



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Intervention and Rehabilitation – Adult Re-Entry Workgroup

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WORKGROUP

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The Jacksonville Journey – Intervention & Rehabilitation

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1:00 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee - Adult Re-Entry Workgroup, taken on Friday, April 4, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th Floor - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee - Adult Re-Entry
Workgroup

Kevin Gay, Chair
Director Gordon Bass, Member
Michael Hallett, Member
Wyllie Hodges, Member

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

KEVIN GAY, Chair

MICHAEL HALLETT, Member

WYLLIE HODGES, Member

ABSENTEE MEMBERS:

DIRECTOR GORDON BASS, Member

STAFF:

LYNN RIX

OTHERS PRESENT:

CATHY CHADEAYNE

BINGHAM PARKINSON

WILLIAM STRUBBE

LARRY MCCLENDON

TONYAA WEATHERSBEE

WES SAVAGE

PROCEEDINGS

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Call to Order and Comments. Chairman Gay called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm

Purpose of Meeting. To finalize recommendations to be presented to the full Intervention and Rehabilitation Sub-Committee on Monday, April 7, 2008. Ginny Walthour gave out a sample of the recommendation format. The format was discussed including the need for specifics and financial information. Ms. Walthour will work with Chairman Gay to get the final recommendations into the proper format.

Discussion then moved to proposed ordinance 2008-133 which was introduced to city council by Kevin Hyde. It was ultimately decided that the ordinance goes beyond the purview of this workgroup and they could neither stand for it or against it as a whole. It was decided to include the wording the workgroup prefers in their recommendations.

After much discussion the following 7 recommendations were decided upon:

RECOMMENDATION 1: Recommend the establishment and further development of a Portal providing re-entry services for ex-

offenders. Cathy Chadeayne will provide financial information for this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION 2: Recommend expanding re-entry programs particularly attached to employment providing benefits such as Operation New Hope and Ready4Work to mitigate housing and other needs of ex-offenders and prevent recidivism.

RECOMMENDATION 3: Reach out and identify community leaders with whom Jacksonville Journey must partner and use community centers to reach citizens in areas of highest need.

RECOMMENDATION 4: Recommend the City of Jacksonville make specific efforts to hire ex-offenders.

RECOMMENDATION 5: Make direct efforts to lobby employers to hire ex-offenders.

RECOMMENDATION 6: Explore opportunity to expand re-entry services to the pre-trial population giving judges another disposition option other than the pre-trial unit for those with non-violent charges who cannot "bond out". This would additionally help mitigate jail costs.

RECOMMENDATION 7: Expand operation of Drug Court and/or Re-Entry Court, a proven judicial practice that saves money and prevents recidivism.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

2. Action Items

None.

3. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.