool and summer programs.**
- **Completed a JCC 2016-2019 Strategic Plan.**