



LPSCC Executive Committee Meeting

Summary Minutes for January 10, 2012

Introductions, Announcements, and Approval of Minutes

LPSCC Executive Committee Members In Attendance

Vanetta Abdellatif for Lillian Shirley, Director, Public Health
Lane Borg, Director, Metropolitan Public Defenders
Drew Brosch for Sheriff Dan Staton
Judge Julie Frantz, Chief Criminal Court Judge
Joanne Fuller, Chief Operating Officer
Judy Hadley, Citizen Representative
Suzanne Hayden, Citizens' Crime Commission
Jeff Hershman, Oregon State Police
David Hidalgo, Interim Director, County Mental Health Services
Amanda Marshall, U.S. Attorney
Maureen McKnight, Chief Family Court Judge
Christina McMahan, Assistant Director, Dept. of Community Justice, Juvenile Services Division
Annie Neal, Domestic Violence Coordinator
Chief Mike Reese, Portland Police Bureau
Michael Schrunck, District Attorney
Scott Taylor, Director, Department of Community Justice
Judge Nan Waller, Presiding Circuit Court Judge

Other Attendees

Galina Abrams, Multnomah County IT
Christina Albo, Resolutions Northwest
Amy Anderson, Health Department Council Chair
Kim Bernard, DCJ

Dave Braaksma, MCSO
Doug Bray, Circuit Court Administrator
Shannon Busby, Multnomah County Budget Office
Carlos Calandrello, Multnomah County Attorney's Office
Joseph Cieloha, Recovery Association Project
Markley Drake, MCSO
Carl Goodman, DCJ
Julie Goodrich, MCHD
Althea Gregory, Commissioner Smith's Office
Jason Heilbrun, County IT - Public Safety
Neal Japport, Oregon Judicial Department
Tess Jordan, FPD, OMF, City of Portland
Zorwyn Madrone, Resolutions Northwest
Steve March, County Auditor's Office
Clay Neal, Mayor's Office
Alison Noice, COCA, Inc.
Nate Reaver, MCSO
Karen Rhein, DCJ
Charlene Rhyne, DCJ
Kathy Sevos, Volunteers of America
Joel Shapiro, Multnomah County District 4
Kathleen Treb, DCJ

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Peter Ozanne, Executive Director
Matt O'Keefe, Analyst
Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Weber, Executive Assistant

District Attorney Michael Schrunck called the meeting to order.

Chief Family Court Judge Maureen McNight was welcomed as a new LPSCC member.

Old Business: What Works Conference

Peter Ozanne reported that the What Works conference was a success, with good turnout and good feedback from attendees. He encouraged LPSCC members to share their ideas for the next conference topic. . Scott Taylor praised the conference and the quality of the speakers. Materials from the conference, including audio and slideshows from

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presentations, are available on the LPSCC website, and Mary-Margaret has a limited number of conference packets available

Multnomah County Corrections Grand Jury Report

Materials referenced: Multnomah County Corrections Grand Jury Report.

Michael Schrunk introduced the report, which is produced pursuant to Oregon statute that requires an annual review of conditions at local corrections facilities around the state.

Stacy Heyworth, Senior District Attorney, Multnomah County, presented the results of the Multnomah County Corrections Grand Jury Report. Stacy stated that overall, the Grand Jury's report was positive. The Grand Jury particularly praised corrections officers, sustainability practices adopted at the jail, and reduced health care costs. Areas of concern included a hiring backlog that has contributed to excessive overtime costs. The open-booking policy, while generally a great success, is an area of concern because of potential risks to corrections officers.

Drew Brosch agreed that the report was largely favorable and said he was particularly pleased that the Grand Jury had praised the work of corrections officers. He agreed that the hiring backlog is costly, and said it is an issue the Sheriff's office is working to address.

Public Safety Budgeting Process

Materials referenced: Chief Mike Reese's Portland Police Bureau Slideshow.

Joanne Fuller provided an overview of the current intergovernmental, interagency public safety budgeting process. Partners from City and County public safety agencies have been convened to discuss how significant state budget reductions will impact the county's public safety system and individual agencies. Joanne thanked Chief Reese and the other partner agencies that have taken part in this process.

Chief Reese presented public safety data including crime rates, officers per capita, and policing data in Portland and comparison cities. The data illustrate that Multnomah County's public safety system is working in spite of budget cuts, and that Portland remains a very safe city overall. However, property crimes are a bit higher than some similar communities. Particular geographic areas of Portland, such as the downtown area, continue to experience higher crime rates, and the problem of gang violence is moving eastward. The increasing rate of homelessness is another issue of concern. Future analysis will include data on poverty and other socio-economic and demographic data.

Joanne suggested that Chief Reese present this data to the County Board of Commissioners. Judge Julie Frantz suggested that Chief Reese present the data at the court's brown-bag meeting.

Scott Taylor said that he would like to analyze the relationships between the data to better understand causes and effects. Peter Ozanne suggested that a future meeting of the Executive Committee be devoted to this topic.

Chief Reese said that with the new CAD system adapted in April, Portland Police are tracking contacts that do not result in arrests as well as contacts that do, and mental health contacts and contacts with gang affected individuals. The Portland Police Bureau should be able to report on this data soon.

Scott Taylor asked what “normal” graduation rates were compared to the ones shown for Portland in the Chief’s data. The Committee agreed that Karen Gray was the best source for this type of information.

Judge Waller reported that the courts have had 3.5 percent held back from their budget. Doug Bray said this will result in 25 positions lost. The court lost 35 positions in July. Judge Waller noted that court access will be affected, and that the courts may not remain open five days a week. Waiting times for replies to phone calls and for in-person service have already become very long, and court orders are not carried out as quickly. Judge Frantz added that judicial assistants now spend 20 to 25 percent of their time outside of the judges’ chambers to catch up on clerical tasks.

Amanda Marshall said that her budget has been funded at a slightly higher rate than last year. The US Attorney’s office is under a hiring freeze until President Obama makes his budget recommendations for the next fiscal year. Her office’s priorities include operating a gang task force and enforcement of laws against human trafficking.

Data Presentation

Peter Ozanne reviewed the Executive Committee’s recommendation in the county’s 2008 Public Safety Plan to prioritize data collection and analysis. The position held by Elizabeth Davies and Matt O’Keefe was designed by the plan to ensure more rigorous analysis of system wide data and systemic issues, greater and more effective use of the DSS-Justice data warehouse, and stronger empirical analysis to support policy makers and LPSCC.

Matt O’Keefe gave a brief overview of the data analysis projects the DSS-J Policy Subcommittee has prioritized and were presented to the Executive Committee at their October meeting. These projects include the Public Safety Brief, GIS analysis, and gang network analysis. Matt presented a draft of the Public Safety Brief, which has been renamed the “Public Safety Trends Summary” and redesigned to increase the amount of relevant data and improve its presentation in the document.

The Executive Committee discussed the data and its presentation. Matt noted that demographic and economic data could be included in future special analysis to enhance the effectiveness of safety prevention strategies. The size of the juvenile caseload has been included in past Public Safety Briefs, and a committee focused on juvenile data could be formed to develop additional juvenile system data.

Suggestions included tracking requests for drug and alcohol treatment, more comparisons of property and person crimes, more detailed descriptions of how the data was derived, and an opportunity for the Executive Committee to examine and discuss this data in more depth. Peter Ozanne again proposed that a future LPSCC meeting focus on the issues of data collection and use.

General Discussion

Judy Hadley suggested that the LPSCC Executive Committee discuss its role in the Governor’s public safety planning process at a future meeting. Peter Ozanne said that he could invite staff of the Governor’s Commission on Public Safety to report to LPSCC on their activities and future plans.

Next LPSCC Meeting: February 7, 7:30-9:00 am

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