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Local Public Safety Coordinating Council  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

## Youth & Gang Violence Subcommittee

*Thursday, May 2, 2019*

*Multnomah Building, Room 126*

*501 SE Hawthorne Blvd*

*5-7pm*

### Meeting Agenda

5:00 pm	<b>Welcome &amp; Check-Ins</b> <i>Youth Ambassadors and Commissioners</i>
5:15 pm	<b>Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Word is Bond (WIB) Work &amp; Youth Against Violence (YAV) Work/Updates</li><li>● LPSCC Youth &amp; Gang Violence Subcommittee Work Work/Updates</li></ul>
5:25 pm	<b>Fishbowl Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Juvenile Justice System and Youth Mental Health</li></ul>
6:40 pm	<b>Next Steps</b>
6:55 pm	<b>Closing</b>

### Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 6, 2019

9-11am

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## Attendance

Antoinette Edwards, Office of Youth Violence  
Prevention  
Kirsten Snowden, MCDA

Captain Harry Bradshaw, MCSO  
Lakayana Drury, Word is Bond  
Mary Geelan, DCJ JSD  
Jillian Girard, County Budget  
Dave Hannon, MCDA  
Kallie Kurtz, Health Dept.  
Andrea Marquez, City of Portland MYC  
Erika Molina, Youth Development  
Jason Pearce, PPB  
Marcia Perez, DCJ JSD

Alice Perry, Latino Network  
James Quackenbush, PPB  
Nicole Relacion, DCJ SJD Intern  
Harry Smith, MCSO  
Raffaele Timarchi, Chair's Office, Summer Works  
Lily Yamamoto, LPSCC  
Christina Youssi, LPSCC

### Word is Bond Youth

Sebastian Chevalier

Iman Abdi

### Multnomah Youth Commission Youth

Emily Avendano

Blanca Gaxtan

## Notes

This Subcommittee meeting was held in the evening so youth could be involved. Youth Commissioners/Ambassadors opened and facilitated the meeting.

Introductions were made, and everyone shared their favorite scent.

## Youth Against Violence (YAV) Work

- The YAV Subcommittee has been holding focus groups, with outreach to schools.
- Still looking for connections to schools.
- Just wrapped up the mini-grants and gave away 7 grants. The awarding ceremony was held last week.

## Word is Bond (WIB) Work

- Working on 3rd summer internship program. This summer they are splitting into 3 or 4 groups. The 2nd year will focus more on professional development.
  - Question/request: After internships, could youth create some sort of training video from youth to law enforcement. Show to elected officials.
- Know Your Rights presentations. There was specific discussion about the Know Your Rights discussion at Lincoln High School.

## LPSCC Youth and Gang Violence Work

- Lily Yamamoto spoke about partnerships with Word is Bond. They will be having Law week.
- Y&GV Subcommittee is diving into the Ceasefire Strategy, developed in Oakland.
- Parent Partnership: there will be a parent summit on May 18th. A handout was distributed.
- Updates from the Health Dept: Working on what violence prevention policy will be from a public health perspective. They are convening two groups: a community advisor board and youth advisory board. Contact Kallie Kurtz for more information.
  - It was noted there are many different youth advisory boards, can we

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consolidate/cross-pollinate?

## **Fishbowl Discussion**

Four youth came to the middle of the room. Lakayana facilitated, and adults listened actively as the youth discussed the following questions about the Criminal Justice System:

*How do you see youth and youth of color impacted by the Criminal Justice System?*

- Youth of color are the most impacted.
- News/Media focus on youth of color.
- Once youth are touched by the system, it's hard to bounce back.
- White youth get away with stealing more easily.
- Youth of color have harsher consequences, and then they have a record.

*People of color are over-represented in the justice system. Why do you think that is?*

- Seen as more of a threat.
- More policing in communities of color.
- Bias against youth of color.
- The media portrays white people as the hero and people of color as the bad guys.

*What would it take to create more trust between the community and police?*

- A lot, a miracle. One youth ambassador says once he is outside the WIB circle, he doesn't trust police.
- More education on criminal justice and emphasize the positive aspects.
- White people need to educate themselves.
- More police holding events and being there to talk about what is happening.
- Power and representation needs to be more evenly distributed across the city and systems.

*What do you want to see from adults in the room who work in CJ system?*

- Make change you can see; take action with what we heard.
- Listen to voices and share with others.
- Step out of comfort zone and walk in the shoes of youth to see how they live.
- Listen to personal stories as much as we do statistics and data.
- Be willing to be uncomfortable.

The adults then shared what they heard, which included:

- Youth need to be treated fairly, with respect.
- Caring about community, perseverance.
- Unfairness
- Experiences of unfair treatment, good parts of people are overlooked by the system.
- Feel like they are seen as a threat.
- Adults don't share the same experiences.
- Deep lack of trust.

The youth and adults switched roles and answered the questions below:

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*What role do each of you play in the Criminal Justice System?*

- Leader in Sheriff's office to guide and ensure good work is done: currently in charge of detectives and chief of police in a small city in East County.
- To make sure schools within city limits are safe to learn.
- To invoke change and enhance practices around youth of color who have been impacted.
- Non-profit to serve as a partner to offer services.

*What are the challenges for the criminal justice system?*

- Foundation the system was built on.
- Shortage of recruits to law enforcement, now in a reactive mode, would prefer to be proactive.
- How do you rebuild trust when it is broken? One way to repair is to take accountability when it is wrong.
- Legitimacy crisis.

*Why are people of color over-represented in the justice system?*

- Disadvantages people of color have faced historically and systemically.
- Socio-economics, implicit bias.
- The system was and continues to be designed for people of color. It's also corporate.

Youth heard:

- Both want youth to help system change from within.

Youth want adults to spend time in communities and just be themselves.

## **Appreciations**

The meeting ended with everyone sharing an appreciation.