

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

Summary Minutes for the March 26, 2012 Meeting

Present

David Barrios
Antoinette Edwards
Marc Fernandes
Rob Halverson
Art Hendricks
Kevin Modica
Thach Nguyen
Roberta Phillip

Rebecca Stavenjord
Eric Zimmerman

Attending:
Christina Albo
Maria Scanelli

Staff: Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Weber

Group Check in and Announcements: One Small Success

Steering Committee members and attendees began by each sharing “one small success” – something in their work or life that has gone well recently.

Marc Fernandez reminded the group of the upcoming Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Youth Violence on April 21st. He said that 14 focus groups have been held with young people identifying forms of violence to discuss at the summit; they anticipate holding 17 focus groups in total. The Summit organizers see the event as the first in an ongoing series. Christina Albo suggested that the annual Peacemakers Conference for youth, held by Resolutions Northwest in October, might be of related interest to the Summit organizers and participants.

Minutes from the February 2012 meeting were approved.

STRYVE

Rebecca Stavenjord provided an update on recent STRYVE activities, which have included focus groups at locations in North and NE Portland. She anticipates bringing data from these focus groups to the Y&GVSC at the next meeting. STRYVE is also creating a visual storytelling project using photography that will become a traveling exhibit. She distributed STRYVE buttons with QR codes that direct to the STRYVE Facebook page.

Multnomah County Restorative Justice in Schools Initiative

Christina Albo and Maria Scanelli of Resolutions Northwest presented on restorative justice programs that were piloted at Parkrose School District and have since been adopted at eight Portland Public Schools, including Grant High School. Resolutions Northwest has increased work with SUN Schools on Restorative Justice. They are

offering an upcoming restorative justice training for school employees for which 41 people are registered and 30 waitlisted. Based on this demand, they hope to offer another in June.

Art Hendricks commented that a challenge for school employees and students implementing restorative justice programs is when the language of these programs is not consistent between different age groups.

David Barrios commented that restorative justice and tribal justice programs share many aspects, and Maria Scanelli agreed.

Marc Fernandez asked if peer courts are considered a form of restorative justice. Maria responded the goal of programs is the most important thing to review when evaluating whether they are restorative justice. Programs that are intended to shame, or are built on a hierarchy are probably not restorative justice.

Next meeting: The date of the next meeting is to be determined at the April meeting, as the regular fourth Monday is a Multnomah County holiday (Memorial Day).