

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

**Summary Minutes for the October 22, 2012 Meeting**

**Present**

Antoinette Edwards, City of Portland  
Marc Fernandes, Commission on  
Children, Families and Community  
Suzanne Hayden, Citizens Crime  
Commission  
Mary Li, Department of County  
Human Services  
Kevin Modica, Family Services  
Division, Bureau of Police  
William Smith, East Metro Gang  
Enforcement, Gresham Police  
Rebecca Stavenjord, Multnomah  
County Health Department  
Eric Zimmerman, Multnomah County  
District Attorney's Office

**Attending**

Iris Bell, Oregon Youth Development  
Council  
Ebony Clarke, Multnomah County  
Direct Clinical Services, Children's  
System of Car  
Tab Dansby, Health Department  
Kate Desmond, Department of  
Community Justice  
Samantha Kaan, Multnomah County  
Health Department  
Lonnie Nettles, Family Services  
Division  
Ana Meza, Multnomah Youth  
Commission

**Staff**

Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Weber,  
LPSCC Staff

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**Check in and Announcements**

Steering Committee members and attendees each shared "one small success," something in their professional or personal life that has gone well recently.

The Steering Committee approved minutes from the September 2012 meeting.

Iris Bell from the Oregon State Youth Development Council introduced herself and announced recent and upcoming changes the Governor is making to how youth violence prevention programs are organized and funded. The Oregon Youth Development Council will be prioritizing funding for youth gang violence prevention and intervention. The Governor is seeking recommendations on programs to fund in his upcoming budget. The Y&GVSC agreed to write a response.

**Multnomah Youth Commission Youth Against Violence Committee Policy Recommendations**

Ana Meza, Multnomah Youth Commissioner, presented the policy recommendations developed by youth at the Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence held April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The policy recommendations were distributed as a report, with specific recommendations under categories including Anti-Gay and Gender, Cyber-bullying, Gang, Home, Police, School (bullying/Discrimination), Sexual/Dating, and Restorative Justice

State Farm has granted the Youth Commission funds to support the next Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence, but there is no funding for the Youth Commission and the Youth Against Violence Committee itself in the next fiscal year so although the Summit will be held, it is unclear what next steps may be in the absence of funding for the Commission. It was commented that it might be helpful to compare an inventory of services and programs currently being provided with the ones called for by the policy recommendations in order to identify gaps. This could occur at the next Youth Summit.

### **Program Updates**

#### *STRYVE (Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere)*

Rebecca Stavenjord provided an update on the field surveys the STRYVE team has conducted. Samantha Kaan is doing an analysis of the surveys. The STRYVE Coalition is meeting for the first time on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Their comprehensive plan will be complete and ready for implementation by September 2013, and they hope to work with the Youth Summit Against Violence in developing strategies. They distributed a map and brochure.

#### *CHI (Community Healing Initiative)*

Lonnie Nettles provided an update on CHI activities. They are redesigning the intake process to resemble case staffing, and they are continuing to staff cases.

#### *GIFT (Gang Impacted Families Team)*

Kate Desmond provided an update on GIFT. One of the participants has become employed. Currently, twenty people were identified as potential for the program, and seven have been contacted.

**Next meeting:** November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, room 201, Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne.