



LPSCC Executive Committee Meeting

Summary Minutes for September 13, 2011

I. Introductions, Announcements, and Approval of Minutes

LPSCC Executive Committee Members In Attendance

Judy Shiprack, Multnomah County
Commissioner, District #3
Suzanne Bonamici, State Senator
Lane Borg, Director, Metropolitan Public
Defenders
Karl Brimner, Director, County Mental Health
Services
Bill Feyerherm, Vice Provost for Research
and Dean of Graduate Studies, Portland
State University
Judge Julie Frantz, Chief Criminal Court
Judge
Joanne Fuller, Chief Operating Officer
Karen Gray, Superintendent, Parkrose School
District
Judy Hadley, Citizen Representative
Deborah Hansen, Regional Director, Oregon
Youth Authority
Suzanne Hayden, Citizens' Crime
Commission
Jeff Hershman, Oregon State Police
Dwight Holton, Acting U. S. Attorney
Chief Craig Junginger, Gresham Police
Guillermo Maciel, for Multnomah County
Chair Jeff Cogen
Annie Neal, Domestic Violence Coordinator
Dan Staton, Multnomah County Sheriff
Judge Nan Waller, Chief Family Court Judge
Christina McMahan, Assistant Director, Dept.
of Community Justice, Juvenile Services
Division
Scott Taylor, Director, Department of
Community Justice

LPSCC Staff

Tom Bode, Research Associate
Matt O'Keefe, Analyst
Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Weber,
Executive Assistant

Other Attendees

Kim Bernard, DCJ
Doug Bray, Circuit Court Administrator
Drew Brosh, MCSO
Jann Brown, DCJ
Shannon Busby, Multnomah County
Budget Office
Markley Drake, MCSO
Jason Heilbrun, County IT - Public
Safety
Neal Japport, Oregon Judicial
Department
Matthew Lashua, Commissioner
Shiprack's Office
Steffeni Mendoza-Gray, City of
Portland
Gary Oxman, County Health Officer
Nate Reaver, MCSO
Charlene Rhyne, DCJ
Eric Sevos, Cascadia
Henry Stern, Multnomah County
Communications
Thuy Vanderlinde, Department of
Community Justice
Shannon Wight, Partnership for Safety
and Justice
Noelle Wiggins, Community
Capacitation Center Manager
Corie Wiren, Commissioner McKeel's
Office

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Commissioner Shiprack called the meeting to order.

Announcements

Gary Oxman announced that the Health Department has received a five-year, \$1.1 million grant called S.T.R.Y.V.E. (Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere) from the Center for Disease Control. The grant money will allow the Health Department to hire two additional staff for the duration of the grant. There will be an initial two-year planning process followed by three years of implementation. The Health Department will act as the administrative agency for the grant; the planning process will take place within the LPSCC subcommittee on Youth and Gang Violence.

Annie Neal announced that Multnomah County received the Defending Childhood Grant, which provides \$500,000 for three years to address the issues of domestic violence and bullying. There will be a special focus on East County, with the first training to be held at a school there next month.

Commissioner Shiprack welcomed three new members to LPSCC: Christina McMahan, Juvenile Services Director for DCJ; Lt. Jeff Hershman from the Oregon State Police; and David Hidalgo, the new Mental Health Director.

Commissioner Shiprack recognized Karl Brimner for his service to Multnomah County. He is retiring.

Cori Wiren announced that the county commission approved allocating money to fund mid-range housing for victims of human trafficking. This program will dovetail with the emergency crisis beds provided by the City of Portland.

Dwight Holton announced that in mid October, Amanda Marshall will replace him as Oregon the United States Attorney for Oregon. She will likely be attending the next meeting. He will be working with her to coordinate the transition.

The minutes from the July Executive Committee Meeting were approved.

Unfinished Business: Next Steps for Mental Health and Public Safety Subcommittee

Joanne Fuller and Judge Julie Frantz

Commissioner Shiprack asked the co-chairs of the subcommittee, Judge Julie Frantz and Joanne Fuller, to discuss the impact the budget cuts that the county inherited from the State.

Fuller reiterated that the county has passed through state cuts of about \$12 million. The state budget cuts impacted specific county budget streams, so that the county board was forced to consider cuts to services that it would have not otherwise. Two major cuts resulted from state budget decisions. One was an across-the-board cut to medical and mental health plans that fund services to people on the Oregon Health Plan. Services to members will not be cut, as federal regulation requires that those services still be provided, but the county will be compensated less to provide those services. The county may try to provide different levels of service to people depending upon the severity of their mental illness. County health may also seek one-time money from the county's reserve fund.

The second major cut was to the crisis system. The state implemented a policy that distributes money to counties based on population and because of the "urban effect" that concentrates people with need in urban centers, this policy disproportionately affects Multnomah County's ability to provide services. The Board is considering a proposal to allocate money from reserves to restore the funding lost from the state.

Dwight Holton mentioned that cuts to the crisis intervention system will have a direct effect on the police interaction with people with mental illness. Because of continued cuts to the mental health system, police contact with mental illness has dramatically increased over the last decade.

The co-chairs of the Mental Health Public Safety Subcommittee are considering holding working group sessions in addition to their normal monthly meetings. Potential topics include mental health intervention at Bud Clark Commons and coordinating the communication of patient mental health information between the Jail, DCJ, and other county and private health care providers.

Analysis of Public Safety Data and Trends

Matt O'Keefe

Matt O'Keefe announced that next month the DSS-J Policy Committee will present to the Executive Committee a list of the research projects that LPSCC staff is considering. Among those projects is the continued revision of the Public Safety Brief.

Matt O'Keefe presented to the committee two analyses that the LPSCC staff have produced in cooperation with the Portland Police Department: a "shots fired" heat map of the county and a social network analysis of a gang member.

Chief Junginger commented that he would like to see more analysis that includes East County.

Commissioner Shiprack spoke about the value of geographic analysis like this for grant applications.

Report from Communications Subcommittee

Karen Gray

The subcommittee is composed of Karen Gray, Judge Mauer, Suzanne Hayden, with staff help. The goal of the subcommittee is to better describe LPSCC to the community.

The subcommittee showed several of their communication products to the Council. The website was simplified and cleaned up. The subcommittee distributed copies of the "new member" packet to the Council. Draft brochure language was distributed.

The subcommittee presented a motion of having a paperless meeting, which received positive feedback from the group. The October Executive Committee meeting will be a "paperless" meeting. Meeting materials will be available on the website.

The subcommittee shared its 2011-2012 Communication Plan. The Plan shows the target audiences of LPSCC and key messages and communication tools that will be used to reach those audiences. Tools include an elevator speech card and a brochure.

Budget and Legislative Roundtable

The Sheriff announced that his office has reached the threshold point for cuts in funding. After several years of continued cuts, any further cuts will reduce its ability to provide core services. A ten-year study indicated that the Jail needs 1310 jail beds to provide essential services. In response to requests from the Board of Commissioners, the Jail has offered up closing another dorm, which would bring the total number of beds to 1261. If that happens, the Jail will be in a forced release situation on almost a continuous basis. This would constrain the operational choices of Judges, DCJ, and the District Attorney's Office. Sheriff Staton urged the Council to work on adapting to budget cuts in a coordinated manner.

Scott Taylor agreed with the Sheriff that the Council should look to the future and recognize that at some point, the agencies are not going to be able to perform at the level expected by the rest of the system. Given the current budget trajectory, the way the system operates will have to change. For example, the Drug Court program, which is successful by many measures, may have to be cut. Continually looking only one year ahead and using one-time-only money to some extent distracts from reality.

Senator Suzanne Bonamici spoke about the difficulties of putting together the state budget at the legislature. She spoke about the importance of informing the public about the facts of public safety. She reminded the Council that the three main expenditures of the state are education, health and human services, and public safety including corrections. Often, education and health and human services advocates are able to bring stronger public pressure to the state capital during budget season, because there are not as many strong advocates for public safety.

Judge Nan Waller announced that the courts will be closed nine days in the coming budget year. Since 2009, there have been dozens of positions lost. The court was directed to spend 54% of their budget the first year on the assumption that there will be increased state revenues. If this is not the case, the second year of the biennium will be dire. Construction funding for the Gresham courthouse was approved, but furnishings were not. That is something that will have to be worked out. Bringing Ecourt online is a priority for the next few years as it will hopefully create many system efficiencies.

Deborah Hansen spoke about the Oregon Youth Authority. It cut 150 beds across the state. Residential resources have been increased to compensate.

Jeff Hershman of Oregon State Police announced that they lost 49 positions. In the Portland area, the number of positions has decreased to 24 from 34.

Annie Neal announced that domestic violence Victim's Services has had modest cuts, less than in the rest of the system. The largest impact for domestic violence services is the reductions in the rest of the public safety system.

Topics for the Next Meeting

- DSS-J Policy Committee
- Youth and Gang Violence Strategies
- Opiate Prescribing Policy & Community Impacts

Next LPSCC Meeting: October 4, 7:30-9:00 am

Questions, comments or suggestions?

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