



Executive Briefing Memo
RichmondWorks Meeting – January 10, 2008

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Department/Division/Project: Human Services Portfolio

Portfolio Overview:

The DCAO for Human Services provides leadership to the following departments, offices, and initiatives:

Departments – Department of Social Services, Department of Justice Services and Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

Offices and Initiatives – Early Childhood Development Initiative, Division of Youth and Workforce Development, Hispanic Liaison Office, Senior and Special Needs Advocacy, and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative.

The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services also monitors and serves as the point of contact for the following agencies: Richmond Public Library, Richmond City Health District, Regional Workforce Investment Board, Richmond Behavioral Health Authority and the Richmond Hospital Authority.

Issues for Discussion:

Presentation by Human Services Portfolio

The portfolio will present their methodology for tracking and analysis of social indicators as a tool to inform policy decisions at the departmental level. This initiative *does not* replace the portfolio's departments reporting to RichmondWorks on an individual basis.

The portfolio will also present their findings and recommendations resulting from their analysis.

Data Presented

Analysis of teen pregnancy data by zip code clearly indicates that zip codes 23223 and 23224 are problem areas, with teen pregnancy rates much higher than other zip codes. The same two zip codes are also areas of concern for foster care youth and PALS-K scores. However, when truancy and juvenile crime are analyzed, zip code 23225 shows up as a “hot spot” in addition to 23223 & 23224.

Questions:

- 1. What explains the relatively lower teen pregnancy rates in zip code 23225, despite the similarities in truancy and juvenile crime rates with zip codes 23224 and 23224?*

Emerging Issues

The portfolio has identified a need for a continued focus on pregnancy prevention education and programming among 11-19 year olds.

Questions:

- 1. What changes will be made to current programming to achieve the teen pregnancy reduction targets of 5% annually?*
- 2. What are the associated costs?*

Frequency of Reporting to RichmondWorks Meetings

Because the Human Services portfolio is collecting and reporting “high level” social indicators, which are typically compiled and released on an annual basis, an annual reporting and meeting frequency is recommended.

Questions/Follow-up Issues