

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

Summary Minutes for the June 27, 2011 Meeting

Attending

Antoinette Edwards
Phylicia Haggerty
Rob Halverson
Debbie Hansen
Suzanne Hayden
Pam Hiller
Rob Ingram
Kevin Modica
Thach Nguyen

Peter Ozanne
Kris Persson
Roberta Phillip
Erika Preuitt
Michael Riedel
Kelley Tralle

Staff: Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Weber

Operating Agreements and Mission

Materials: Youth & Gang Violence Steering Committee Mission discussion, 5/23/11; Operating Agreements; Mission Draft

Steering Committee members began by each sharing “one small success” – something in their work that had gone well – as a way of familiarizing each other with their ongoing work. Kelley Tralle recommended this exercise as a regular practice.

Kelley led the group in a discussion of the group’s mission, continuing the conversation from the May meeting. The Steering Committee broke into three groups and each discussed the drafted, “Operating Agreements” and returned for a discussion with the entire group.

The Committee decided on the following DRAFT Operating Agreements:

- 1) Share commitment, risk, resources and accountability for accomplishing our mission.
- 2) Demonstrate trust, vulnerability, and ownership to meet our vision, mission and values as a steering committee, and to carry out improvements in our own organizational operations.
- 3) Commit to courageous decision-making, and secure organizational authority to lead.
- 4) Agree to speak honestly, openly, and respectfully, even in the face of conflict or disagreements.
- 5) Commit to working together through and past conflict to reach decisions and carry out actions.

Kelley suggested placing the operating agreements on meeting agendas, updating them as needed, and referring to them as necessary.

The group reviewed a draft Mission Statement and made changes resulting in the following draft:

The **Youth and Gang Violence Steering Committee** is committed to collaborating and communicating among agencies, across systems and with communities who share a vision of a violence-free, opportunity-rich present and future for every member of our community.

We are a sub-committee of the larger LPSCC partnership, and our mission is to reduce youth & gang violence *and disproportionate minority contact with the justice system*.

We will take a comprehensive, three-pronged approach that balances and coordinates suppression, intervention, and prevention strategies in pursuit of common, well-defined, long-term goals and outcomes. *Our work is supported by best practices, research, data, and evidence*. It will be our responsibility to serve as technical advisors and advocates in the implementation of these strategies.

The group discussed but did not resolve the issue of whether the phrase: “disproportionate minority contact with the justice system” belonged in the Mission Statement or among a statement of goals and outcomes.

Roberta Phillip, Peter Ozanne and Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Weber agreed to draft language that reflected the group’s discussions.

Youth Gang Violence Assessment

Materials: Youth Gang Violence Assessment Questions and How to Answer Them

Rob Halverson distributed an updated copy of the document “Youth Gang Violence Assessment Questions and How to Answer Them” for the Committee’s review.

**Next meeting: Monday, July 25th, 3:30-5:00 PM.
Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne, 5th Floor Copper Room**