



# Community Based Crime Reduction Program

*Joint Steering Committee & Cross Sector Strategic Planning Team Meeting Minutes*

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

Thursday, July 9, 2020

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Convened 10:35 a.m.

**Attendees:** Kendra Mervin, Dr. Pauline Rolle, Mike Weinstein, Dr. Cedrick Gibson, Tyrone Clark-Murray, Kimberly Pryor, Assistant Chief Ellis Burns, Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell, Daryl Joseph, Mia Hobdy, John Pappas, Dr. Tyrone Blue, Cheryl Taylor, Javon Knight, Reverend William Wiggins, II., Dr. Marie Crandall, Chiquita Moore, Kristopher Smith

## **Discussion:**

Kendra Mervin called the meeting to order. After welcoming the Cross Sector Team and Steering Committee members to the joint meeting, she thanked them for agreeing to lead the strategic planning for the Mayor's Community Based Crime Reduction Program (CBCR). Each representative introduced themselves and provided a brief description of his or her organization's programming and expertise that will be utilized to advance initiatives.

Kendra Mervin then shared a presentation that explained the CBCR program's background and goals. The City of Jacksonville was awarded a \$1,000,000.00 grant from the Department of Justice to reduce crime, improve community safety, and increase mutual trust between the police and members of the community. Strategies that are implemented to achieve those goals in certain Midwest Jacksonville neighborhoods (i.e. LaVilla, Durkeeville, Grand Park and New Town) will be data driven. The data sets will be drawn from JSO crime statistics as well as feedback from community residents, business owners, churches and other neighborhood stakeholders. LISC (Jacksonville and National) worked on multiple CBCR projects across the nation since 2012 and will act as a lead consult in the planning and implementation phases of the program.

Meeting dates for the Cross Sector Team and Steering Committee have been scheduled and members will begin to collaborate and identify different strategies to incorporate into an Early Action Plan. There are some necessary modifications to the Midwest Jacksonville site proposal and budget that the Department of Justice must approve for the Implementation Phase, but the Early Action Plan can be initiated and put in place as soon as possible. Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell recommended that the group first establish a reasonable service boundary within the target area, to which all agreed. Kendra Mervin will distribute materials providing more insight into CBCR programs and how to implement them.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:32 a.m.