

LPSCC
Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting
Fairview City Council Chambers
1300 NE Village St Fairview, OR
9-11am

Notes for April 7, 2015

Subcommittee Attendees

Co-Chair Antoinette Edwards, City of Portland's
Office of Youth Violence Prevention

Harry Bradshaw, Oregon Youth Authority
Kaitlynn Davis, Multnomah County DA's Office
Kate Desmond, Department of Community Justice
Brian Detman, DCJ/Juvenile Services Division
Ben Duncan, Office of Equity and Diversity
Erin Fairchild, Multco DVCO
Tracey Freeman, Department of Community
Justice/JSD
Mary Geelan, Juvenile Court Improvement
Coordinator
Jenny Glass, Rosewood Initiative
Nelson Gonzalez, Portland OIC
Sheryl Goodman, DCJ/Juvenile Services Division
Larry Graham, Portland Police Bureau
Bonnie Grimm, Metropolitan Family Services
Dave Hendrie, Portland Police Bureau
Erin Hubert, Boys & Girls Club Portland
Cheryl Johnson, Cascadia—HHP
Ken Johnson, Fairview Police
Dirk Kinsey, Portland State University
Rick Kirschmann, Portland Public Schools

Mike Krantz, Portland Police Bureau
Jorge Cruz, Metropolitan Family Services
Josh Lathan, Cascadia--HHP
Julia Mitchell, Portland OIC
Felesia Otis, Volunteers of America Oregon
Roberta Phillip, Multco Office of Diversity & Equity
Erika Preuitt, Department of Community Justice
Brad Robertson, East Metro Gangs
Tim Sessions, Portland Police Bureau
Kathy Sevos, Volunteers of America Oregon
Spencer Sheldon, Portland Police Bureau
Jane Shoemaker, United States Attorney's Office
Kirsten Snowden, Multnomah County DA's Office
Rebecca Stavenjord, Multnomah County
Government Relations
Joe Walsh, City of Gresham
Eric Zimmerman, Multnomah County DA's Office

LPSCC Staff

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

Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Co-Chair Antoinette Edwards welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made and attendees said one thing that is needed to have an impact on gang violence.

Abbey Stamp noted that the LPSCC retreat on March 31st focused on priorities for juvenile justice.

Dr. Robert Macy will have a two-day training on trauma informed de-escalation.

The gang coordinator job announcement has closed.

Presentation on Current Gang Activity

There was a discussion on current trends in gang activity.

- Law Enforcement: Lt. Mike Krantz presented an incidents map showing the movement of gang activity east. Distribution of activity has changed: there's less of a stronghold and activity tends to be more mobile and happen around apartments. He noted there is a 64% increase in incidents from the same time a year ago. Possible reasons might be the warmer and dryer winter, and police are recovering more guns and seeing an increase in retaliation events, likely due to social media. Other trends seen by police include:

- Uptick in Surenos gangs
- Human trafficking
- Drug trafficking: heroin and methamphetamine most common, but still see cocaine and fentanyl

Trends seen by school resource officers include:

- Kids are threatening violence on social media and claiming gang affiliation
- Recruiting at schools, recruiting through social media
- California drought may be bringing some gangs north
- Seeing gang colors in schools

Trends seen by Department of Community Justice:

- Lack of understanding between youth and parental figures
- Collaboration with DCJ and Portland Public Schools

Trends seen by the District Attorney's Office:

- There is a dangerous trend of girls using meetme.com. Girls are isolated.
- Kids firing guns within the city getting bench probation with no services.

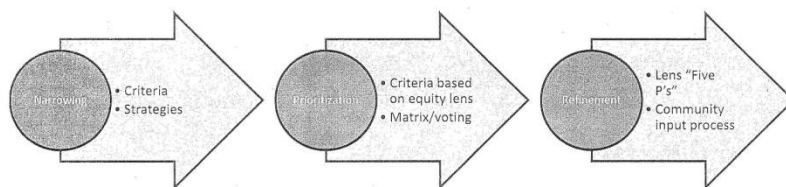
Felisa Otis of Volunteers of America noted that children are at high risk after parents go to prison; depression makes some people more likely to cause harm; everyone wants to be visible and important.

Some successes were noted by Kate Desmond of DCJ: CSEC, DCJ, DV and others are working together; cognitive restructuring is effective; mentors and outreach workers make a significant impact; more witnesses are willing to testify.

Criteria for Selecting Strategies & the Equity Lens

Mary Geelan and Ben Duncan presented the process map for strategy prioritization utilizing the Equity and Empowerment Lens. The Coordinating Council will be prioritizing the strategies from the Gang Assessment using a matrix with scales of control and impact.

Youth Gang Violence Subcommittee: Process Map for Strategy Prioritization utilizing Equity and Empowerment Lens



The meeting was adjourned.

