



City of Jacksonville

MINUTES

Of

Jax Journey Oversight Committee

June 12, 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
Julie Davis, Office of General Counsel
Lee Hutton, State Attorney Office
Charlie Cofer, Public Defender
Terrence Harvey, Member
Andrea Sharpe – call in
April Green, Member
Paula Wright, Member
Scott Wiley, Member
Sam Newby, Council Liaison
Dr. Charles Moreland, Mayor's Office
Derrick Lewis, JSO

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

Proceedings

Chairman W.C. Gentry called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Minutes

Chair Gentry asked for the motion to approve the May 24, 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 NLP Logix Presentation (PowerPoint printout)
- #2 Proposed 2017-2018 Jax Journey Budget
- #3 Proposed 2017-2018 Jax Journey Budget Explanation Sheet
- #4 Proposed 2017-2018 Jax Journey Budget (categorized by program)
- #5 JFRD Explorer Apprenticeship Program Overview
- #6 Rec N' Roll 2016-2017 Program Attendance Report
- #7 Rec N' Roll 2017-2018 Summer Sites (map)
- #8 Juvenile Intervention Program (Journey to Success) Program Overview

Chairperson's Report

Chair Gentry commented on the May 24, 2017 community meeting at the Legends Center;

noting that he had received a great deal of positive feedback. The oversight committee will resume meetings in the Ed Ball building for July and August, with the August meeting coinciding near the date of the City Council’s annual budget meeting. September’s oversight committee meeting is scheduled to occur in the Arlington area and the public will be invited.

Discussion Topics

Subcommittee Updates and Program Review - Chair W.C. Gentry

Chair Gentry requested each subcommittee to make a report of their respective programs during the July 2017 oversight committee meeting. The reports should apprise members of each program’s progress and any areas of concern over the last year; including those programs that have been terminated due to nonperformance or otherwise. He suggested that each subcommittee meet prior to the July meeting to collaborate on report content.

Announcements - Chair Gentry

Chair Gentry greeted and introduced Julie Davis, Assistant General Counsel, as the new Jax Journey legal contact from the City’s Office of General Counsel. Attorney Davis will attend the oversight committee meetings in the place of Assistant General Counsel, Sandra Stockwell. Additionally, he announced the departure of Councilman Sam Newby from the oversight committee as Council Liaison. After expressing his sincere thanks for Councilman Newby’s engagement and advocacy of Jax Journey over his two year term, Chair Gentry presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Old Business

NLP Logix Presentation - Katie Bakewell

Katie Bakewell, Lead Statistician NLP Logix, provided handout #1 for her PowerPoint presentation on program updates. NLP Logix has received the initial data from the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and will soon have the corresponding census tract information, which can be used to provide data analysis to the Safe & Thriving Grant initiative. Data Sharing Agreement #2 is now under review by DJJ legal counsel. The data from the second Data Sharing Agreement will enable NLP Logix to track Jax Journey participants. In July, Duval County Public Schools should transmit data required for varied participant tracking and review of Jax Journey teen and juvenile intervention programs. NLP Logix will also utilize that data to establish a baseline for the Summer Camp literacy component and measure student gains or losses achieved over the summer.

NLP Logix provided a plot map of the Jax Journey program operating locations, which revealed a large concentration of Journey funding is heavily concentrated in the 32202, 32206 and 32209 areas. This item was followed by an update of the 1000 in 1000 program. Over the span of 2012 to present, 241 clients have participated in the program and 37 participant case files have been closed. Three participants completed the full 1000 days and of those three, one transitioned from poverty. NLP Logix will track individual

client progress and work closely with Family Foundations to continue receiving data, track participant transitional periods and evaluate their pivotal assets. Chair Gentry asked representatives from the program to provide more insight. Family Foundations President and CEO, Bill Haley and the newly appointed 1000 in 1000 Program Manager, Jackie Thompson, explained that a client's successful completion of the program is contingent upon attainment of 7 of 9 pivotal assets without interruption for six months, along with an annual household income increase of 15% (excluding any form of public assistance). Healthcare will be added as a tenth pivotal asset in the near future. Chair Gentry asked them to expound on the length of time it takes for clients to successfully complete the program. Ms. Thompson and Mr. Haley explained that the majority of the clients enter the program with fewer than five pivotal assets and many have criminal backgrounds, causing difficulty in finding self-sufficient employment. Thereby, the length of time for successful completion is substantially extended. Chair Gentry requested NLP Logix to provide another review of the 1000 in 1000 program during the July 2017 oversight committee meeting; specifically explaining the pivotal assets and confirming the number of assets clients possess upon entry.

The report included an analysis of offenses involving weapons and violent crimes. In the Jax Journey footprint, juvenile crime has steadily decreased from 2008 to the present with a similar trend for violent crimes. However, youth weapon possession offenses have more than doubled since 2013 and are most prevalent in the 32209 zip code. NLP Logix will continue to identify when and where diversions are occurring and calculate recidivism in the Jax Journey footprint. Additionally, the consultant will: (1) identify Journey program coverage for the 32210 and 32244 areas, (2) evaluate violent crimes/grand theft/weapons charges, and (3) begin assessing the effectiveness of gender specific programs (i.e. Evening Reporting Center – male program).

Safe & Thriving Communities Grant Update - Rory Diamond

Member, Rory Diamond deferred the delivery of the update to Damian Cook, City of Jacksonville Grant Administrator. Mr. Cook reported that the grant work teams have the necessary data from NLP Logix to begin preparing recommendations for the oversight committee's review and approval.

New Business

JFRD Explorers Program - Dr. Charles Moreland, Director of Public Affairs/Mayor's Office

Dr. Charles Moreland provided handout #5 for his overview of the JFRD Explorers program. Chair Gentry inquired about the likelihood that the program participants will quickly find employment upon successful completion. Dr. Moreland explained that several JFRD employees enrolled in DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Program) will be retiring over the next few years, which will create a number of vacancies for the trained

JFRD Explorers. Another hiring class will be in July and later in the fall of 2017. Chair Gentry asked Dr. Moreland to make a full presentation of JFRD Explorers during the September oversight meeting with the intention of enlightening board members of all facets of the program. Dr. Moreland accepted the invitation.

Rec N' Roll - Chair W.C. Gentry

Chair Gentry referenced handouts #6 and #7, which highlighted Rec N' Roll program attendance in 2016-17 and also delineated the 2017-18 program sites. Sites have been added for the 2017-18 year to accommodate more children. Chair Gentry would like a representative from the City's Parks & Recreation department to present a more in-depth overview of the program during the September oversight meeting.

Jax Journey FY 2017-2018 Proposed Budget - Chair W.C. Gentry & Debbie Verges, Jax Journey Project Director

Chair Gentry referenced handouts #2, #3, and #4 for the Jax Journey FY 2017- 18 budget discussion. He asked for general comments or observations before allowing Debbie Verges, Jax Journey Project Director, to discuss the proposed line items. There being no observations or comments, Project Director Debbie Verges, proceeded. Level funding is proposed for all Special Project programs, with the exceptions of Rec N' Roll and the Library Enhanced Access Program (proposed budget increases). There is a proposed cumulative increase in Ex-Offender Employment/Training, Juvenile Justice Intervention and Teen Programming. Jacksonville Area Legal Aid is a new line item to assist the ex-offender programs with legal issues for their clients. Neighborhood Accountability Boards is recommended for an increase in funding. With the new MOU that has been recently signed by the SAO and the law enforcement jurisdictions in Circuit 4 there will be a significant increase in the number of youth being issued Civil Citations. Opioid/Gang Strategic Planning (\$50,000) is a new proposed line item for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Following the discussion, Chair Gentry opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments and the motion to vote was called to approve the proposed Jax Journey FY 2017-18 budget. A motion was made and seconded. The vote to approve the proposed budget passed unanimously.

General Public Comments:

No public comments made.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34p.m.

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