



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, July 8, 2021

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

Meeting Convened 1:05 p.m.

Attendees: Sharon Pennant, Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell, Vironica Brown, Bryan Mosier, Mia Hobdy, Jynelle Robinson, Shellie Solomon, Naomi Jackson, Chiquita Moore, Linzee Ott, Kiaira Nixon, Coral Messina, Marc Swatt, Mike Weinstein, John Pappas, Dr. Charles Moreland, Jennifer Schmitz, Eliza Macuch, Kristopher Smith, Misty May, Lynn Sherman, Ennis Davis, Akilah Pope

Discussion: Sharon Pennant, Mayor's Community Based Crime Reduction Program Coordinator, welcomed new Cross Sector Team members Coral Messina (State Attorney's Office), Dr. Akilah Pope (UF Health), and Diana Donovan (Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville). She advised everyone that A.C. Derrick Mitchell will be retiring end of July 2021 then profusely thanked him for investing his time, commitment, and contributions to serving the CBCR taskforce. She explained that the Steering Committee has agreed to merging with the Cross Sector Team and future meetings will be transitioned to hybrid style based on everyone's poll results. Mia asked if the in-person meetings will be at the Mayor's office then suggested if they can be at a central location that will be easily commutable for everyone. I advised that the in-person meetings will resume at the Mayor's office in the interim, but we will possibly consider other locations in the future.

Community Outreach Subcommittee

Mia Hobdy, New Town Success Zone Executive Director, announced the upcoming Community Impact Day will be a Back-to-School Bash on July 24 at The New Town Success Zone on Edward Waters University campus. She stated the Community Outreach committee has received a few bookbags from Celebration Church but is seeking donations for more school supplies. Sharon advised that Downtown Rotaract Jacksonville hosted a school supply drive fundraiser and was able to collect some donations so they will coordinate a drop off shortly. She thanked Sharon then asked the other CBCR team members for sponsorships to assist with fulfilling their goal of stuffing 500 bookbags and providing lunch for attendees. She also requested vendor/partners that can perform back to school physicals. Naomi Jackson, Celebration Church, recommended Angel Kids Pediatrics Foundation and connected Mia with their point of contact. Mia also mentioned that the June Community Impact Day, Grocery Giveaway Summer Safety Expo, had a great turn out and the kids really enjoyed having Jaxson De Ville with the ROAR of the Jaguars Cheerleaders! Sharon thanked the committee members that were able to participate and Celebration Church for donating 13 bikes.



Crime / Public Safety/ Social Justice Subcommittee

A.C Derrick Mitchell, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office announced his retirement again and thanked everyone for their support. He stated he will notify every one of his replacement within a week. He also stated he will assign students from Teen Leaders and Police Athletic League to conduct surveys in the target areas for future Justice & Security Strategies data collection collaborations.

Education and Economic Development Subcommittee

Jynelle Robinson, Florida Department of Corrections State Administrator, presented on behalf of Jerry Box. She stated CareerSource NEFL debuted *Walk-in Wednesdays* in June and it will continue throughout July. The initiative replaced the virtual *Amazon Team Tuesdays*. Jobseekers are now able to attend in person information sessions about career opportunities at Amazon, get help with resumes, and receive job application assistance at the CareerSource NEFL Gateway location. She stated that the June Jobs report revealed Jacksonville is below the national unemployment rate of 5.9% but the target areas are still slightly higher. She mentioned that due to CareerSource NEFL's efforts, Amazon has hired 570 residents from the 32209 zip code. She then shared internet links to a Forbes' article about Amazon's *Black Business Accelerator*, an initiative that helps aspiring entrepreneurs navigate the road to sustain self-employment. Lastly, she displayed photos from the Florida Department of Corrections' *Roadmap to Restoration* Project launch that Jerry Box attended at the Westside Baptist Church alongside a plethora of State Representatives.

Justice & Security Strategies Research Firm

Dr. Shellie Solomon, CEO Justice & Security Strategies, presented the highly anticipated Action Implementation Plan. She thanked the committee for submitting their impressive recommendations and peer to peer support for the plan. Sharon stated that everyone will receive a Logic Model copy of the final draft after the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Local Initiative Support Corporation National, and the Steering committee has reviewed it.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:50 p.m.

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