



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, August 13, 2020

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

Meeting Convened 1:02 p.m.

Attendees: Kendra Mervin, Dr. Pauline Rolle, Mike Weinstein, Tyrona Clark-Murray, Kim Pryor, Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell, Mia Hobby, John Pappas, Chiquita Moore, Kristopher Smith, Chief George Pratt, Jerry Box, Glenn Weiss, Jay Duguay, Pastor Willie Johnson, Misty May

Discussion:

Kendra Mervin, CBCR Program Coordinator, called the meeting to order. After welcoming the Cross-Sector Team members to the meeting, she thanked them for their attendance and asked each representative to introduce themselves and his or her organization. She explained the expectations in the coming months from the Cross-Sector Team as they prepared to make the necessary recommendations and incentives for the Early Action Plan.

Kendra Mervin then gave a brief overview of the 7 subcommittees and asked that the committee members determine which subcommittee they would like to serve on (considering expertise and interest). Subcommittees will begin working together soon to deliberate. She also asked each team member to forward a list of programs that his or her organization currently sponsors, funds and/or administers that might be of benefit to and in correlation to CBCR's focus. A list will be compiled into an inventory as they are received from the Cross-Sector Team organizations.

Jay Duguay, JSO Crime Analyst Supervisor, gave a brief overview of the crime data request. He explained which crime data the JSO Crime Analysis Team could provide. The data will be used to establish service boundaries. JSO Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell shared his concerns about the essential expediency of finalizing the boundaries.

Kendra Mervin shared that data from various organizations (i.e. JSO, Department of Health, etc...) are crucial to driving decisions; the most essential information guiding this project, however, is feedback from the community. She spoke with the UNF Political Opinion Research Lab about conducting community surveys within the targeted areas, and then presented LISC surveys as examples of how the community surveys could be tailored to address the real issues and concerns within the target neighborhoods. Additionally, she asked the CST members to review the proposed survey questions and submit mark-ups/comments.

The floor was opened for comments and concerns. Kristopher Smith, LISC Community Development Program Officer, along with Assistant Chief Derrick Mitchell stressed the



importance of evaluating how the target area residential property values and conditions correlate to crime. Glenn Weiss, Cultural Council Public Art Program Director, expressed the impact art has played in community revitalization and affirmed the need to survey residents on their thoughts about the revitalization process. He also encouraged all the CST members to visit the mural on 18th Street and Myrtle Ave. The CBCR Community Outreach subcommittee will be charged with connecting and partnering with local churches and other community organizations over the next 60 days to secure volunteers and promote the CBCR program. AC Derrick Mitchell suggested looking into utilizing the City's Nextdoor account for communications. Dr. Pauline Rolle, Department of Health Interim Executive Director, asked to have the surveys sent in Word format so that comments could be made within the documents. She also recommended creating a combined final document with all comments for the team to review collectively.

Meeting dates for the Cross-Sector Team and Steering Committee have been scheduled through 2021 and members will begin to collaborate and identify different strategies to incorporate into an Early Action Plan.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:59 p.m.

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