

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

Summary Minutes for the July 25, 2011 Meeting

Attending

Barbara Jorgensen
Marc Fernandes
Bill Feyerherm
Rob Halverson
Debbie Hansen
Suzanne Hayden
Rob Ingram

Mary Li
Ricardo Lopez
Kevin Modica
Eduardo Ortiz
Roberta Phillip

Staff: Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Weber

Group Check In: One Small Success

Steering Committee members began by each sharing “one small success” – something in their work that had gone well.

Mission Statement

The group discussed the Mission Statement and agreed on new language:

Our mission is to reduce youth and gang violence, reduce related disproportionate minority contact, and lessen the disproportionate negative impacts of gang violence on communities of color.

Multnomah County Gang Violence Reduction Work Group

Roberta reported on the work and activities of the Multnomah County Gang Violence Reduction Work Group, which includes representatives from Health, DCJ, DCHS and the Sheriff’s office. The project is focusing wrap-around services on 15-20 gang-involved families to help prevent further gang involvement. PPB is also involved in the discussion through Jason Roberts and Tom Branahan. The focus of activities will be during the next 90-100 days. Sanctions will be given to those who do not desist from gang activities.

The participants have been identified through a process in which each agency brought in five names and subsequent conversations based on those short lists. The question was asked whether someone from education is involved in the group’s work, and Roberta said she would follow up with Erika on this point. Gresham is not yet involved and there was discussion if inviting someone from the East Multnomah County Gang Enforcement Team. Roberta will continue attending the group’s meetings.

Youth & Gang Violence Assessment

Rob H. reported that the Assessment Team is continuing to meet monthly, working on the assessment work based on the OJJDP model. There is a lot of data collected, and the goal now is to put the data into a tool that can be used. Bill and Rob H. are working on a document outlining what know, and what we don’t know. The timeline is for a preliminary draft to be produced by the September meeting.

The group discussed cuts to Federal funding and the potential impact on grants available.

Social Network Mapping Collaborative

Roberta summarized the work of the Youth & Gang Violence Social Network Mapping Collaborative, which has convened recently with representatives from PPB, DCJ and the Sheriff's Department. The work of this group is focused on intelligence, which will supplement the work of the Gang Violence Reduction Work Group. A smaller group of analysts organized by Matt O'Keefe will take the Collaborative's work forward in a demonstration project.

The group discussed the practice of social network mapping with reference to Robert Kennedy's articles, "Ceasefire: Basic Steps to Implementation" and "The (Un)Known Universe: Mapping Gangs and Gang Violence in Boston." There was a discussion of the constitutional limits of social network mapping.

The group voted to endorse the work of the social network mapping Collaborative and social network mapping as a strategy for combating youth and gang violence.

Next meeting: Monday, August 22nd, 3:30-5:00 PM