



# City of Jacksonville

MINUTES

Of

Jax Journey Oversight Committee

April 27, 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  
Judge Suzanne Bass, Judiciary  
Sandra Stockwell, Office of General Counsel  
Lee Hutton, State Attorney Office  
Charlie Cofer, Public Defender  
Tracy Tousey, Member  
Terrence Harvey, Member  
Ricardo Bedoya, Member  
April Green, Member  
Paula Wright, Member  
Sam Newby, Council Liaison  
Scott Wiley, Member  
Michelle Cook, JSO  
Mason Davis, DCPS

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

### **Proceedings**

Chairman W.C. Gentry called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

### **Minutes**

Chair Gentry asked for the motion to approve the March 30, 2017 meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded. Chair Gentry called for the vote; there were no amendments or objections and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The following handouts were provided to all committee members:

- #1 Jax Journey Community Impact flyer – Community Engagement
- #2 RFP Update (Summer SAIL materials – Florida Institute of Education)
- #3 NLP Logix Program Analysis (PowerPoint printout)
- #4 Subcommittee Program Reviewer Sheet
- #5 Letter from W.C. Gentry – Jacksonville Journey
- #6 Open Letter from Zachary Fardon, former United States Attorney

### **Chairperson's Report**

Last Monday, Debbie Verges, Jax Journey Project Director, met with the afterschool and Summer SAIL Camp providers during a work team meeting facilitated by the Florida

Institute of Education (FIE). Student recruitment is currently taking place in the four designated schools and a large number of student campers are anticipated. Chair Gentry presented the revised Jax Journey Community Impact flyer listing all of the programs funded by Jax Journey. He has begun meeting with council members to keep them abreast of program activities and initiatives and his goal is to meet with every council member over the next few months. Committee members were asked to commit to also serve as informal liaisons and meet with council members on a quarterly basis. Chair Gentry expressed the need for board members to become more engaged in the community on behalf of Jax Journey and invited them to analyze and provide input on the critical public safety areas that are emerging in the community. The May 24, 2017 board meeting will be held at the Legends Center on Soutel Drive to encourage public participation and get feedback from the community. Chair Gentry emphasized the importance of focusing on areas where crime is increasing, but has not become entrenched and a strong sense of community still exists.

### **Discussion Topics**

#### ***Summer SAIL RFP and Pilot: Debbie Verges, Jax Journey Project Director***

The four school sites have been identified and the providers are: Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, Communities in Schools and Wayman Community Development Corporation. Each provider will service a different school. The RFP for Summer SAIL is ready to be scored. Provided the reviewers complete the scoring of the 13 applications next week, awards will be made on Thursday, May 11, 2017. After the award announcements, a group meeting will be held for the agencies to sign contracts. By the end of next week, May 5<sup>th</sup>, the four sites will deliver a definitive number of student participants for summer camp.

#### ***Community Engagement: Chairman W.C. Gentry***

Chair Gentry asked board members to begin considering what can be done to improve community engagement. Michelle Cook, JSO Patrol Director, suggested creating a PowerPoint and speaker's package that board members could present to citizens in Sheriff's Watch, CPAC (Citizens Planning Advisory Committee) and religious organizational meetings. Chair Gentry asked members to communicate their suggestions via email to Debbie Verges, Jax Journey Project Director.

### **Old Business**

#### ***NLP Logix Presentation: Katie Bakewell***

Katie Bakewell, Lead Statistician, NLP Logix provided handout #3 for her PowerPoint presentation on program analysis. The data sharing agreement for NLP Logix has been fully executed and data is expected to be received from DJJ by May 15, 2017. The second agreement with the City of Jacksonville is currently under review by the City's Office of General Counsel. NLP Logix will begin submitting reports as the data is received and will also work on producing an automated dashboard to include monthly accumulated data.

The JSO analysis of zip code 32202 indicated a trend of more than a 3% crime increase in that area over the last seven years. NLP Logix recommends communicating these results to the Downtown Homeless Planning Team.

NLP Logix will also begin a review of the 1000 in 1000 program data for the 2016-2017 Jax Journey funded participants. A full analysis of all 1000 in 1000 program participants will follow. Family Foundations is working with NLP Logix to develop a data gathering strategy to identify the most difficult attainable assets and successful participant features (i.e. number of starting assets, location data, and starting income).

***Safe & Thriving Communities Grant Update: Rory Diamond***

Member, Rory Diamond recognized the working group team leaders for the progress that has been made on grant implementation. Damian Cook, City of Jacksonville Grant Administrator, presented the remainder of the update. NLP Logix is providing data to develop a matrix for a model juvenile justice system. Duval County Public Schools, the Housing Authority, Florida Department of Children & Families, are all providing data to NLP Logix. The next step is to set objectives for each group and develop an actionable strategic plan.

**New Business**

***Extension of Teen Contracts 6/1 – 9/30, 2017 – Debbie Verges, Project Director***

Funding was approved by Council for the Girl Scouts, Groundwork, Jacksonville Zoological WILD, KIPP, and YMCA programs to receive funding June 1 – September 30, 2017. All of the programs are in operation and contracts are ready to be sent to Procurement. Debbie asked that the board approve the extension of the contracts until the end of the fiscal year. A motion was made and seconded. There was no discussion or public comment. Chair Gentry called for the vote, which passed unanimously.

***Subcommittees – W.C. Gentry, Chair***

Chair Gentry confirmed that board members are now assigned to subcommittee review teams and will review specific programs each month (i.e. Special Projects, Teen Programs, Juvenile Justice Intervention, Ex-Offender Employment, and Workforce Development Age 16-24). Each subcommittee chairperson will act as the central point of contact and will coordinate quarterly meetings with other subcommittee members.

**General Public Comments:**

No public comments made.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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