

LPSCC

Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting

North Precinct: 449 NE Emerson St Portland

Notes for July 2, 2015

Subcommittee Attendees

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

Brian Detman, DCJ
Erin Cunningham, Boys and Girls Club of Portland
Erin Fairchild, Multco DVCO
Heather Ficht, Worksystems
Casey Filice, Chair's Office
Tracey Freeman, Department of Community Justice/JSD
John Haub, US Attorney's Office
Dave Hendrie, PPB
Mike Krantz, PPB
Julia Mitchell, POIC
Tom Peavey, City of Portland
Roberta Phillip-Robbins, DCJ

Michelle Plambeck, Commissioner Shiprack's Office
Felesia Otis, Volunteers of America Oregon
Thomas Robertson, POIC Gift Coordinator
Sang DAO, DCJ
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
Christina Youssi, LPSCC Staff

Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Antoinette Edwards opened the meeting and introductions were made.

- Roberta Phillip was introduced as the new Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Specialist, and she gave a brief overview of what she would be doing.
- There will be a [Kids at Hope](#) event on Wednesday, July 7th at 9am.
- There will not be a Community Peace Collaborative meeting on July 3rd.
- The US Attorney's Office has submitted several requests to DOJ related to the Smart on Crime initiative. Hope to report the results at next meeting.
- Defending Childhood has been working with Reynolds School District to start a Trauma Informed Care breakthrough series.
- Erika Pruitt mentioned a Community Empowerment conference that takes place in Minnesota, which addresses trauma in the black community. DCJ hopes to bring a similar conference to Portland in January 2016.
- Julia Mitchell said she has a new compliance officer role at POIC and will still be involved with community outreach.
- Promise Zone debrief—our jurisdiction received a high score for crime need and government collaborations.

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- Boys and Girls Club is serving more kids than last year.
- Summer Works is on track to serve 750 kids this summer.
- The past two weekends have been a little quieter for the Gang Enforcement Team.
- Multnomah County received the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge grant to make a plan for reducing the number of people in jail. The county is focusing on options for inmates with behavioral health needs, decreasing the disproportionate incarceration of people of color, and decreasing the number of low-level inmates in jail.
- Brian Detman and Sang Dao met with Multnomah County youth at OYA's Camp Florence to share Comprehensive Gang Assessment updates. The importance of relationships was reinforced.

Overview of Work Done Since the Last Meeting

The Coordinating Council and a subgroup of the Coordinating Council did more narrowing of the strategies. The updated document was distributed. The format has been changed to an objective statement followed by 3 strategies per theme.

The *Disconnection from Schools* strategy will be renamed *Connection to Schools*. Before going further with this strategy, Abbey Stamp will be in contact with schools with plans to go to them. It was noted there is 2 million dollar United Way Initiative to reduce disproportionate discipline in schools.

Before going further with the *Links Between Police, Youth & Communities* strategy, a meeting with all local law enforcement agencies is needed.

Three of the almost-final strategies were looked at through the lens of Who Benefits and Who Doesn't. The following are the results from a large group discussion:

Family Engagement

The definition of family is important.

Who Benefits	Who Does Not Benefit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families in focused communities • Immigrant families • Families already connected to systems (services, custody) • Community providers • Traditionally underemployed—front line • People who traditionally have difficulty accessing behavioral health services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community—perpetuating message that people can't help themselves • Families connected to many systems—is this one more contact. More isn't always better. • People who don't feel connected to a family network • Unengaged families • Youth and first time family development • People without documentation

Employment Opportunities

Who Benefits	Who Does Not Benefit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business community • Tax base • All young people (employment readiness not taught in schools) • Youth 16 and up • Society—decrease in crime/theft if money in pockets • Families • Low income and youth of color • Youth seen as having value • Schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13-15 year olds • Home grown, small businesses • People invested in status quo • Youth unable to legally work • Unengaged youth 15-25 years old • Entrepreneurs • Those competing for the jobs outside the target population

Mentors that Get It

Who Benefits	Who Does Not Benefit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community/Society—public safety • People with lived experience • Offenders • Disconnected young people • At-risk youth • Mentees families • Juvenile court counselors and Pos • Providers • The next generation • Smaller mentoring groups without system support <p>Note: the strategy needs to state volunteer v. paid mentors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who don't want or aren't ready to change • Criminal enterprise • Mentors who don't get it • Small mentoring organizations/networks • When system thinks it's the best helper to the detriment of others • Older mentors • Volunteer positions • Those unable to work legally • Immigration status

Future meeting: Where do we start?

It was agreed that #2,3,5 are okay as written. The recommendation was made to footnote healthy relationships/domestic violence prevention. #4 will be renamed *Connection to Schools*.

Abbey Stamp ended the meeting by stating LPSCC will need to approve the plan. Therefore, there will be a Youth & Gang Violence presentation to LPSCC in the fall and will include the strategies and a conversation about schools.