

Jacksonville Journey Review Subcommittee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 20 12:30 PM  
Kids Hope Alliance Board Room

Member Present: WC Gentry

Subject Matter Experts Present: Debbie Verges (former Project Director for the Jacksonville Journey during Mayor Peyton's and Mayor Curry's Administration) and Dr. Saralyn Glass (CEO of the Kids Hope Alliance and an expert in birth to 18).

Chairman Gentry called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

A general discussion around the following included reviewing the following:

- A general review of all programs in the city involved in Literacy.
- Read Jax
- Original Jacksonville Journey recommendations and which were funded and those that were not.
- Out of School Suspension was initially funded but eventually there were no participants, so the program and funding became obsolete.
- How do we recruit and retain quality teachers.
- How do we make the biggest impact on literacy? Quality of the teachers teaching literacy K-3. Continued coaching once the training has been completed.
- What is the current landscape of funding compared to what was funded 15 years ago? An analysis will be completed.
- How do we reach those not in school?
- How to support parents?
- Quality VPK-most children not in a quality setting.
- Full-Service Schools need additional funding to support their needs.
- KHA is looking at the metrics-how are we training providers.
- What other entities-JSO, JEA, JTA and other city programs have any type of literacy component
- Ex-offender funding (was not funded through PSG a year ago). Agencies are reapplying for funding this year. Potentially money could be set aside for ex-offender programs.
- What is happening at JREC?
- Neighborhood Accountability Boards funding has increased since Jacksonville Journey initially funded it.
- What does the community think? Important to get out in the community to hear from constituents.
- Affordable housing has been an emerging need since JJ first began 15 years ago.
- LISC does have a grant with COJ.
- Candid conversation with JSO, P&R and Jacksonville Housing Authority
- KHA has looked at revising its ordinance and this is a work in progress.
- Important to review the Crime Commission Report.
- Review the Juvenile Justice Report that State Attorney Nelson released.

- A google drive will be created where all documents will be placed for committee members to review.
- Cindy Funkhauser with Sulzbacher discussed the ex-offender programs they work with-CHOP, Co-Responders, and the Mental Health program.
- James Coleman discussed Operation Boost, single year funding was made available.
- There are many neighborhood programs that the committee will learn more about when the community forums are conducted.

The review committee will continue to review items discussed today and bring recommendations forward in subsequent meetings.

The next meeting of the JJ Review subcommittee will be Wednesday, July 12 12:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.