



Project Status

Feb. 14, 2008

Positive Youth Development Committee
Chief Community Officer Roslyn Mixon Phillips
presenting on behalf of
Chair Audrey McKibbin Moran

Status Summary

- **Dec. 21, 2007 Initial meeting**
- **Jan. 9, 2008 Addressed *Mentoring and Volunteerism* charge**
 - **Super Bowl-level passion/involvement needed**
 - **Chamber should be a lead mentor recruiter**
 - **3,500 mentors currently in place/ 45,000 children in need**
 - **\$4-5 million needed to fully fund Take Stock**
 - **Commitment/Resources/Structure/Unity**

Status Summary

- **Jan. 23, 2008 Developed Action Items for *Mentoring and Volunteerism* charge**
 - **Mayor to lead effort to grow mentoring in Jacksonville**
 - **Provide comprehensive training for individuals working with youth and for young parents**

Progress

- **Is committee on track for delivery of recommendations by April 30, 2008: YES!**
- **Action items developed for *Mentoring and Volunteering* charge**
- **Op-Ed in the Times Union on Sunday, Feb. 10**
 - Highlighted “Super Bowl Effort” needed to recruit members
 - Kesler Mentoring, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Take Stock in Children and Tipping the Scale
 - Leaders from the education, faith and business communities needed to encourage volunteerism and mentoring

Progress

- **Feb. 13, 2008 Addressed *Encourage Mentoring and Volunteerism charge and Engaging Duval Youth Voice Council; Make 211 Hotline to Youth charge***
 - **Guest speakers included:**
 - **Wally Lee**
 - **President of Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce**
 - **Youth Panel**
 - **Youth subcommittee members and EWC students**

Progress

- **Wally Lee, Chamber**
 - **Chamber had active school partnership until about 3½ years ago**
 - **Chamber has faced challenges**
 - **Reception by schools that use volunteers as mentors.**
 - **Working with Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals to re-focus on mentoring.**

Progress

- **Wally Lee, Chamber (cont.)**
- **Career Academies**
 - Focus on technology, healthcare and finance.
 - Currently significant support/resources from biz community.
- **Encouraged subcommittee to consider recommending DCPS to seek nat'l accreditation/certification for Career Academy program**

Progress

- **Wally Lee, Chamber (cont.)**
 - **Subcommittee encourages Chamber to be actively engaged in mentoring**
 - **If the city makes mentoring a priority, the Chamber will also make it a priority to engage its members.**

Progress

● Youth Panel

– Duval Youth Voice Council focus areas

• *Top two:*

– Crime

– Communication with adults

• *Also:*

• Education

• Sex education

• Poverty

• Discrimination

Progress

- **Youth Panel (cont.)**
 - **Every child first should have access to an adult who is caring and consistent**
 - **Communication between youth and adults is key!**
 - **Programs needed to help youth develop self esteem**
 - **More positive male role models needed**
 - **Actors who commit crimes in a movie get paid; real people get punished!**
 - **Need to support families and parents**
 - **Government should have a role in providing resources but businesses, faith organizations and schools must be a part**

Progress

● Youth Panel (cont.)

- Subcommittee feels listening to and engaging young people is critical
 - Ready to go to where the children are to hear from them
- Also need to hear from troubled youth, not just success stories
 - Possible future meeting at jail to hear from troubled youth

Goals for Next Review

- **Upcoming subcommittee meeting topics**
 - **Develop action items for engaging Duval Youth Voice Council**
 - **Develop action items for working with Chamber**
 - **Presentations on enhancing summer programs (jobs and camps)**



Project Status

**Education, Early Literacy, Truancy & Dropout
Subcommittee**

Chair: W.C. Gentry

Meetings / Action Items

- Full committee has met three times and will continue to meet every other week.**
- Workgroups have been formed to address the following topics:**
 - Early Learning**
 - Truancy / Dropout**
 - School Relevancy**
 - School Security**
 - *Workgroups meet in the off week and report back to the full committee.***

Early Learning

- **WORKGROUP has (4) proposals:**

PROPOSAL #1:

Add 25 more childcare centers for coaching services in Zone 1;

-96 currently served,

PROPOSAL takes us to 121 centers, with an additional 1,700 students

Early Learning

- **WORKGROUP has (4) proposals:**

PROPOSAL #2:

Add mental health consultation & social/emotional curricula for all existing and proposed new centers;

Goal: Reduce overall long-term behavioral problems with high-risk children

Early Learning

- **WORKGROUP has (4) proposals:**

PROPOSAL #3:

Increase parent engagement in their child's education.

Installation of Family Coaches at Early Learning Centers improves communication between school and home and encourages active involvement.

Early Learning

- **WORKGROUP has (4) proposals:**

PROPOSAL #4:

Establish a tracking and feedback process for children at the 25 additional centers; Work in conjunction with DCPS to track through 3rd grade.

Summary: Early Learning

● FUNDING:

- \$\$\$ requirements have been forwarded to the Jacksonville Journey's Funding Committee**
- Long term: All children who enter DCPS should be served by early learning centers, not daycare.**

Truancy/Dropouts

- **WORKGROUP has (3) preliminary proposals:**

PROPOSAL #1:

Hire and deploy an additional 30 Attendance Social Workers

Current case load: @17 staffers serving 9 schools each; PROPOSED: @40 staffers with 4 schools each.

Truancy/Dropouts

- **WORKGROUP has (3) preliminary proposals:**
- **PROPOSAL #2:**
 - Identify and realign community resources to help eliminate truancy**
 - Studies support bringing social services into the truancy equation to address needs outside of school; Cause of truancy is often family stressors.**

Truancy/Dropouts

- **WORKGROUP has (3) preliminary proposals:**

- **PROPOSAL #3:**

Develop a Truancy Team

Lead agency is Jacksonville United Against Truancy; stakeholders are DCPS, SAO, JSO, Youth Crisis Center and social service agencies.

Summary: Truancy/Dropouts

- **FUNDING:**

- **\$\$\$ requirements have been forwarded to the Jacksonville Journey's Funding Committee**
- **NOTE: Additional work will be done on dropouts, i.e. ability of students to “drop-in”, safety net programs, Renaissance Academy, Credit Recovery**

School Relevancy

- **WORKGROUP has reviewed the following issues to date:**
 - **Teacher hiring & retention**
 - **Career Academies**
 - **Dropouts & barriers to promotion and graduation**
 - **Challenge schools**

Summary: School Relevancy

- **Workgroup will present their recommendations / priorities on March 11, 2008 to the full Education, Early Learning, Literacy & Truancy Subcommittee.**

School Security

- **WORKGROUP has reviewed the following issues to date:**
 - **Role of SRO on school property**
 - **Role of DCPS security – after hours**
 - **JSO recommendations for on-campus security**
 - **The use of technology in area schools**
 - **After hours programs and their effect on safety at school and in the community**

Summary: School Security

- **Workgroup will present their recommendations / priorities on March 11, 2008 to the full Education, Early Learning, Literacy & Truancy Subcommittee.**

Summary

- **Studies show that financial investment in early education and truancy/dropout prevention provide long-term public value:**
 - **Reduced crime overall**
 - **Better educated work force**
 - **Increased earning potential**
 - **Reduced downstream costs (special education, crime, unemployment, other social problems)**

Conclusion

- **Education, Early Learning, Truancy & Dropout Subcommittee**
 - **Chair, W.C. Gentry**



Project Status

Law Enforcement and Deterrence Committee

Paul Perez, Chair

Feb. 14, 2008

Status Summary

- **Four work groups continue progress:**
 1. **Getting Guns off the Streets**
 2. **Increasing Police Presence**
 3. **Reviewing the Administration of Justice**
 4. **Creating Safer Schools**
- **Heavy focus on data collection and analysis**
- **Ultimate goal of identifying measurable results and increase transparency to the public**

Administration of Justice Workgroup

- **Data analysis includes:**

- Current pending felony case counts
- Felony filings, dispositions, convictions and jury trials
- Jail capacity and inmate population data
- Length of pre-trial incarceration for current inmates charged with murder

- **Focus areas**

- Identifying ways to reduce jail overcrowding/ reduce large pending felony case counts
- Reducing spending on corrections overtime and redirect dollars to fund other law enforcement activity
- Developing recommendations to improve or expand cooperative efforts between JSO and SAO

School Safety Workgroup

- **Data analysis includes:**
 - Number and types of crimes committed at schools
 - Current zero tolerance policies
 - Application of special prosecution laws for assault and battery on school officials
- **Focus areas**
 - Enhancing school safety plans, particularly as they relate to special events
 - Enhancing/creating training for parents, students, and school officials on:
 - Special prosecution laws
 - Drugs/guns at school
 - Gun bounty and crime stopper programs

Getting Guns Off the Streets

- **Data analysis includes:**
 - Rate of gun confiscations by JSO
 - Rate of recidivism for gun crimes for those on parole versus those not
 - Criminal histories of those arrested for murder (ex. Do they have previous gun related arrests?)
- **Focus areas**
 - Investigating the effectiveness of technology to assist in combating gun crimes
 - Looking at best practices in the prosecution and sentencing of gun related crimes
 - Developing recommendations to help relieve backlog at ballistics crime labs

Police Presence

- **Data analysis includes:**
 - **Current JSO budget allocation**
 - **Matrix audit report**
- **Focus Areas**
 - **Developing recommendations to increase the number of police officers and identify funding options**
 - **Enhancing crime fighting technology, COMPSTAT/CRIMES**
 - **Defining community policing and enhancing neighborhood-based programs**

Progress

- **Significant data collection**
- **Support from subject matter experts in analysis; JSO, FLDE, SAO, ATF**
- **Narrowing scope, defining focus areas**

Goals for Next Review

- **Update of workgroups' progress**
 - **Key focus of Law Enforcement and Deterrence Committee is to identify and redirect resources to fund other law enforcement activities**
- **Do not expect recommendations until April**



Project Status

Neighborhood Safety and Stability

Tony Boselli

Status Summary

- **Overview of committee activities**
 - **Committee continues to meet weekly.**

- **We are on track for delivery of recommendations by April 30, 2008**

Progress

● **Current Recommendations:**

- 1. City of Jacksonville should define physical assets in 'hot-spot' areas for use for after-school and summer programs. Schools (closed or open) should be looked at as a priority with Community Centers, Churches and other public/private facilities filling in the gaps.**
- 2. City of Jacksonville should locate property (raw land, existing commercial/industrial structures, abandoned properties school facilities) for building/retrofitting as a gymnasium/multi-use facility. Hot spot areas should be given priority.**
- 3. All funds that are currently appropriated for after-school programs and community center operations as well as any future funding identified should be pooled into one fund on an annual basis for programming. The Jacksonville Journey's Positive Youth Development Committee should define appropriate programming models. The Parks Advisory Board (or any board reflective of providers and users of the programs) should assess program outcomes and recommend funding on an annual basis (Children's Commission and Housing Commission model).**

Progress

- **Current Recommendations:**

- 4. COJ should revisit the make-up and duties of the Parks Advisory Board to insure that it reflects the providers and users of the park system and its programs. Members should have skill set required to oversee program \$\$.**
- 5. We recommend that the goal of all public facilities have a public, private and neighborhood component for operations and programming.**
- 6. Request that JEA place a 'check' box on their bill for donations to after-school and summer programming. (Contributions used exclusively for public purposes are deductible.)**

Attention Areas

- **List obstacles or challenges since last status update was given**
 - None noted

Cost and Funding

● **Costs**

1. **Nominal costs for defining assets should be absorbed by COJ.**
2. **Location of property is a function of City staff. Cost of building or retrofitting a facility or multiple facilities will be dependent upon many factors.**
3. **Development of a new model for programming should be a function of City staff.**
4. **Revisiting the make-up of the Parks Advisory Board should not have any cost associated with it.**
5. **Development of a new model for public facility programming should be a function of City staff.**
6. **Feasibility and cost will be explored with JEA.**

● **Funding**

– **Proposed funding sources**

- **COJ**
- **Other sources being explored**

Implementation

- **Stakeholders in implementing program**
 - **COJ, Private sector providers of programming**

Goals for Next Review

- **Date of next status update: 3/13/08**
- **List goals for next review:**
 - **Establish criteria for multi-family housing improvements (incentives and enforcement)**
 - **Start to develop matrix for sustainable neighborhoods**



Project Status

Targeted Intervention and Rehabilitation

John Coxwell

Status Summary

- **Overview of committee activities**
 - **Committee has met on several occasions to hear expert testimony**
 - **Sub-committees have been established to look at:**
 - 1. Juvenile Intervention Strategies**
 - 2. Adult re-entry strategies**
 - 3. Employer/employment strategies**
- **We are on track for delivery of recommendations by April 30, 2008**

Progress

- **Current Recommendations:**
 1. **'Camp Jacksonville' should be organized for Summer 2008 (modeled after Camp Birmingham).**
 2. **City of Jacksonville should remove (where feasible) hiring restrictions that prevent employment of ex-offenders returning to the workforce.**
 3. **Out-of-school suspension should be eliminated as soon as feasible by the School Board.**
 4. **100% of Duval County School facilities should have joint-use agreements with the City for their use after school hours.**
 5. **Priority should be given to the establishment of a 'Portal of Entry' for returning ex-offenders. This would further successful re-entry of local, state and federal ex-offenders by use of a one-stop-shop.**
 6. **Re-entry activities/counseling should begin while incarcerated and, where possible, should back up to the point of prosecution/sentencing.**

Attention Areas

- **List obstacles or challenges since last status update was given**
 - None noted

Cost and Funding

- **Costs**

1. 'Camp Jacksonville' proposed costs are based on actual costs of similar program ran in Birmingham, AL: \$140,000 for 1st year.
2. No \$\$ cost associated with removing hiring restrictions
3. Will work with School Board to determine \$\$ for eliminating out-of-school suspensions.
4. Will work with Parks Department as well as School Board to determine ongoing costs associated with these agreements.

Cost and Funding

5. Currently developing a prototype for re-entry portal.
6. Working with JSO and SAO to determine additional costs of expansion – if any – to current programs.

- **Funding**

- **Proposed funding sources**

- Department of Juvenile Justice (State)
- City agencies (COJ, JSO, SAO)
- Exploring other sources

Implementation

- **Stakeholders in implementing program**
 - **DJJ, JSO, SAO, COJ, DCSB**

Goals for Next Review

- **Date of next status update: 3/13/08**
- **List goals for next review:**
 - **Further development of:**
 1. **Juvenile Intervention Strategies**
 2. **Adult re-entry strategies**
 3. **Employer/employment strategies**
 - **Better cost estimates**



Funding Subcommittee

The Jacksonville Journey

Tom Petway

Status Summary

- **Overview of committee activities**
 - **Funding Committee had initial meeting Feb 11; next meeting planned for March 10th**

- **Is committee on track for delivery of recommendations by April 30, 2008**
 - **Yes, committee is on track**

Progress

- **List progress since last status update was given**
 - **Council President Davis presented funding plan for additional police officers by dedicating revenue from installation of “red light cameras” to this purpose**
 - **NOTE: State legislature approval action required; City Council approval required**
 - **Patton, Boggs – City of Jacksonville’s contract federal lobbyists presented areas of likely additional federal funding for Journey recommendations**

Attention Areas

- **List obstacles or challenges since last status update was given**
 - **Grant cycle for federal money does not always match needs**
 - **Earmarks (federal budget appropriations requested by Members of Congress) scarce**
 - **Overall report suggests that federal dollars will be inadequate to meet needs of Journey in a significant way**

Recommendations

● Recommendations

- Pursue federal opportunities aggressively but be realistic about outcomes

● Anticipated Outcome

- Enhanced federal opportunities through grants and earmarks beginning in FY 09/10
- Meet with federal delegation to make them aware of Journey and ask for their assistance

Cost and Funding

- **Cost**
 - N/A
- **Funding**
- **N/A**

Implementation

- **Stakeholders in implementing program**

Who - Federal legislators, City of Jacksonville's contract federal lobbyists, City of Jacksonville finance staff

- **Why – refine amount of funding that might be available from federal sources (ultimately provide the same review for state, local and private sources)**
- **How – continue information gathering and refinement**

Resources

- **Summarize project resources**
 - **City – finance staff, grants office**
 - **State/Federal – contract lobbyists, City staff, state and federal delegations**
 - **Foundation/Non-Profit - TBD**
 - **Private/Corporate TBD**
 - **Other**

Goals for Next Review

- **Date of next status update**
- **3/15 Steering Committee meeting**
- **List goals for next review**
 - **Review of available funding from agencies, review of CIBR requests**
- **Make sure anyone involved in project understands action plan**



Project Status

Public Relations

Will Ketchum

Status Summary

- **Overview of committee activities**
 - **Committee has met three times so far**
 - **PR Committee members assigned to other 5 sub-committees have attended meetings and reported possible action items back to committee**
 - **Several attended Rev. Eugene Rivers event**
 - **Implemented several action items related to marketing positive message of Jacksonville Journey**

Progress

- **Implemented general Jacksonville Journey campaign on JTA buses**
- **Providing support to Faith-based initiative**
- **Assisting Positive Youth Development committee with promotion of mentoring**
- **Creating Jacksonville Journey: “The Extra Mile” recognition program**
- **Continue to assist five committees with public relations and marketing support**

Attention Areas

- **List obstacles or challenges since last status update was given**
 - **Researching alternative means of marketing and “getting the word out” through:**
 - Diverse publications**
 - Public notices in library system, other locations**
 - Web-based vehicles**

Cost and Funding

- **Cost/Funding**

- Advertising space for JTA bus campaign was donated by JTA for as many weeks as we need it
- Trying to get donated space to advertise public meetings and have already secured verbal agreements with Hispanic publications

Implementation

- **Stakeholders in implementing program**
 - **Jacksonville Transportation Authority**
 - **Mentoring agencies**
 - **5 sub-committees**
 - **Media**
 - **Jacksonville citizens and communities**

Resources

- **Working with public and private agencies – such as JTA and Kesler Mentoring – to help implement subcommittee goals and action items**
- **Relying on PR committee's internal knowledge and expertise of local resources and marketing strategies**

Goals for Next Review

- **List goals for next review:**
 - **Continue to pro-actively direct Jacksonville Journey's positive messages through earned media, opinion editorials and donated ads**
 - **Formulate mentoring PR plan**
 - **Determine w/ coalition how best to support faith-based effort**