

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

**DRAFT Summary Minutes for the April 23, 2012 Meeting**

**Present**

David Barrios  
Lorena Campbell  
Marc Fernandes  
Antoinette Edwards  
Rob Halverson  
Debbie Hansen  
Suzanne Hayden  
Rakiyah Johnson  
Samantha Kaan  
Mary Li

Roberta Phillip  
Rebecca Stavenjord  
Eric Zimmerman

**Attending**

Joshua Todd

**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.

The Steering Committee approved minutes from the March 2012 meeting.

**STRYVE**

Rebecca Stavenjord and Samantha Kaan provided an update on the STRYVE coalition capacity assessment survey results. Comments raised some confusion about the audience and intent of the survey, and this led to a discussion of the role of the Youth & Gang Violence Steering Committee in the STRYVE project. Rebecca explained that the granting agency, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, provided the survey questions and all STRYVE sites will respond to the same surveys over the period of the project. Roberta said she would follow up to the discussion by working with Rebecca to bring a proposal to the Steering Committee clarifying the roles and functions.

**Robert Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence**

Rikayah Johnson provided an overview of the recent Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence. The Multnomah Youth Commission voted on policy recommendations at the summit. A draft of those policy recommendations can be found here:

<http://web.multco.us/news/rob-ingram-youth-against-violence-policies>

Steering Committee members agreed the summit was a success. It was suggested that the Multnomah County Youth Commission Youth Against Violence Committee hold a joint meeting with the Youth and Gang Violence Steering Committee, and also present to

the Board of Commissioners. Rikayah and Roberta will discuss a date for a joint meeting.

### **Multnomah County Exclusionary Discipline Report**

Joshua Todd, Director of the Commission on Children, Families and Community at Multnomah County presented on the findings of the report, "Exclusionary Discipline in Multnomah County Schools: How Suspensions and Expulsions Impact Students of Color." The full report is available here:

[http://web.multco.us/sites/default/files/ccfc/documents/exclusionary\\_discipline\\_1-3-12.pdf](http://web.multco.us/sites/default/files/ccfc/documents/exclusionary_discipline_1-3-12.pdf)

Todd reviewed the recommendations from the report, including:

- 1) Commit to conducting annual bench line data review of exclusionary discipline.
- 2) Increase accountability for disparity in exclusions.
- 3) Create an alert notification and response system for district discipline over-representation.

**Next meeting:** July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, room 201, Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne.