

LPSCC
Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting
Multnomah Building, Room 380
9-11am

Notes for November 5, 2015

Subcommittee Attendees

Antoinette Edwards, City of Portland
Rod Underhill, Multnomah County District
Attorney

Becky Bangs, DVCO Multco
Lorena Campbell, East County Schools
Sharon Darcy, Pathfinders
Erin Fairchild, Multco DVCO
Tracey Freeman, Department of Community
Justice/JSD
Mary Geelan, Juvenile Court Improvement
Coordinator
Cheryl Johnson, Cascadia
Dirk Kinsey, PSU
Andrea Marquez, City of Portland Youth
Development
Julia Mitchell, POIC
Erika Molina, City of Portland Office of Diversity
Alexis Moyer, Youth Commissioner

Felesia Otis, Volunteers of America Oregon
Edgar Perez, DHS Child Welfare
Alice Perry, Latino Network
Dana Riemos, Portland Public Schools
Thomas Robertson, POIC
Kirsten Snowden, MCDA
Rebecca Stavenjord, Multnomah County
Government Relations
Joseph Tietz, Pathfinders
Joe Walsh, City of Gresham
Jacob Williams, Ed NW
Eric Zimmerman, MCDA

LPSCC Staff

Abbey Stamp, LPSCC Executive Director
Amanda Lamb, LPSCC Analyst
Christina Youssi, LPSCC

Introductions and Announcements

Antoinette Edwards opened the meeting and everyone shared something they are grateful for.

Antoinette thanked LPSCC for having updates from schools on exclusionary discipline. The next LPSCC meeting will focus on juvenile justice with updates from Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee and from CHI Early Intervention.

Friday, November 13th. Antoinette Edwards will moderate a panel at Portland City Club on the topic of youth violence.

Strategy #6

Antoinette read the police legitimacy footnote for strategy #6. There was discussion around the word “obey.” Could it be changed to comply? Suggested change: “People who are asked to comply with authority have to **be and feel that they are** respected—if they speak up, they will be heard.” Should it be *any interaction* with law enforcement and not just when expected to obey the law? There was discussion on whether this definition is too top down. “The authority to be fair” feels ambiguous. The relationship component is missing.

It was decided to hold this discussion until police and youth are represented.

Adult-Youth Partnerships and Community Engagement

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Erik Molina, City of Portland Office of Diversity, and Andrea Marquez, City of Portland Youth Development Coordinator gave a presentation on Adult Youth Partnerships. Lexi, a youth commissioner, was also present.

The subcommittee participated in an activity and shared thoughts on how important youth participation is, whether youth are involved in decision making on the YGSC, and whether we have an intentional approach to recruiting youth and hearing their voice.

The presenters shared the meaning of “Youth-Adult Partnership,” the core principles, where it can take place, the evidence-based benefits. See the presentation for more information.

Stakeholders were brainstormed and include:

Community members, families, DCJ, schools, community-based organizations, DA's, young people, service providers, OYA, cities, police. Families and communities and young people are missing from the table.

There was discussion about keeping promises: We should not invite people to the table if their participation doesn't lead to results. If engagement isn't done well, it has a negative impact.

There was small group discussion around the added value and who it benefits and what are those benefits.

- Fully informed decision-making
- Discussion around urgency. Perhaps this subcommittee is not the place to have youth—we could go out to youth and report back to expedite the process. However, there is value in having youth throughout the whole process to be familiar and to build relationship and trust.

The presenters will be back next week. Email Christina if there is anything we want to gain from the next meeting.

The meeting was closed with everyone saying one word they felt.