



Community Based Crime Reduction Program

Cross Sector Strategic Planning Team Meeting Minutes

City Hall - 117 W. Duval Street - Mayor's Large Conference Room (via Zoom)

Thursday, May 13, 2021

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened 1:08 p.m.

Attendees: Kendra Mervin, Sharon Pennant, Mike Weinstein, Vironica Brown, Jerry Box, Naomi Jackson, Marc Swatt, Dr. Pauline Rolle, John Pappas, Dr. Kristina Wilson, James Stark, Linzee Ott, Shellie Solomon, Kimberly Pryor, Chiquita Moore, Dr. Johnny Bowman Jr., Assit. Chief Derrick Mitchell, Kiara Nixon, Kristopher Smith, Lisa Page, Jynelle Robinson, Mia Hobdy

Discussion:

Sharon Pennant, CBCR Project Coordinator, thanked everyone for working diligently then called the meeting to order and requested updates.

Education and Economic Development Subcommittee

Jerry Box, CareerSource Northeast Florida, announced that there is currently a labor shortage unlike anything they've experienced since 2009. He explained that the Operation Boost Program and the Professional Network group are both interestingly related to the Logistics Career field. Jerry then introduced Dr. Johnny Bowman Jr., Logistics and Distribution Professor at FSCJ. Dr. Bowman Jr. spoke about their four-year Logistics Degree Program and the benefits of earning a degree to meet the rising demand for Logistics careers in Jacksonville.

Community Outreach Subcommittee

Jerry Box, CareerSource Northeast Florida, updated the committee on behalf of Mia Hobdy. Jerry shared that the Tiger Paw Initiative is underway. He also shared that the next Community Impact Day will be a Food giveaway and Hiring Event in partnership with Amazon and CareerSource Northeast Florida. It will be held on May 22nd from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at EWC/NTWSZ.

Crime / Public Safety/ Social Justice Subcommittee

Assit. Chief Derrick Mitchell, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, gave a status update on the easy tracking software that will be given to Property Managers. He stated the software will provide alerts about criminal activity happening on their properties in the target areas. He also gave an update on the One Cop/Faith-based Initiative, stating that JSO sent out 1200 letters to faith leaders throughout the community.



Housing and Community Development Subcommittee

Chiquita Moore, COJ Neighborhoods Dept, expressed that she wants to be connected with the Outreach Subcommittee so she can collaborate on future Community Outreach events.

Health Subcommittee

Dr. Pauline Rolle, UF Health, proudly shared that she applied for a 6 million dollar 2-year CDC grant that will focus on health equity, research, and education. Dr. Rolle stated that the team is currently working with COJ on a 4 million dollar Health and Human Services grant that will focus on health literacy. She wants patients in the target areas to be able to advocate for themselves and hopes to partner with the many other local entities to spread health literacy awareness. Also, she wants to partner with Mia Hobby to get additional health care resources to New Town residents.

Justice & Security Strategies Research Firm

Shellie Solomon, CEO Justice & Security Strategies, stated that she completed observations in the neighborhoods and met with JSO about data issues.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:42 p.m.

The written minutes for this meeting reflect an overview of the full discussion.