



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

MINUTES OF *Safe and Thriving Communities “Steering Committee” Meeting*

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

State Attorney’s Office, Historic Courtroom
311 West Monroe Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

ATTENDEES:

(Please see the sign-in sheet for complete list of additional attendees)

Rory Diamond	Damian Cook, Safe & Thriving
Angela Tompkins	Katoia Wilkins
Erika Brown	Rhonda Lattimore, JHA
Judge Suzanne Bass	Katie Blakewell
Robert Brown	Tim Denton
Linda Dyke	Lawrence Hills
Candace Hodgkins	Derrick Lewis
Karley Jacobson	Laura Latham-Lambert
Rob Mason	Renee McQueen
Linzee Ott	Katrina Taylor
Vicki Waytowich	Larry West

Proceedings:

Rory Diamond called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

MINUTES:

Rory Diamond welcomed everyone and provided the background of JaxJourney's interest in reducing juvenile arrests and recidivism. He further explained that the Team would be providing overview of the summaries of working groups leading to proposals and recommendations to be submitted to the finders.

Damian Cook discussed the findings and recommendations of the Data Group. The group was referred to the handout to follow along. The primary discussion was about the Universal Intake Platform; the dashboard and data sharing. Rory Diamond interjected and reminded the group that this meeting is for the purpose of confirming that what is in the Key Findings and Recommendations is what the groups discussed and concluded.

Erika Brown presented the findings from the Arrest and Release Working Group. The Key Findings referred to the Juvenile Assessment Center and how best to utilize the JAC; the agencies inside the JAC, how to engage families with what is available, involving the faith-based communities and considering the Support of Youth. Erika also spoke of representatives from OJJDP coming to Jacksonville and that she will need to see work in progress.

Angela Tompkins presented the "Youth, Family and Community Engagement and Responsibility and Engagement" Key Findings and Proposals. One of the major findings from this group was engaging families as well as addressing the youth. Another discussion dealt with the large number of churches in the target communities. Highlighted proposals

Erika Brown presented information from the Support of Youth Group. One of their key proposals related to agency outreach via a community outreach fair. Reference was made to the youth services fair to be soon presented by Judge Bass. Erika also advised that if the Key Findings and Recommendations are approved by this body, we would be moving into the

implementation phase. She invited questions from the attendees. If there is any new information, Erika asked that the information be submitted to her during the month of September. She reminded everyone that when OJJDP's representatives visit, she wishes to show them what Jacksonville already has in place.

Rory Diamond asked if there were any questions, corrections or discussions regarding the information presented. He also discussed the potential for sharing the information coming out of this group with other groups in the City working on similar issues.

Judge Bass voiced her overwhelming appreciation for doing a fair "in the community." She also mentioned the youth services fair scheduled for September 20, 2017.

Erika Brown advised that OJJDP will be in town the latter part of October and the early part of November. The group agreed to accept the Key Findings and Proposals as presented.

Meeting Adjourned by Rory Diamond at 4:15 p.m.

***The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed.
The minutes for this meeting were audio-recorded.***