**PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT (PSG) COUNCIL**

**Priority Population SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES  
Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan, 8TH Floor, Room 851**

**June 27, 2017 – 3:00 PM**

**Chair: Deborah Johnson**

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| **Committee Meeting Attendance** | | | |
| **E** | **Roshanda Jackson-Chair** | **E** | **Darren Gardner** |
| **E** | **Dr. Jerry Fliger-Vice Chair** | **E** | **Tameka Holly** |
| **X** | **Dr. Stephen Baker** | **X** | **Deborah Johnson** |
| **E** | **Bob Baldwin** | **E** | **Dr. Sandy Robinson** |
| **E** | **Carol Brock** | **X** | **Dr. Marcie Turner** |
| **X** | **Lara Diettrich** | **X** | **Chris Warren** |
| **X** | **Dr. Georgette Dumont** | **E** | **Sherry Jackson** |

Quorum Present:Yes

Staff: John Snyder

1. **Welcome & Introduction of Sub-Committee Members – Ms. Johnson**

The meeting began at 3:06 PM. Ms. Johnson asked members and staff introduce themselves for the record. Ms. Johnson then discussed the purpose of the sub-committee and discussed the meeting that took place in January.

1. **Status of Jacksonville – Ms. Johnson**
2. **Dept. of Children & Families – Ms. Green, Community Development Administrator**

Ms. Green went over some of the statistics that she brought from DCF. She discussed the district demographics as well as the funding broken down by program area. She specifically talked about the $528,000 in funding for homeless. Ms. Green then talked about the two main areas that DCF is focusing on in Duval County and stressed that the district would like to see the COJ set as priorities. These two areas are; **Homeless Housing, and the Mental Health Central Receiving Facility.**

Several members had questions regarding Homeless Housing services and actual numbers in Duval County as well as the type of needed services. Staff was asked to get with Ms. Dawn Gilman, CEO Changing Homeless, and see if she can come to the meeting July 6th and present their study at the January meeting she just touched on the highlights.

Members also had questions regarding the number of individuals seen at the new center of 20th and Edgewood, the recidivism and types of services. Ms. Green talked about how the district is currently using this facility to help treat and deal with the outpatient mental health and substance abuse issues to include; overdose rehabilitation, outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment.

1. **Mayor’s Disability Council – Mr. McDaniel (COJ) & Ms. Alden (Chair)**

Mr. McDaniel talked about how the US Census from 2010 indicates that 20% of the population in Duval County has a disability. He also spoke about how 25% of the homeless population suffers from mental illness. Mr. McDaniel stated their Council talked about top priorities for assistance for individuals with disabilities is **employment opportunity and housing**. When asked about specifics concerning housing Mr. McDaniel talked about assistance for those with disabilities remaining in their home and getting these homes repaired/ remodeled. In addition, he spoke about how those with a disability need actual homes or apartments. He introduced Ms. Alden, Chair of Mayor’s Disability Council. She gave testimony on how individuals with disabilities are discriminated against in the hiring and in housing.

Mr. McDaniel provided follow-up information regarding the employment services: Division of Blind Services, Vocational Rehab, The Arc Jacsonville, The ILRC, Progressive Ability Services; seeking to establish; Best Buddies, Making Strides for Autism.

1. **United Way- 211 – Mr. Snyder (COJ)**

Mr. Snyder stated that he will go over the monthly numbers which are available on the United Way’s web-site. Mr. Snyder presented the numbers and types of calls to the 211 services as a gauge to assess the need in Duval County. This report indicated that utility assistance and rent assistance is the top two categories. He further indicated that there has been a drop-off in the call volume to the 211over last year about 16%.

Mr. Warren also indicated that the Major Call Categories for May also indicated Financial Assistance and Informational no referral and that these two categories make up 69% of the calls received.

1. **Review of Priority Population Timeline Debbie Johnson**

Ms. Johnson went over the timeline and asked about the Duval County Food Policy Council. Mr. Snyder indicated that that body is run by the Department of Health and their function is not in line with the goals and purpose of this sub-committee. However, he indicated that he will continue to reach out to the state coalition for Food Banks.

Ms. Johnson confirmed that for the next meeting on July 6th someone from the Mayor’s Office will give an overview of the Mayoral Priorities, as well as see if Ms. Gilman can present an update to their study.

1. **Public Comments *(Please fill out a card if you wish to speak on a topic that isn’t on the agenda)* No Comments**
2. **Adjourn** at 4:50 PM.

Recorder: John Snyder

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An audio recording is available upon request