



City of Jacksonville

MINUTES

Of

Jax Journey Oversight Committee

February 23, 2017

Ed Ball Building, Room 851

4:00 p.m.

Committee Meeting Attendees

W.C. Gentry, Chair
Rory Diamond, Vice-Chair
Debbie Verges, Project Director Jax Journey
Dr. Charles Moreland, Mayor Liaison
Sandra Stockwell, Office of General Counsel
Charlie Cofer, Public Defender
Lee Hutton, State Attorney Office
Terrence Harvey, Member
Ricardo Bedoya, Member
April Green, Member
Sam Newby, Council Liaison
James Campbell, Member
Scott Wiley, Member
Paula Wright, Member
Director Michelle Cook, JSO

Absent:

Tracey Tousey, Member (Excused)
Judge Suzanne Bass, Juvenile Delinquency
Mason Davis, DCPS

Please see the sign-in sheet for complete list of additional attendees

Proceedings

The meeting came to order at 4:00 p.m. Chairman Gentry opened the meeting and welcomed the members and guests.

Minutes

There was a motion and second to approve the minutes from January 26th, 2017 – the motion passed.

The following handouts were provided to all committee members:

- #1 Jax Journey Summer SAIL Camps and Early Education 3-Year Pilot Update
- #2 Early Learning Coalition of Duval Memo
- #3 Analyses of Crime and ZIP Codes (power point printout)
- #4 Jax Journey Programs

Discussion Topic

Summer SAIL RFP and Pilot: Dr. Fountain

Dr. Fountain is the Executive Director of the Florida Institute of Education (FIE), UNF. She provided handout #1 for her presentation on 2017 Jax Journey Summer SAIL Camp update and Early Education 3-Year Pilot update. She presented the information provided on the handout.

Details were provided on the plan for implementation of the 2017 summer camp. Four part-time elementary certified teachers will be trained by FIE to provide monitoring of the program, with weekly visits to the camps. FIE developed instructional packets and independent reading books will be picked up from one central location to be used at the camps. Field trips will be organized around four STEM themes. Six instructional strategies for reading have been embedded into the material to help develop the students' knowledge.

A behavior management incentive program was added as a result from feedback received from last year's program. The program will encourage attendance. A change to how reimbursement for field trips will be done. Receipts and sign-in sheets will be used; and reimbursement will be provided for the children that attend the field trip(s).

The Early Education 3-year pilot update identified the long-term and short-term goals of the program. Long term goal (3-year) is to increase the reading proficiency in the participants. Short term goals are the five learning skills: literacy, creativity and innovation, problem-solving, teamwork and collaboration, and communication and connections.

It was noted a difference between the summer camps offered by Jax Journey and Jacksonville Children's Commission is the required literacy component. The Jax Journey summer program is open to all providers. The JCC summer program does not permit the school district to run any of their camps. Jax Journey summer camps are seven weeks in length and the providers are provided a higher reimbursement rate due to the literacy component.

Fines and Forfeitures: Debbie Verges

The first community meeting was on February 13th, 2017 with twenty-one agencies in attendance. The RFP is due back March 17th, 2017. The goal is to target the small organizations who have never received City of Jacksonville funding To reach this

goal: the awards will need to be donations vice grants, the organizations will need to have budgets of less than \$100,000, they will not be required to attend the bidders conference.

New Business was moved and the Chair recognized the retirement of Susan Main, Early Learning Coalition June 30, 2017.

New Business

Action Item:

Early Learning Coalition: Susan Main

Susan Main provided handout #2 for her presentation. The two locations initially selected in response to the child care enhancement journey grant were Moncrief Village and Cleveland Arms for the pilot family engagement program called “Raising a Reader”.

Early Learning Coalition is requesting a change in location from Moncrief Village to Washington Heights. The Moncrief Village only has four families that are within the target family age population for the program. There is also a programming space at Moncrief Village to host the activities and programs. Washington Heights has a large population of small children. The Washington Heights does not have a similar program at their location and would welcome the pilot program “Raising a Reader”.

A request for a line-item fund transfer: from materials to cover the mobile child care expenses. The fund transfer is needed for support of the “Parent Café” at the two HUD sites.

There were no questions from the committee.

There was a motion and a second to approve the location change and line-item fund transfer. There were no public comments. The motion passed.

Old Business

NLP Logix Presentation: Katie Bakewell

Katie Bakewell, Lead Statistician, NLP Logix provided handout #3 for her presentation on the Analysis of Crime and Zip Codes. She presented the information in the power point.

Performance Driven Program review was presented, with a review of the ex-offender program listing the information of the number of ex-offenders that were placed in employment compared to those not placed in employment and the rate of recidivism between the two groups.

Time-Based Analysis of Violent Crime was presented by zip codes. The percentage of violent crime within the Jacksonville Journey's 10 zip codes had been increasing from 2009. There is a decrease in the proportionate amount of crime in 2015-2016 in the 10 zip codes areas. An analysis of crime within 32202 was done, noting an increase of more than 3% in the last 7 years. The 32202 group has the smallest population of the 10 Jacksonville Journey zip code areas. The proportion of crimes has been relatively stable in the zip codes not within the Jacksonville Journey 10 areas.

Officer Cook, JSO, is to provide data in the next meeting with more details on the crimes occurring in 32202.

Age-Based Analysis of Violent Crime was presented. The data used was from arrest data from JSO from January 1, 2005 to September 30, 2016. Most minors are processed through the Department of Juvenile Justice. More data is pending from the Department of Juvenile Justice. Once the information is obtained, it will be compiled and with a presentation to the committee. It was noted the data only included only crimes that resulted in an arrest. The data is by the age of the person when they were arrested, not the age when the crime occurred.

NLP Logix will research into the data on the crime locations, drilling down to city block level, and will identify seasonality to try to understand the peaks of when crimes are occurring.

NLP Logix will present Teen programs and Workforce Development (age 16-24) next month.

OJJDP Grant-Safe & Thriving Communities: Damian Cook

Damian Cook explained the grant and the expectations. The grant is for \$1,000,000 with two staff members hired. The initial phase has started.

In the initial phase, the steering committee has convened, which is an expansion of the Juvenile Justice subcommittee. Additional partners have been added. A decision tree has been created to learn the process from when a juvenile is picked up by a JSO officer and their arrival at the Juvenile Assessment Center. A decision tree from the time a youth gets into trouble through to resolution, including to receiving services. Work groups will analyze each phase of the process.

Next phase/workgroup will be to connect youth to the needed services.

Another workgroup will be needed for parents to take responsibility for their actions and how they are affecting their children; to make resources available to the children and parents.

April Green volunteered to take the lead with the data collection and objectives.

Chairman Gentry requested a report later as the program is moving along.

Discussion Topic

James Campbell

It was noted this is James Campbell's last meeting after four years on the committee. A letter from the Mayor was read thanking James Campbell for his service on the JJOC. A certificate from the Mayor was presented to James Campbell.

General Public Comments:

No public comments made.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23.

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed.