



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

MINUTES

OF

INTERVENTION

WORK GROUP

January 24, 2008

The Jacksonville Journey – Intervention

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1:00 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Intervention work group taken on Thursday, January 24, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th Floor - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 1:00 p.m.

APPEARANCES

Gordon Bass, Member
Kevin Gay, Member
Mike Hallett, Member

STAFF:

Anna Bradley
Kerri Stewart
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Purpose of Meeting. Discuss the upcoming agenda for January 28th committee meeting.

Gordon Bass presented a report titled "Inmate Re-Entry Issues" that he would like to present at next committee meeting. The report contains data numbers from Jacksonville Sherriff's Office in terms of number of violent offenders, demographics, etc. He also presented a white paper on a recent study on re-entry from Riker's Island prison. He suggested that the committee look at the Massachusetts model to study the housing, employment elements of that report.

It was noted that Gordon Bass and the Sherriff's office handle the violent offenders and Kevin Gay and his Operation New Hope handle the non-violent offenders.

Both Gordon Bass and Kevin Gay emphasized that jobs are important for the re-entry process as the first six months an ex-felon is out of prison is the most critical time. The focus and energy of the committee should be on current successful programs that make the most impact. Also, there is a need to help connect employers with ex-felons that are newly out of the system.

Currently, Gateway Connections has a crisis hot-line. A suggestion was made to work with DOC and their call center processing to direct the incoming calls more importantly. There is a need for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week service.

Mike Hallet was asked to present the juvenile overview at the

committee meeting. He added that this situation is very complex as you have to coordinate on the federal, state, local and non-profit levels.

He suggests that the entire committee take a tour of the JaRec, Juvenile Assessment Center and Operation New Hope facilities so everyone can get a better feel through the offender's perspective.