



City of Jacksonville

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Teen Programs Update

June 21, 2017

Ed Ball Room 851

2:00 a.m.

Committee Meeting Attendees

Terrence Harvey, Subcommittee Chair
Andrea Sharpe, Member
April Green, Member
Debbie Verges, Project Director Jax Journey
Katoia Wilkins, JCC Contract Manager

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the various teen programs funded through Jax Journey. The providers are Boys & Girls Club, Don't Miss a Beat, Fresh Ministries, Girls Scouts of Gateway Council, Groundwork Jacksonville, Jacksonville Zoo, Police Athletic League, Wayman Community Development Corporation, and YMCA of Florida's First Coast.

The group discussed what Unit of Service contract means. Katoia explained that this type of contract is new to the providers. Prior contracts have been a cost reimbursement. The Unit of Service is different based on the way in which the provider wrote their proposal. With the new contract year we will standardize a Unit of Service. Some of the programs are not reaching their numbers so they will not be using all of the contracted amounts.

The team reviewed the monthly reports. Katoia discussed many of the programs and how they are making such a difference to the participants. She just attended the Zoo's graduation; the PAL teens are involved in government, visited Tallahassee; the Groundwork program is very engaging; Fresh Ministries program Fresh Futures is a leadership program exposing the youth to potential leadership opportunities. The team would like to visit the programs. Katoia will get a schedule of operations and the specific locations of the programs.

Andrea asked for a copy of the RFP and the responses from each of the providers. Katoia will provide this.

Debbie explained that all contracts can be renewed for one additional year. A new RFP would have to be written for the following fiscal year. The team would like to be a part of drafting the RFP. The group agreed that a strong leadership component should be a part of each program.

April discussed the parent component in the programs. In the discussion prior to this RFP it was determined that you do not want to penalize the youth if their

parents did not participate. It was suggested that in the next RFP this would not be a requirement but there would be some type of parent engagement offered.

Debbie explained that by the fall the outcomes as to school attendance, school discipline, and promotion rates will be available. Once the DJJ MOU is completed Juvenile Justice involvement by participants will be available.

Meeting adjourned 3:05 P.M.