



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

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SUB-COMMITTEE

Juvenile Intervention Strategies Workgroup

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1:00 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey – Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee – Juvenile Intervention Strategies Workgroup, taken on Friday, February 15, 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

Juvenile Intervention Strategies Workgroup

Ron Autrey, Member
William Sulzbacher, Member
Angelia Turner, Member
Sherron Watson, Member

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

RON AUTREY, Member

WILLIAM SULZBACHER, Member

ANGELIA TURNER, Member

SHERRON WATSON, Member

STAFF:

GINNY WALTHOUR

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Juvenile Intervention

1:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Comments. Bill Sulzbacher called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 p.m.

Purpose of Meeting. Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative – The Jacksonville Journey – Take a Step – Intervention and Rehabilitation Sub-Committee and ways this committee can come up with strategies for Juvenile Intervention.

Mr. Sulzbacher asked that staff get a copy of the 2001 JCCI Study – it is a good report on information that will be helpful to committee.

Angelia Turner provided some statistics regarding the poverty level in Jacksonville. She said that currently there are 57,000 households that are considered poor, with the average annual wage for a family of four being between \$12,000 - \$16,000.

Ms. Turner also stated that in 1998, there were a record number of incarcerations meaning that this year, 2008, there will be a record number of releases. In addition, there are a higher number of juveniles and females committing crimes while at the same time, funding for programs has been cut.

Mr. Autrey explained that part of the function of this committee is to have Camp Jacksonville implemented in the upcoming summer. He also explained that both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have a presence in poverty neighborhoods.

This committee needs to focus on existing successful programs – possibly have a consortium to determine needs/wants of all programs. Work with United Way to gather list.

A question raised was what is the extent of summer programs and jobs being offered? Also, how can the committee determine extent of kids that need to be reached? Through Sherriff's office?

State Attorney's office?

A suggestion was made to have a "work day" where mentors, parents, etc.; can bring their kids to their work. It will help show the kids they can have an opportunity for a job. The best thing you can give a child is "time".

More work needs to be done to determine if it is feasible to implement the Alive by 25 program here in Jacksonville.

A question was raised in how this committee's work fits in with the BluePrint for Prosperity program. It was asked for staff to provide update on status of report, work, etc and report back to committee.

Staff was asked to determine the training programs being offered by local contractor associations (NF Home Builders, Association Builders & Contractors, Association of General Contractors) to determine if we could "piggyback" on these training programs and offer them to ex-felons? Are there other training programs that could be utilized? Prisoner's for Christ?

Committee would like to eliminate out of school suspension and have in-school suspension. That time could be used to educate the children, have them perform community service, have church member come speak, etc. Ms. Turner was going to investigate further and report back to committee.

It was asked that these follow up items being reported to sub-committee members before full meeting next Monday, Feb 25th. This sub-committee is asked to report at the full meeting.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.