

LPSCC

Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting

Notes for November 6, 2014

Subcommittee Attendees

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

Harry Bradshaw, Oregon Youth Authority
Gunnar Browning, Oregon Youth Authority
Lee Cha, IRCO
Kaysey Crump, IPR
Sharon Darcy, Pathfinders
Brian Detman, DCJ
Becky Dominguez, Home Forward
Erin Fairchild, DCI Coordinator
Marc Fernandes, Office of Diversity & Equity
Casey Filice, Chair's Office
Tracey Freeman, DCJ/JSD
Mary Geelan, Juvenile Court Improvement
Coordinator
Jim Hayden, MCDA
Ken Johnson, Fairview Police Chief

Mike Krantz, PPB-GET
Christina McMahan, DCJ/JSD
Kevin Modica, PPB
Felesia Otis, Volunteers of America Oregon
Erika Preuitt, DCJ
Timothy Sessions, PPB
Rebecca Stavenjord, Multnomah County Health
Joe Walsh, City of Gresham
Joel Wendland, Troutdale Police Department
Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Webber, District 4
Eric Zimmerman, MCDA

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Abbey Stamp, LPSCC Executive Director
Lily Yamamoto, LPSCC Project Manager
Christina Youssi, LPSCC Staff

Welcome, Introductions, and Agency Updates

Becky Dominguez announced that Home Forward has adopted a \$15 minimum wage.

Rebecca Stavenjord noted the work being done by the County to submit a Promise Zone application for the Rockwood area.

Joe Walsh said that the Friday night basketball program has started in Gresham. Volunteers are needed. Gresham has also launched an employment and education program for gang impacted youth.

DA Rod Underhill made several updates: Senior Deputy DA Jim Hayden, who works in neighborhood prosecution, has been moved to the Rockwood/Rosewood area. Kirsten Snowden will be promoted to Chief Deputy DA to run the gang unit and unit C. Chief Deputy Charlene Woods, who runs the family violence unit, is retiring at the end of the year, and Chuck Sparks will be her replacement. The Post Conviction Deputy position has been launched and will be filled by Russ Ratto.

Discussion Goals

Brian Detman, of DCJ, noted that in October, the Coordinating Council saw the need to present short-term recommendations to jurisdictions for funding while simultaneously continuing with long-term strategic planning. Abbey Stamp of LPSCC talked about the potential for this approach to show our commitment to the gang assessment. This meeting was dedicated to brainstorming and discussing activities for the short-term plan.

Mary Geelan highlighted the voices and data from the assessment that support the top five themes.

The following are potential themes and activities. Examples in blue represent new ideas from steering committee members at the meeting.

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Multnomah
County**

Themes from the Assessment

"Mentors that Get It"

- Examples of existing efforts
 - Street Level Gang Outreach
 - VOA Mentors
 - 11:45
 - Community Health Workers
 - Community Healing Initiative
 - Portland Children's Levy Funded Programs
 - Friends of the Children
 - Boys & Girls Clubs
- New Ideas
 - 11:45 group is thinking about ways to recruit college-age mentors and for older mentors to coach younger mentors
 - Oregon Mentors—technical assistance, recruitment
 - Bridges to Change
 - Need a mechanism for those making the transition from pro-social to mentors
 - Eric Zimmerman is looking for technical assistance from the federal government to help with recruiting and training mentors

"Employment Opportunities"

- Examples
 - SummerWorks
 - SE Works/Work Systems
 - Community Health Workers
- New Ideas
 - POIC
 - TANF
 - Portland Youth Builders
 - Constructing Hope
 - Are there agriculture or forestry opportunities?
 - Job CORP
 - Are there opportunities to partner with higher education—Federal work study
 - DCJ has Project Payback for restitution and gardening

"Disconnect from Schools"

- Examples
 - Youth, Rights & Justice legal advocacy work
 - Juvenile court counselor embedded with Youth Services Division working with school resource officers
 - Attendance initiatives
- New Ideas
 - Pathfinders helping kids on the edge —YVP Initiative—Reynolds MS, HB Lee
 - Project StayOut for youth with IEPs and involved with the justice system.
 - DCJ/JSD has volunteer tutors
 - CSY Collaborative
 - Pathfinder
 - UofO, Helensview—justice involvement
 - SUN System
 - Alliance 4Kid Conference
 - Credit Deficiency—disinvestment
 - Reconnection Centers
 - Policies and Procedures

- Cradle to Career
- Root causes of absenteeism. May learn something from CPC meeting on Friday.
- Alternative Schools, school within a school

“Links Between Police, Youth and Community”

- Examples:
 - Peer Court
 - Diversion pilot focused on first-time offenders to reduce racial and ethnic disparities
 - Community accountability boards (Clackamas County)
- New Ideas
 - RENEW
 - GET presence with youth, relationship building
 - Youth Services Division
 - GREAT program and family programs
 - GIFT
 - STRYVE
 - Multnomah Youth Commission Boards—Youth Against Violence summit, Youth and Police forums, STRYVE, ICP
 - PPB audit—community engagement and outreach plan
 - BMA—not what we think they need, what but they think they need

“Parent/Family Engagement”

- Examples:
 - Peer Court
 - Diversion pilot focused on first-time offenders to reduce racial and ethnic disparities
 - Community accountability boards (Clackamas County)
- New Ideas
 - Healing Hurt People
 - Centers for Family Success Pathways
 - Juvenile Court Case planning
 - CHI—parent group, paid parent mentor
 - Youth Commission
 - Black Male Achievement

Throughlines to consider in any activity:

- Victims needs
- Current and former gang members want to be part of the solution and to be engaged
- Bring youth and family voices into the conversation
- Trauma-informed
- Root Causes

Sharon Darcy of Pathfinders noted that these activities could happen through Project Access

Discussion and Next Steps

Everyone added actions to the 5 themes and voted on the top 4. These will be taken to the November Coordinating Council to be fleshed out. A more fully developed plan will be presented to the Steering Committee in December. All ideas will be taken forward into the long-term planning.