

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

MINUTES OF Safe and Thriving Communities "Support of Youth" Meeting

Jacksonville Children's Commission, 1095 A. Phillip Randolph Blvd, 2nd floor Board Room June 20, 2017 at 1:00PM

ATTENDEES:

Vicki Waytowich, System of Care Katoia Wilkins, JCC Lynda Dykes, Career Source Terri Jones, DCPS Sebrina Walker, Bay Youth Services Chantell Miles, PACE Pam Davis, DCPS Dana Platas, Daniel Candace Hodgkins, Gateway

Minutes:

Vicki Waytowich called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. An overview of the meeting agenda was given and introductions were made. Vicki provided a recap of the last meeting for the group. The Universal Intake Platform presentation was discussed and the potential it has to increase communication among providers. Karly Jacobsen, NLP Logix, was present at the meeting and gave a presentation of data collected thus far.

Karly presented data for juvenile justice and crime in Duval County. She explained some of the data sharing agreements that NLP Logix has obtained with DJJ and JSO. The data presented shows incidents from 2005 to April of 2017. The data was presented at the zip code level. In the future, the data will be available as census block data. Adult data was compared to juvenile data by zip code. Adult and juvenile crime for 2015-2016 was compared. The timeline of juvenile crime by years and ages was presented as well as the timeline by zip code. The gender and crime type were presented as well as the timeline for grand thefts-automobile, weapons charges, location of weapons charges. The data shows the possession of a weapon has over doubled since 2013. The presentation can be found on the Jax Journey website. Duval County Public Schools data will be evaluated in the future as well.

The group suggested the evaluation of data for youth who violate probation. This evaluation could give an idea of what types of services are needed. Evaluating data that screens for trauma was also suggested. Trauma was discussed by the group and how trauma may impact youth regarding becoming DJJ involved. Candace Hodgkins, Gateway, shared that trauma screenings are completed and during these screenings some youth report carrying a weapon due to being fearful of being injured themselves. Trauma in neighborhoods was discussed as well and the impact it can have on youth becoming desensitized to violence. It was suggested that comprehensive evaluations be analyzed. The comprehensive evaluation is given to every youth who may be sentenced to a commitment program. The information from the evaluation is DJJ information. The challenge with analyzing this data is that it is hard copy information. The group would like to see more data on mental health and trauma evaluations. The group would like to see what areas have access to healthcare, transportation, and the comparison of the 18-24 year old data with the younger youth. The group suggested looking at exposure to violence, adverse childhood experiences, and the loss of a significant loved one as trauma indicators. The group also discussed multiple available data sources.

DCPS, IT Department Executive Director, shared information regarding DCPS data and data sharing. DCPS has created a platform that is designed to share data with partners. The system is set up by having a MOU, listing data to be exchanged and parent permission form. The system was tested with Big Brothers Big Sisters and JPEF. This has been designed within the One View System. This partner portal system of data and information sharing is projected to be available to agencies of full service schools in the 2017-2018 school years. The agencies must follow the MOU process to participate in the partner portal data sharing. The benefits of data sharing between providers were discussed. This will be beneficial to the families by providing continuity of care and reducing the number of assessments/intakes the family must go through to receive services.

Vicki went over the goals that have been established by the group. The goals are identifying underserved youth and families, ensure resources are communicated to families, improve and ensure alignments amongst providers to eliminate overlap and improve outcomes for youth, families, and the community, and improving systemic implementation of data and technology. The group discussed action items that could be implemented to achieve these goals. The group had a group discussion regarding action items that would increase provider communication, access to resources, and benefit families as a whole. The group discussed action items that would impact prevention, intervention, and aftercare. Some items that the group proposed are implementing Open Table Faith Based Wraparound, target preschool age youth, have a comprehensive website with resources, partner with school district to link families to resources, and hold a resource fair for resources that are available. Current things that are being done to reach the goals were discussed and how to improve on what is in existence. Challenges of action items and benefits of the implementation of action items for families in need were all discussed. The logistics of action items, increasing community involvement, data collection, and additional action items will be discussed further. The importance of communication and utilizing resources that are currently available was also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08pm.