

# LPSCC

## Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting

*Attendance for April 3, 2014*

### Attendance

#### Subcommittee Attendees

Rod Underhill, District Attorney

Tracy Alioth, Home Forward

Nancy Bennett, Multco Gov. Relations

Kim Bernard, DCJ

Harry Bradshaw, OYA

Gunnar Browning, OYA

Sharon Darcy, Pathfinders of Oregon

Erin Fairchild, DCI Coordinator

Mary Geelan, Juvenile Court Improvement  
Coordinator

Lore Joplin, Joplin Consulting

Julia Mitchell, POIC

Joe McFerrin, POIC

Christina McMahan, DCJ

Arthur Nakamura, PPB

Truls Neal, DCJ

Michelle Plambeck, District #3

Erika Preuitt, DCJ

Valerie Salazar, MCHD

Kathryn Sofich, DCJ

Rebecca Stavenjord, County Health Department

Joe Walsh, Gresham Gang Prevention Policy

Advisor

Joel Wendland, Troutdale Police Dept.

Sara Westbrook, PPB

#### LPSCC Staff

Lauren Brown, LPSCC Staff

Christina Youssi, LPSCC Staff

### Welcome, Introductions, and Agency Updates

Subcommittee Co-Chair Rod Underhill welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were made. New subcommittee members are Gunnar Browning (OYA) and Tracy Alioth (Home Forward).

DA Rod Underhill gave an update of HB 3194. Based on the April forecast, the state is on track to meet the identified goals. The Regional Implementation Committee (RIC) includes Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion, Lane, and Multnomah counties. In their recent report, the bulk of reduction in prison commitments has been achieved through the practice changes in Multnomah County.

Joe McFerrin announced that the Community Healing Initiative youth have a lower recidivism rate than the general population.

Rebecca Stavenjord reported about youth meeting at POIC.

### Qualitative Data Collection

Rebecca Stavenjord noted that the gang member survey tool has been adapted to not be self-incriminating. She sees a trend that interview participants want to keep younger gang-involved youth out of the lifestyle. Help is still needed to identify community meetings where the surveys can be disseminated. Focus groups will convene in mid-April. Because the surveys will be finished soon, a decision needs to be made about how far to go beyond the minimum, and will we need additional funding?

There was a discussion around interviewing incarcerated youth and adults.

- To keep responses anonymous, there either needs to be a large pool, or responses from multiple facilities will be grouped together in a case study.
- The question came up regarding whether or not OYA staff could conduct the interviews.

- Defense Attorneys may have ethical issues with interviewing their clients.
- Regarding survey incentives, three questions were posed: do incarcerated individuals need incentives? Is it equitable not to give incentives if other participants are receiving them? Can incentives be non-monetary (i.e., an extra visit or candy)?
- Data collected to date includes: resident survey (17), community leader survey (38), youth serving agency survey (25), and gang-affected interview (50)

**Next Steps:**

- OYA and Pathfinders will help coordinate interviews in facilities
- Mary Geelan will ask Lane Borg for feedback about revised interview tool
- Decide how many more interviews to conduct and determine if this requires more funding. DCJ has provided initial funding for incentives.
- Continue disseminating surveys. Those who are less informed should complete the “community resident” survey.

**Quantitative Data Collection**

The research questions have been grouped into:

**Community:** Data sources include: DCJ, Health Department, DCHS, Census Data, STRYVE, Equity Atlas, Dist. 3 teen pregnancy maps.

**Schools:** All Hands Raised has shared their raw data with us, which includes district level data. Additional data at the alternative school data will also be collected from ODE’s web tool.

**Offenders:** Data is being collected from MCSO, DJ-JSD, and OYA. Kim is meeting with the Gang Enforcement Task Force to review and narrow down the list of identified gangs provided by MSCO. She will also meet with and review that list with Gang Outreach Workers from the City of Portland.

**Crimes:** Data is being used from the DAs office (gang unit crimes), LPSCC (crime maps) and PPB (STRYVE maps).

There was a discussion about charges for DV and Child Abuse. CSEC may have data.

The quantitative narrative will include a gap analysis, i.e., a description of what data is missing, the timeline of past and current efforts to ameliorate the data availability, and next steps for enhancing the data. It was determined that, due to timeline restrictions, it is not feasible to include recommendations for enhancements in Phase I of this effort.

**Victims:** PSU has reported and identified gaps and unmet service needs.

**Next Steps:**

- Kim wants to hear about steps your agency has taken for improving data.
- Kim would like access to more resources regarding victim studies. DA Rod Underhill may be able to help.
- Locate cross-over studies, specifically CSEC and DVERT. Erin Fairchild will follow-up with Becky Bangs.
- Involve US Attorney’s Office (Scott Anderson and Amanda Marshall), CSEC, and Firearms.

**Responsibility Matrix**

To move towards the implementation phase, Lore Joplin asked groups to identify Primary and Secondary responsibilities for Prevention, Intervention, Suppression, and Reentry. The group brainstormed lists of agencies that represent primary prevention responsibility. It was determined that the group needs to better understand and come to consensus regarding the category definitions before moving forward with this. The coordinating committee will bring a proposal for definitions to the next Y&GVSC meeting.

Next Steps:

- Define Prevention, Intervention, Suppression, & Reentry and Primary and Secondary.
- Erika Pruitt is going to invite someone from Sustainability

**NEXT MEETING –Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
8:30-9:50am**

**Location: Gresham City Hall—Room 2B, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham**

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