

# LPSCC

## Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting

*Attendance for March 6, 2014*

### Attendance

#### Subcommittee Attendees

Antoinette Edwards, Youth Violence Prevention  
Office - City of Portland  
Rod Underhill, District Attorney

Kim Bernard, DCJ  
Brian Detman, Multco Chair's Office  
Sharon Darcy, Pathfinders of Oregon  
Tracey Freeman, DCJ  
Mary Geelan, Juvenile Court Improvement  
Coordinator

Craig Junginger, Gresham Police Chief  
Deborah Kafoury, Candidate – County Chair  
Julia Mitchell, POIC  
Shea Marshman, Multco Sheriff's Office  
Kevin Modica, PPB  
Scott Montgomery, PPB  
Truls Neal, DCJ  
Michelle Plambeck, District #3

Erika Preuitt, DCJ  
Orentho Rivers, VOA  
Kathy Sevos, VOA  
Kirsten Snowden, District Attorney's Office  
Rebecca Stavenjord, County Health Department  
Joe Walsh, Gresham Gang Prevention Policy  
Advisor  
Sara Westbrook, PPB

#### LPSCC Staff

Abbey Stamp, LPSCC Executive Director  
Lauren Brown, LPSCC Staff  
Lily Yamamoto, LPSCC Staff  
Christina Youssi, LPSCC Staff

### Welcome and Introductions

Subcommittee Co-Chair Rod Underhill welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were made.

Chief Junginger introduced Joe Walsh, the new gang prevention policy advisor for Gresham. He is assisting Gresham to develop gang prevention and intervention policies.

### Information Sharing

Commander Kevin Modica delivered a presentation on Information Sharing. The subcommittee was asked to vet and endorse the presentation before proposal to the LPSCC Executive Committee. The presentation highlighted the purpose and importance of information sharing. The desired outcome of the proposal is the creation of a Memoranda of Understanding as deemed needed by a variety of multidisciplinary groups, which would be supported by LPSCC. The subcommittee suggested adding more examples of gaps that could be addressed by better information sharing to the presentation. An education representative should participate in the body tasked with developing the MOU.

*Action Item: The subcommittee unanimously agreed that the Information Sharing presentation be brought to the LPSCC Executive Committee.*

### OJJDP Gang Assessment

Through a facilitated activity, attendees shared hopes and challenges:

#### Hopes:

- This is actually happening!
- Increased ability to address gang violence as a whole county
- Ages, underlying risk factors and community response
- Provides needed coordination

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- Secures a fundable strategy
- Replicates best practices
- Aligns dual jurisdictions
- Use the work to attract funds for prevention & intervention
- Establish unified definitions across agencies in order to track problems and monitor progress
- Guide a strategic plan that captures things like resource gaps, underserved populations, and policies that need to be changed and that provides coordinated and effective services
- Cost effective, proven methods for prevention based strategies and recidivism reduction
- Funding support for future efforts
- Determine location specific properties
- Identify our strengths in relation to prevention, intervention and suppression as well as gaps in coordination and service
- A process that invests in entire families

Challenges:

- Concerned that after energy goes into the work, there will be a breakdown in implementation or loss of momentum to push to the next phase in a timely and invested way
- Gang crime data won't be accurately depicted due to differences in data collection methods in various jurisdictions
- Lack of strengths-based focus framed as gang problems
- Timeline: A strong focus is needed to complete the assessment by June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Communications
- Strategy
- Useless bureaucratic banter
- Resources
- Gaps in data
- Variable definitions of what defines a gang member
- Politics and siloed agencies will block progress and solutions

Rebecca Stavenjord presented an overview of STRYVE and shared examples of maps developed during the STRYVE assessment phase to highlight issues related to youth violence prevention. The subcommittee agreed that the OJJDP assessment could include the existing STRYVE maps and when possible updated versions of the maps.

Qualitative Data Analysis

To address concerns about interview questions that may be incriminating and re-traumatizing, a smaller group that includes a judge and defense attorneys will review the questions.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, April 4, 2014  
Rosemary Anderson High School East  
2208 SE 182<sup>nd</sup> Ave – Gresham, OR 97223

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