

Memorandum



DATE: July 30, 2010

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Safer Dallas Better Dallas**

Attached is briefing material on the "Safer Dallas Better Dallas" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, August 2, 2010, by Charles T. Terrell, Safer Dallas, Better Dallas Police Department.



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First Assistant City Manager

Attachment

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August 2, 2010

Safer Dallas Mission

Mission of “Safer Dallas Better Dallas”

(1) to protect the citizens of Dallas from becoming victims of crime and to engage our citizens in a partnership with Dallas Police

(2) to support the efforts of our Dallas police officers

(3) to make Dallas America’s Safest City

Safer Dallas History

- Safer Dallas Better Dallas, a 501(c)3 organization, was founded in the summer of 2005 by Jack Hammack and Charles Terrell.
- Over 100 Dallas business and community leaders chose to join the new organization's Steering Committee to show their support for Dallas police.
- Safer Dallas works to accomplish its goals by raising money from Dallas foundations, businesses, and citizens to purchase equipment and training for our Dallas police officers.

Safer Dallas Better Dallas

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Safer Dallas Results

- A record \$15 million grant to the Dallas Police Department by the Caruth Fund of the Communities Foundation of Texas.
- \$5 million of the \$15 million grant funded the first “priority wish list” of our police department and purchased equipment such as the latest camera technology for police cars, back seats barriers for police cars to protect our officers, rifles and cell phones for our investigators.

Safer Dallas Results

- A grant of \$840,000 from the Meadows Foundation that resulted in elevated, digital cameras to cover the Central Business District.
- A grant of \$100,000 to Downtown Dallas Association for elevated cameras in the Central Business District.
- The purchase of several hundred AR 15 assault rifles for our police officers made possible by the generosity and leadership of a prominent businessman, Rotary Club of Dallas, and individual citizens.
- On January 8, 2008 the Communities Foundation of Texas announced the award of the final phase of the grant, which is \$9.5 million, to fund the creation of the W. W. Caruth, Jr. Police Institute at Dallas in collaboration with the University of North Texas System and located at the new UNT Dallas campus.
- Raised funds for the purchase of a dog for the Narcotics Unit.
- Raised \$25,160 for Sgt. Greg Epley
- Raised \$440,000 from Communities Foundation of Texas to launch DOORS Re-Entry Program

2009 Public Safety Accomplishments

- Violent crime rate at 36 year low
- Non-violent crime rate at 36 year low
- Total crime rate at 36 year low
- Violent crime is down 65% since 2003
- Total overall crime is down 28% since 2003

Safer Dallas Better Dallas

Focus on Re-entry

The City of Dallas asked “Safer Dallas Better Dallas” to address the challenge of re-entry into our community by hundreds of parolees from prison each month. We created a system “DOORS” to address this issue. Christina Melton Crain, former Chairman of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is the DOORS President and Michael Lee, is our Chief Operating Officer.

“Opening *DOORS*”

Dallas One-stop Optimized Re-entry System

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Learnings

Best Practice Programs concur but fall short in some key areas:

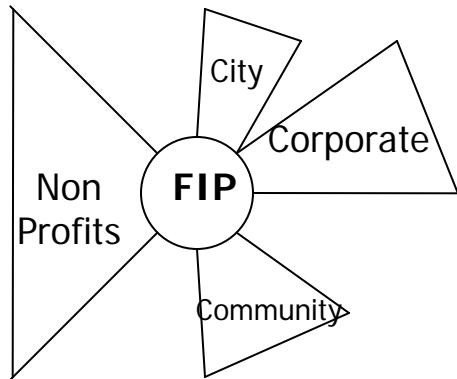
	Community Partners	Pre-release Program	Case Assessment	Case Tracking	Provider Assessment	Research/Evaluation
<i>DOORS</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
KS	✓	✓	✓	<i>In Process</i>	<i>Identified Need</i>	
MD	✓	✓	✓			
PA	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Boston	✓	✓	✓	<i>In Process</i>		
Philly	✓	✓	✓		<i>Identified Need</i>	
Chicago	✓	✓	✓			

Process Inefficiencies are a barrier to sustained success

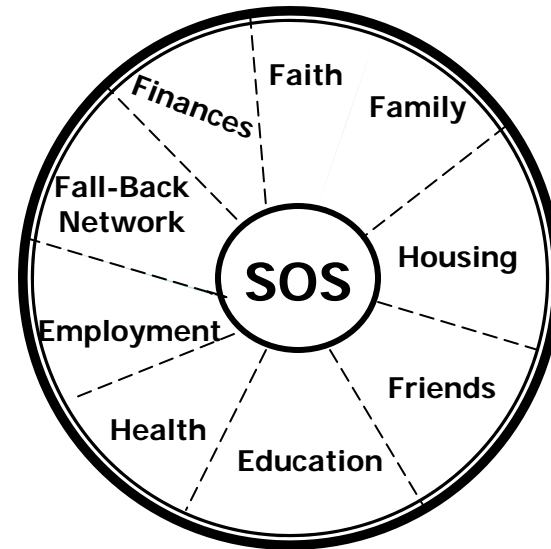
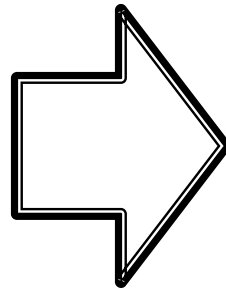
Overall Objective

Seven One Stop Centers

1. North Dallas – Operation Oasis;
2. South Dallas – MASS;
3. East Dallas – Project Reconnect;
4. West Dallas – West Dallas Community Centers;
5. Oak Cliff – Vision Regeneration;
6. Pleasant Grove – The Wilkinson Center;
- & 7. Downtown Dallas – The Bridge



DOORS



Current

Progress is being made supporting Former Incarcerated Persons in Dallas but the success rate is small and the need gaps are large

Future

By having a seamless approach to re-entry: aligning existing programs and closing FIP needs gaps, DOORS will jumpshift the success rate & impact on our community

Business Goals

Business Requirements to Address

New 501©(3) & Executive Board

- City Public Safety Initiative – State Wide Initiative
- Enforce evidence based practices

Reduce Duplication of Effort

- Provide scalable evidence based solutions
- Facilitate collaborative service efficiencies

Productivity and Collaboration

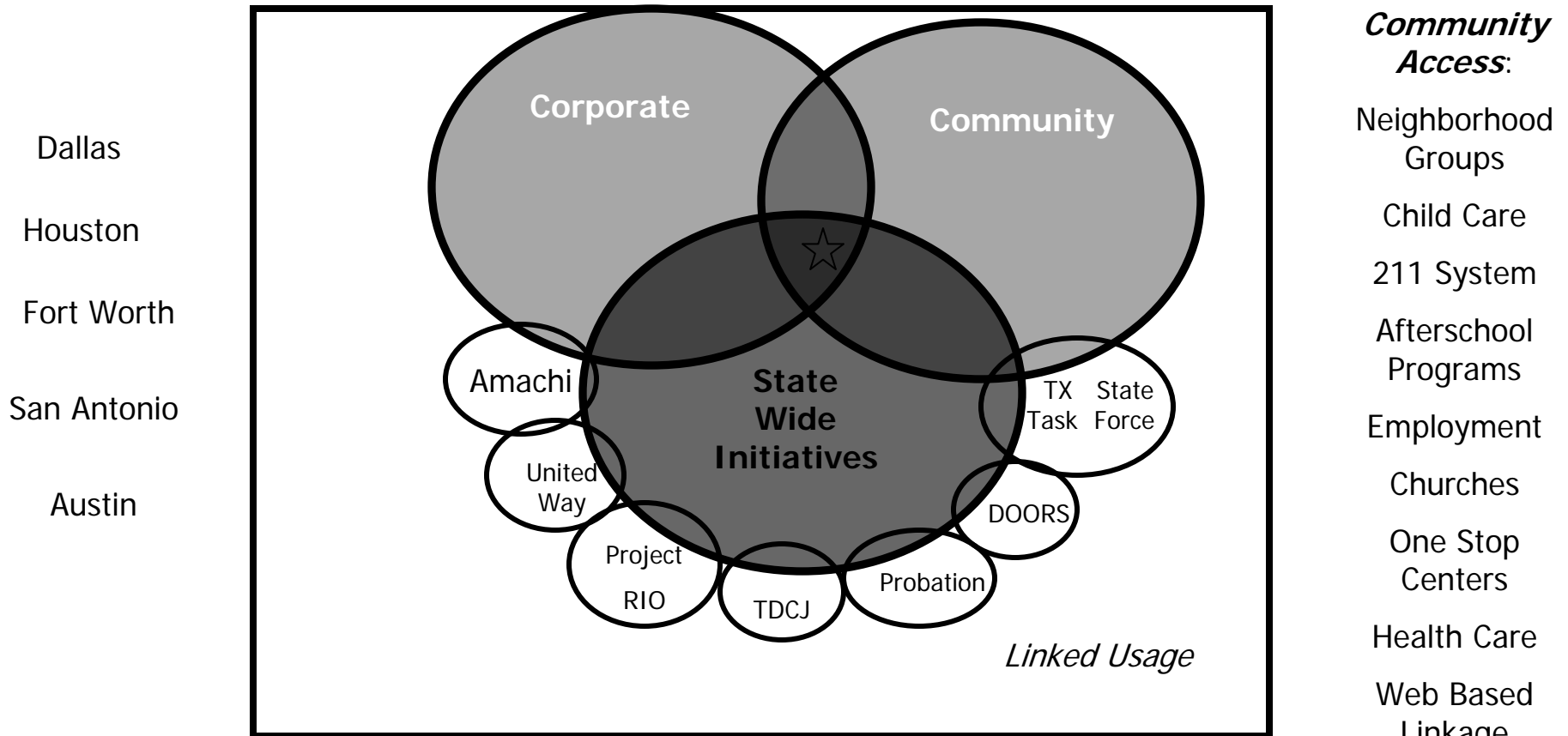
- Improve quality of service to clients
- Continued acquisition / retention of partnerships for better service coverage

Improve Cost Structure

- Reduce service costs through leveraging services & funding
- Independent outcome evaluations

DOORS State Wide Community Network

The DOORS web based community network will leverage the power of a centralized multi-dimensional database. It will marry individual & organizational needs with available services and support providers using critical data based linkages.



Questions?