



**City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey**

**Intervention and Rehabilitation**

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**OF**

**INTERVENTION & REHABILITATION**

**SUB-COMMITTEE**

**March 31, 2008**

# **The Jacksonville Journey – Intervention & Rehabilitation**

## **Sub-Committee**

**March 31, 2008**

**5:00 p.m.**

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee taken on Monday, March 31, 2008, at Clanzel Brown Community Center, 4575 Moncrief Road, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 5:10 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  
Reginald Gaffney, Member  
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  
BOB BALDWIN, Member  
REGINALD GAFFNEY, Member  
KEVIN GAY, Member  
MICHAEL HALLETT, Member  
WYLLIE HODGES, Member  
SHARON KIRKLAND, Member  
DAVID STEVENS, Member  
WILLIAM SULZBACHER, Member  
ANGELIA TURNER, Member  
SHERRON WATSON, Member

### **ABSENTEE MEMBERS:**

RON AUTREY, Member  
GORDON BASS, JR., Member  
LATROY DANIELS, Member  
KAREN BOWLING, Member  
LAD DANIELS, Member  
RON FOSTER, JR., Member  
ELDER HARRIS, Member  
JOSEPH HUTCHINSON, Member  
CAL JACKSON, Member  
RAYMOND REID, Member

### **STAFF:**

KERRI STEWART  
GINNY WALTHOUR

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

CHIEF BUTLER, JSO  
CATHY CHADEAYNE, JSO  
DR. GLENSFORD CRAIG

## **PROCEEDINGS**

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Intervention and Rehabilitation Sub-Committee

5:00 p.m.

**Call to Order and Comments.** Chairman Coxwell called the meeting to order at approximately 5:10 p.m.

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

Chairman Coxwell began the meeting and thanked everyone for coming to the Clanzel Brown center for the meeting and to hear from the community.

Chairman Coxwell introduced the first presenter of the day. Dr. Glensford Craig with the Jacksonville Beauty Institute gave an overview of his beauty school training program and what it can do for the community. It helps students in terms of providing employment. In the past 10 years since the schools have been operational, they have graduated over 500 students who are now fully licensed to operate the own hair salons. The profile of the students includes students with degrees, high-school students and drop-outs. They have assisted ex-offenders. The normal process to be trained is from 9-12 months and the program has capacity for 60 students.

A question was asked to Dr. Craig if he was given some assistance, would he broaden his accreditation and offer more training program programs? Dr. Craig said he would and would welcome any help/partnerships from this committee.

Cathy Chadeayne with the Jacksonville Sherriff Office then gave a presentation and overview of the JADE program - Jacksonville Area Discharge Enhancement. This program works with ex-offenders while they are incarcerated and after they are released. It is part of the JREC - Jacksonville Re-entry Center.

It was asked if she could provide some data or statistics in terms of capacity of these providers. She said she would try and gather as much data as possible, yet it is difficult as most of these providers are struggling to keep up with their day-to-day operations and do not have the time to gather data.

Chairman Coxwell thanked the presenters.

The remainder of the meeting was open to public speakers/comments from the local community. The following speakers spoke on their various intervention and re-entry efforts.

- Cassandra Bush - Thorminc Ministries; this program provides housing/assistance to ex-offenders returning to society. They usually allow ex-offenders (men only) to stay about two months.
- Nicki Gardell - Community Re-entry Staffing; this program helps ex-offenders get jobs. They have helped 486 people get jobs in fields of warehousing, industrial, etc. These positions are permanent. She is asking the committee to help provide more public awareness and jobs for her program. One of her staffers, Derrick, spoke of his troubled past and how this program has affected him for the better.
- Mr. Carwell - Citizens with Criminal Backgrounds; he would

like the committee to help get legislation changed to allow ex-offenders obtain business licenses. He would like the conviction questions to be taken off certain employment applications and have more centralized background checks.

- Ms. Caan - local citizen; she spoke of her son's troubled past of having a felony and the extreme difficulty he is facing finding a job. There must be more second chances in terms of employment for ex-offenders.
- Pastor Jones - Christ Ministry of Changing; gave an overview of his TGIF presentation to help empower his local community in crisis. He needs funding to get 2 staffers out on the streets and work with citizens. It would take about \$150K to get his Community Empowerment Center up and running.
- Pastor Mark Griffith; discussed his Clergy Response to the Murder Epidemic. He is trying to help connect churches with citizens in high crime areas. Youth is concerned about the lack of hope in their lives.
- Stanley Scott - local resident who stated that it's up to the community itself to help one another, not rely on help from outsiders.

Mr. Coxwell thanked the community members who attended this meeting and who spoke to the committee and to the staff at the community center for staying late as this meeting ran over the allotted time. He reminded his committee that all recommendations will be presented at the next Intervention meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 3. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.