



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, September 10, 2020

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened 10:35 a.m.

Attendees: Dr. Tyrone Blue, Jerry Box, Assistant Chief Ellis Burns, III, Ennis Davis, Jay Duguay, Dr. Cedrick Gibson, Mia Hobdy, Pastor Willie Johnson, Javon Knight, Misty May, Kendra Mervin, Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell, Chiquita Moore, Tyrona Murray-Clark, Linzee Ott, John Pappas, Kim Pryor, Jynelle Robinson, Dr. Pauline Rolle, Kristopher Smith, Cheryl Taylor, Dr. Fern Webb, Glenn Weiss, Rev. William Wiggins, III, Dr. Kristina Wilson

Discussion:

Kendra Mervin called the meeting to order. After welcoming the Cross Sector Team and Steering Committee members to the joint meeting, she asked everyone to make introductions. Following introductions, she then announced that there would be a change to the order of the agenda; Linzee Ott, Community Engagement Coordinator-State Attorney's Office would present information about the development of a new program to the Jacksonville community.

Linzee explained that the program will be called the Community Crimes Strategy Unit (CCSU) rather than the originally thought Community Prosecution Unit. This decision was made to dispel any negative perceptions that the program is in any way punitive. CCSU will have different attorneys assigned to it and is meant to put prosecutors in the community to solve problems and build trust. The CCSU attorneys have already begun engaging residents by attending CPAC and Sheriff's Watch meetings. In October, a full-time Lead Community Prosecutor and Community Crime Strategies Coordinator will be assigned. The coordinator will be responsible for managing the daily activities of the program. CBCR will partner with the State Attorney's Office to support and promote CCSU.

Following the CCSU discussion, Pastor Willie Johnson, Celebration Church, shared the initiatives that the church has implemented that can also support and guide the CBCR program. Celebration Church has operated a successful afterschool program in the Cleveland Arms Apartment area for some time and it also has a growing Life Center. The Life Center currently offers a food pantry that will be further developed for a regular "store shopping" experience. It will also offer other community resources to include mental health care (TeleCare therapy) and housing assistance.

Kendra briefly communicated that the CBCR inventories of programs, organizations, and strategies are ready for distribution and will be updated regularly. She then asked Jay Duguay, JSO Crime Analysis Supervisor, to give the group an update. Jay presented two types of data



(heat maps and 80/20 analysis) of crimes in the target area. He also showed the neighborhood boundaries and single-family unit property conditions and values in Durkeeville. After group discussion, it was determined that additional information will be necessary to finalize the program service area.

The Early Action Plan launch date was reconsidered and will be pushed to the end of October. A survey will go out to each Cross Sector Team member to rank recommended initiatives to implement in the planning phase that will begin to engage the community. All of the directories will also be distributed with the survey. Additionally, each Subcommittee Chairman will receive a monthly worksheet template to report updates and answer overarching questions needed for the development of the Logic Model. Research and data will be sent to subcommittees for foundational reference to begin deliberations and Chairmen were asked to begin scheduling meetings and collaboration protocols next week.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:51 a.m.

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