



**City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey**

**Intervention and Rehabilitation**

**MINUTES**

**OF**

**INTERVENTION & REHABILITATION**

**SUB-COMMITTEE**

**March 17, 2008**

# The Jacksonville Journey – Intervention & Rehabilitation

## Sub-Committee

March 17, 2008

2:30 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee taken on Monday, March 17, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 2:30 p.m.

### Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee

John Coxwell, Chair  
Ron Autrey, Member  
Bob Baldwin, Member  
Gordon Bass, Jr., Member  
Karen Bowling, Member  
Lad Daniels, Member  
Latroy Daniels, Member  
Ron Foster, Jr., Member  
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Kevin Gay, Member  
Michael Hallett, Member  
Elder Harris, Member  
Wyllie Hodges, Member  
Joseph Hutchinson, Member  
Cal Jackson, Member  
Sharon Kirkland, Member  
Ray Reid, Member  
David Stevens, Member  
William Sulzbacher, Member  
Angelia Turner, Member  
Sherron Watson, Member

## APPEARANCES

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:**

JOHN COXWELL, Chair  
RON AUTREY, Member  
GORDON BASS, JR., Member  
KAREN BOWLING, Member  
REGINALD GAFFNEY, Member  
WYLLIE HODGES, Member  
SHARON KIRKLAND, Member  
DAVID STEVENS, Member  
WILLIAM SULZBACHER, Member  
ANGELIA TURNER, Member  
SHERRON WATSON, Member

### **ABSENTEE MEMBERS:**

BOB BALDWIN, Member  
LAD DANIELS, Member  
LATROY DANIELS, Member  
RON FOSTER, JR., Member  
KEVIN GAY, Member  
MICHAEL HALLETT, Member  
ELDER HARRIS, Member  
JOSEPH HUTCHINSON, Member  
CAL JACKSON, Member  
RAYMOND REID, Member

### **STAFF:**

KERRI STEWART  
GINNY WALTHOUR  
SHAWN JEROR

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

PAIGE FRENCH, HERE'S LIFE INNER CITY  
MICHAEL HAILE, COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS  
W. EARL KITCHINGS, CEO, SPORTIVATION  
BEVERLY MCCLAIN  
NATHANIEL TOLER, CWC  
EDMOND WILLIAMS, HERE'S LIFE INNER CITY

## **PROCEEDINGS**

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Intervention and Rehabilitation Sub-Committee

2:30 p.m.

**Call to Order and Comments.** Chairman Coxwell called the meeting to order at approximately 2:35 p.m.

**Purpose of Meeting.** Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step - Intervention and Rehabilitation Sub-Committee.

Chairman Coxwell presented motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion was approved and carried.

Chairman Coxwell introduced the first presenter of the day. Paige French with Here's Life Inner City. Her presentation focused on one program offered by her organization called S.A.Y. Yes!. This program is designed for children ages 5 - 13, is available five days a week for three hours a day after school. Currently the program is available in Clay County and Nassau County.

Q. What would need to be done to bring your program to Duval County? We would need space to house the program along with partnerships with the YMCA, community churches, and community centers.

Q. What is the difference between this program and mentoring programs? This is an after school program where there are usually five children with one adult as opposed to one-on-one.

Paige then introduced her colleague, Edmond Williams, to present another program offered through Here's Life Inner City called WorkNet. This program provides job training through churches and

community centers for the chronically unemployed, inmates, and high school dropouts.

Q. Can your program be offered anywhere, for example a housing project community? Yes, but there are two modules. One module is a 36 hour program that is usually offered in weekly sessions over a six to eight week period.

Q. Is there a component in your program that targets teenagers and young adults? Yes.

Q. About how many people participate in your programs annually? I would say about 100 to 150.

Q. How many can you help? That really depends on the number of partners that we have to provide our programs.

Q. For this program, how long have you been offering it in the prison system? About 18 to 24 months.

Q. What avenues do you use to entice people to participate in your programs? Churches, organizations, MAD Dads.

Upon completion of the presentation and question/answer session, Chairman Coxwell thanked the presenters.

The next item on the agenda was an overview of the sub-committee workgroups' progress. The first workgroup, presented by William Sulzbacher, was Juvenile Intervention Strategies. Minutes from their meeting March 7, 2008 were included in the handouts. Minutes from their March 14, 2008 meeting are forthcoming. One program to be evaluated by this workgroup is mentoring. He asked Michael Haile with Community in Schools to approach the podium to speak to the sub-committee about their mentoring program and mentoring goals.

Michael Haile stated that his organization has identified 40,000 youth in need of mentors. They are making strides to increase the number of mentors available. Currently there are approximately 2,500 mentors. The goal is to increase that number to 20,000 by the year 2010. The schools system cannot handle that number of mentors during school hours (inner school mentors), so there would have to be after-school programs established.

Q. Do you know what your funding needs are? Not at this stage. We want to work with the sub-committee to find solutions to this need.

Q. How do you anticipate recruiting 20,000 mentors by 2010? That is part of the issue that we have not identified.

Q. Does your mentoring program target at-risk children? Yes. These children are currently on the free or reduced lunch program.

Mr. Sulzbacher thanked Mr. Haile for his presentation and went forward to discuss Friday's workgroup meeting at the Clanzell Brown Community Center.

The Adult Re-Entry Strategies workgroup has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss their proposals. Presentations for the workgroup meeting are to include Here's Life Inner City and DAWN and Youthbuild. Kevin Gay (absent) included a report in the handouts for review.

Mr. Sulzbacher pointed out an additional handout that provides information on the Annie E. Casey foundation. He asked that law enforcement sub-committee members review the information and provide feedback.

Chairman Coxwell reminded sub-committee members that the end of

the assignments was coming soon and all workgroups needed to submit their recommendations with funding estimates by the meeting on March 31, 2008.

Sherron Watson spoke up to thank the Juvenile Intervention Strategies workgroup for meeting at the Clanzell Brown Community Center on Friday, but she complained that there was short notice for the meeting and more community members would have attended had there been more notice. She was also disappointed that it was not a full sub-committee meeting and still want to see the full sub-committee meet at that site.

David Stevens also spoke up to oppose Michael Hallett's recommendation to remove JSO officers from the PAL program. He stated that by JSO being actively involved with the children in the program it gives the children a positive police experience. Chief Stevens made a motion for the sub-committee to support JSO to continue to operate the PAL program. The motion was carried and approved.

## **2. Public Comment**

Nathaniel Toler requested to speak to the sub-committee about the stigma and barriers that people face with a criminal background. He has found that the State of Florida in particular was discriminating against individuals with criminal backgrounds - both violent and non-violent. Changes he would like to see are: Applications regarding criminal history only allowed if they relate to the position, a re-entry court similar to drug court, and an update to the discrimination laws.

### 3. Action Items

Workgroups to schedule additional meetings prior to the next scheduled meeting of March 23, 2008.

### 3. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.