

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

**Summary Minutes for the Monday, September 26, 2011 Meeting**

**Present**

Antoinette Edwards  
Marc Fernandes  
Adrian Galvez  
Rob Halverson  
Peter Ozanne  
Bill Feyerherm  
Michael Riedel  
Suzanne Hayden  
Edwardo Ortiz

**Attending**

Noelle Wiggins  
Guillermo Maciel  
Captain Harry Smith  
  
Staff: Keith Falkenberg

**Group Check in: One Small Success**

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

Marc Fernandes provided an update on the Multnomah Youth Commission, which saw a 26% cut in state funding. The Youth Commission advocated for maintaining funding and youth members lobbied the Multnomah County Board. County funding was secured through the end of the year. The Youth Commission has formed a new committee, “Youth Against Violence,” is focused on all violence towards youth with emphasis on the areas of gang crime and bias crime; the committee has 21 members.

Bill Feyerherm has been appointed to the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice.

Rob Halverson reported that the Neighborhood Leadership Team held its first meeting.

**Discussion: Defining Youth**

The group engaged in a discussion regarding legal and developmental definitions of “youth.” The group acknowledged that the legal system requires specific and standardized age-based parameters, while prevention models define youth more broadly and less rigidly by stages of human development.

During the discussion, questions were raised regarding the network analysis project:

1. Are youth included in the analysis who are involved in non-Measure 11 violent offenses?
2. What information is included in legal files versus social files?

Erika Preuitt confirmed county counsel's opinion that legal files can be shared in network analysis, but DHS information cannot.

Rob Halverson reported concerns that arose from a presentation to the Juvenile Justice Council on the network analysis project. The major questions focused on how subjects get on and off the lists.

The Committee expressed interest in hearing more details about the legalities of the network analysis project. Adrian Galvez suggested looking at the Models for Change program, which addressed some of these issues.

### **STRYVE Grant Update**

Noelle Wiggins provided an update on the STRYVE Grant. The county will be receiving the first year of funding for the grant, but the Senate Appropriation Committee has cut all youth violence funding from the Center for Disease Control budget. There are several options for full or partial funding to be returned: The full Senate still needs to vote on the Appropriations Committees recommendations. The funding could be appropriated by a Senator bringing forward a bill funding youth gang violence prevention. Outreach to our delegation is already underway. The House could pass a budget with full funding for the CDC and then a compromise would have to be worked out during the reconciliation process.

The program is going to move forward with the full first year of planning. The work plan was distributed. Hiring will begin immediately. Noelle is seeking volunteers for the interview panel.

Next meeting: Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00, Multnomah Building, room 201