

Public Safety Community Engagement & Crime Prevention Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, June 20 4:00 PM
Kids Hope Alliance Board Room

Member Presents: Lolita Smith (Chair); Ellen Glasser; Derrick Mitchell (via zoom); Johnny Oldham; Dr. Vicky Waytowich; and Jack Meeks.

Subject Matter Experts Present: Debbie Verges (former Project Director for the Jacksonville Journey during Mayor Peyton's and Mayor Curry's Administration) and Dr. Saralyn Glass (CEO of the Kids Hope Alliance and an expert in birth to 18).

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00. Derrick Mitchell, a committee member, had a pre-planned vacation and asked to attend via zoom. Chair Smith explained the protocol to allowing a member to attend via zoom and those present at KHA voted to allow Derrick to participate in the meeting. She explained that today's meeting would be an open dialogue amongst the members. The discussion should entail policies and practices to meet emerging needs.

The chair recommended six areas that require further research and committee members volunteered to research those areas:

- Juvenile Delinquency-Dr. Vicky Waytowich
- Offender Recidivism-Jack Meeks
- Community Engagement-Ellen Glasser
- Offender Re-entry-Johnny Oldham
- Out of school/unemployed 16-24-year-olds-Derrick Mitchell
- Offender mental illness-Lolita Smith

A discussion in each area:

- Juvenile Delinquency-Diversion
 - JJAC researched and established recommendations
 - Diversion now under KHA-review metrics
 - Review current numbers trending up/down?
 - Identify and review other programs.
 - After school programs
- Offender Recidivism/Re-entry
 - Identify existing programs.
 - Determine the gaps.
 - Cognitive behavior therapy
 - Mental illness
 - Duval County Pre-Trial Facility programs/procedures
- Community Engagement
 - Safety Crime Reduction Commission
 - Collaboration (local, state, federal, nonprofits, community stakeholders) to engage the community.
 - Community policing
 - Community outreach efforts
 - Community input
 - One Cop
- Out of school/unemployed 16-24-year-olds

- Determine available resources.
- Street SMART program
- Gang programs
- Research other states/cities
- Offender mental illness
 - Duval County mental health court
 - JSO Co-Responder program
 - Sulzbacher
 - Research
 - Florida spends less per capita than any other state and Duval County spends less than other counties in Florida.

Questions raised:

- How much is being spent on offender programs?
- What does the Youth Risk behavior survey tell us?
- What is going on at the Baker Re-Entry Center?
- What federal funds could be available?

How do we engage the community?

- Engage our families.
- Extracurricular activities
- Other law enforcement partners
- Community Policing programs
- School programs
- Media Outreach-sense of urgency-Message from the Mayor
- JFRD fentanyl issue
- Give the community a voice.

Saralyn discussed:

- Violence Reduction Center at Johnny Walker
- Emmett Reed-Center of Hope
- Working with 211
- There is a new link on coj.net that shows the investments the city has made to non-profits

Community members gave input, and they were told there would be public meetings to get everyone's input. Lakesha Burton from Mayor Elect Donna Deegan's team discussed the need for a holistic approach to address our crime problem.

Jack Meeks and Johnny Oldham will be Monday, July 10 4:00 at KHA.

The next meeting of the subcommittee will be Wednesday, July 12 4:00 at KHA

A preliminary report for the Public Safety Committee is July 25 and the final report is due September 5.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.