Executive Summary

1. Activities – Prior Year: The COA has exceeded its goals for the 2000-2001 year. The combination of full time faculty and experienced OPS staff have worked together effectively to surpass expected outcomes. Focus on the Center's restructured priorities around three well articulated areas of emphasis sharpened the focus of faculty and staff efforts. Significant accomplishments included:

- Publication of the book, Elders, Crime, and the Criminal Justice System: Myth, Perception, and Reality in the 21st Century, edited by Drs. Rothman, Dunlop and Entzel (who also contributed three chapters), and three additional journal articles based on themes raised in the book. Although the book was published late in the last school year, faculty have successfully built on issues identified in this book to explore opportunities for research, education and training during the report year.

- Major initiatives in graduate and post-graduate education programs, including: successful introduction of new web-delivered graduate courses in Fall 2000 and Spring 2001 with an additional course in development for Fall 2001, positive response to the restructured graduate certificate program accomplished through stronger collaborative ties to University departments and strong support from University Outreach; and current development of the non-credit program, Certificate in Senior Services Management, and
the pending Professional Educational Program (for the Latin America and Caribbean markets).

- Increased emphasis on large research initiatives that target national funding sources that resulted in nine proposals. Targeted funders include the National Institute of Justice, the National Institute on Aging, the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, U.S. HUD, and USAID.

- New opportunities for collaboration with University faculty, including: the Health Promotion Education Program for Seniors in Miami-Dade Senior Housing, an initiative funded by the Overall Tenants Advisory Council with funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, involving faculty and 30 graduate students from five University departments; the expansion of the Graduate Certificate Program in Gerontology; and, new research initiatives developed with faculty from University units including Nursing, Social Work, Health Services Administration, Psychology, the Metropolitan Center and the Institute for Public Policy Research. During 2000-2001 the Center received $772,087 from Contracts and Grants, fees and other sources.

2. Activities – Coming Year: In the coming year, faculty will continue to develop research and training initiatives that target the three areas of emphasis described in 2000-2001 Long Range Goals 1 – 3. Special efforts will be directed toward:

- Obtaining funding for major research, education and training initiatives from federal government agencies and/or national foundations, especially related to Long Range Goals 2 and 3.
Active seeking opportunities to collaborate with other University faculty in major research, education and training initiatives.

Promoting knowledge gained through research, education and training initiatives in publications and presentations, with particular emphasis on national and international audiences.

Continuing to work closely with University Outreach to develop and implement major education and training initiatives that address new markets and/or integrate the potential of new technologies such as web-delivered education programs.

3. Supporting Documentation

Please see attached Biennial Report.