



Office of Mayor-Elect Lenny Curry

Prevention, Intervention & At-Risk Youth Sub-Committee Meeting

June 22, 2015

Jacksonville University

Davis College of Business

Public Policy Institute

2800 University Blvd, Room 159

IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Perez, Prevention, Chair

The Honorable Dr. Johnny Gaffney, Co-Chair

Rev. John Guns, Member

Pastor Tom Messer, Member

Bill Spann, Member

Toni Crawford, Member

Leila Mousa, Member

Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Member

Scott Wiley, Member

The Honorable Carolyn Woods, Member

Mal Washington, Member

Tameka Holly, Member

Trey Csar, Member

Charles Griggs, Member

Lawsikia Hodges, OGC Representative

GUESTS:

Dr. Michael Hallett, UNF

Angela Corey, State's Attorney

Lt. Lakesha Burton, JSO

Colin Murphy, JCC

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John Snyder, COJ
Martha Cox, Family Foundations
Roshanda Jacks, Family Foundations
Jason Roth, United Way
Siothis Jackson
Marlene Russell, Support Staff
Wendy Jones Recorder

Chair Paul Perez called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. informing the Committee that Tripp Gulliford will be unable to attend the meeting.

Minutes were presented, with a motion and second made. It was noted that WC Gentry was in attendance at the last meeting and was left of the attendance list. Chair reminded everyone of the need to sign in upon arrival. The minutes were approved as amended.

Committee was informed that the July 1st meeting has been moved to June 30th at 9 a.m.; so that there would be meetings next Monday and Tuesday. While the Committee was waiting on the 2 speakers, Dr. Vitti was asked about the Common Core Standards. The State of Florida has approved the New Florida Standards which are the Common Core Standards which the National Association of Governors formulated so that there would be standardized and consistent goals for children across the country, of which there is a great need for.

Dr. Michael Hallett arrived and began his presentation regarding the evaluation program of the Jacksonville Journey. He and a staff of his graduate students handled the evaluation of the programs up until about four (4) years ago and noted that the programs have not been evaluated in the past few years. At this point State's Attorney Angela Corey arrived and Dr. Hallett graciously yielded the floor to her.

Ms. Corey gave a basic overview of what her office is doing in regard to Juvenile intervention programs. There has been an increase in serious offenses and a rise in young women being more violent. It is imperative that Parents be involved in the programs because if the environment is not changed then the kids will just be back in front of the State's Attorney again. There must be accountability on both the kids and parents part.

Pastor Guns stated that we have to start at an earlier age and engage kids and parents in transformational programs because we are losing the battle.

Dr. Hallett resumed his presentation stating that the lion's share of the funding for Jacksonville Journey went to JSO. He also explained the programming areas of the Journey which are policing, courts, corrections, and juvenile intervention/prevention. He noted that there are areas that were underfunded or eliminated such as Sports programming, which helps build internal social controls. Early intervention is underfunded and needs to begin as early as 3rd grade. The first contact with violent crime is happening at a younger age.

Dr. Vitti said that there are successful students at failing schools; there are successful schools in failing zip codes; and that one of the main reasons is the involvement of parents in the process.

The Chair indicated that he would be unavailable to attend the meeting on Wednesday, June 24th and asked the Committee if they would like to cancel the meeting and after discussion it was decided to cancel the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.