

**Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
Youth & Gang Violence Steering Committee**

Summary Minutes for the June 25, 2012 Meeting

Present

Antoinette Edwards
Debbie Hansen
Suzanne Hayden
Pam Hiller
Mary Li
Kevin Modica
Clay Neal
Peter Ozanne
Roberta Phillip
Erika Pruitt
William Smith
Rebecca Stavenjord
Eric Zimmerman

Attending

Samantha Kaan
Marissa Lopez
Emanuel Price
Noelle Wiggins

Staff

Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Weber

Check in and Announcements

Steering Committee members and attendees each shared “one small success,” something in their professional or personal life that has gone well recently.

The Steering Committee approved minutes from the April, 2012 meeting, there having been no meeting in May.

Steering Committee Role

Roberta Phillip led a discussion of the role of the Steering Committee. She presented a graphic, prepared by Rebecca Stavenjord, representing a framework for organizing area efforts to address youth and gang violence. Under the auspices of LPSCC, STRYVE, led by the Health Department would focus on prevention; the Community Healing Initiative (CHI) led by the Department of Community Justice and Human Services would focus on intervention; and the Gang Impacted Families Team (GIFT), led by the Portland Police Bureau would focus on suppression and re-entry.

Representatives from each of these initiatives currently sit on the Y&GVSC. The Y&GVSC would serve as an information hub. Roberta Phillip noted that the framework did not include an exhaustive list of work being done and additional initiatives may also come under the same framework structure.

Eric Zimmerman noted that communication even within organizations is challenging and a forum for facilitating that communication is valuable. Mary Li commented that the Y&GVSC should have a role in discerning which strategies are evidence based and have

the best return on investment. Antoinette Edwards added that the group should show leadership, and not ignore inefficient work in the interest of collaboration, even if this sometimes led to difficult conversations. Debbie Hansen said that it would be difficult for LPSCC to wield a veto over any efforts and suggested that a LPSCC endorsement is a positive way to approach the same issue. Pam Hiller suggested that when letters of support were sought from the Y&GVSC, that would be a time to ask if additional outreach had been done with other groups.

Erika Pruitt suggested that the network analysis work was a good model for projects in which issues are worked out in smaller group meetings and then brought back to the Y&GVSC. Suzanne Hayden asked about the current status of the network analysis work, and Roberta informed her it is taking place within GIFT.

The Steering Committee agreed to the creation of a STRYVE Coalition that is required by the grant funding STRYVE. The coalition will direct STRYVE, include several Y&GVSC members and report to Y&GVSC on a regular basis.

Community Gang Assessment

Erika Pruitt asked about the status of the community gang assessment that the Y&GVSC had overseen in 2011. Peter Ozanne explained that an OJJDP grant proposal had required the assessment. In the absence of funding for the grant the assessment was de-prioritized. Peter Ozanne said that a useful assessment would require a substantial amount of work. Antoinette Edwards said that the assessment was foundational to other gang work and agreed to lead the assessment work forward, with Peter Ozanne, Mary Li and Debbie Hanson joining her.

Action Plan

The Y&GVSC's original action plan was approved at the January, 2011 LPSCC meeting and in several respects is out of date. Roberta Phillip reviewed a draft of a new action plan, and suggested that a new plan should be presented for approval at an upcoming LPSCC meeting. She will send a draft action plan to the Y&GVSC for review.

Next meeting: July 23rd, 2012, room 201, Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne.