

LPSCC

Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting

Attendance for November 7th, 2013

Attendance

Subcommittee Attendees

Scott Anderson, Troutdale Police Chief
Nancy Bennett, Multnomah County
Harry Bradshaw, Oregon Youth Authority
Sharon Darcy, Pathfinders of Oregon
Brian Detman, Multnomah County, Chair's Office
Antoinette Edwards, Youth Violence Prevention
Office - City of Portland
Mary Geelan, DCJ
Miriam Green, DHS
Joe McFerrin II, Rosemary Anderson High
School/POIC - President/CEO
Christina McMahan, Assistant Director, Dept. of
Community Justice, Juvenile Services Division
Julia Mitchell, POIC
Kevin Modica, Transit Police
Scott Montgomery, Portland Police Bureau
Art Nakamura, Portland Police Bureau

Felesia Otis, VOA/CPR
Tom Peavey, City of Portland
Erika Preuitt, DCJ
Kathy Sevos, VOA
Kirsten Snowden, District Attorney's Office
Rebecca Stavenjord, Multnomah County Health
Department
Nathan Vasquez, District Attorney's Office
Ned Walls, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
Siyonna Webb, GIFT Coordinator
Joel Wendland, Troutdale Police
Sara Westbrook, Portland Police Bureau

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Abbey Stamp, LPSCC Executive Director
Lauren Brown, LPSCC Staff

Welcome and Introductions

Subcommittee Co-Chair Antoinette Edwards welcomed everyone to the meeting

A moment of silence was held in honor of Oregon City police officer Robert Libke.

Updates

Renew Program

Deputy District Attorney Nathan Vasquez introduced the East county Renew Program. The goal of the program is to create a safe and livable community in the Rosewood/Rockwood neighborhoods by collaborating with enforcement and community partners to reduce violence and increase public safety. The program was in the final stage of planning which involved creating a memorandum of understanding before the scheduled launch in December. Gresham will be opening the new Rockwood Public Safety Facility on November 21st which should improve police presence and visibility in the target neighborhoods while also serving as an inviting meeting location for the community.

OJJDP Assessment

Christina McMahan gave an update on the OJJDP comprehensive gang assessment. A consultant was contacted to provide an overview of the resources and processes required to complete the assessment. A more detailed overview of the assessment process will be presented at the December subcommittee meeting.

Gang Activity Update

The Portland Police Bureau gave an update on gang activity within Portland. Shootings have increased in 2013 when compared to 2012 and the number of victims hit by gun fire has double. Trends in gang activity in Seattle indicate Portland can expect to see an

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increase in Hispanic gang violence linked to Mexican cartels in the next few years. The Somali immigrant community has reached out for assistance in preventing their youth from becoming gang involved.

The Troutdale Police Department's update indicated there had been five shootings and one stabbing within their jurisdiction.

The Transit Police have seen increases in graffiti in on the eastside of the county and in inner west Portland. A gang related homicide occurred at the Holgate MAX station in October.

Information Sharing

A proposal for the information sharing policy is in the process of being prepared. The proposal will be presented at a future Youth & Gang Violence Subcommittee and once approved by the subcommittee, to the LPSCC Executive Committee.

Services List & Family Mapping Activity

A gang involved family was used as a "tool" to describe the landscape of services. The family was characterized as not wanting to cooperate with law enforcement, not interested in social services out of fear of appearing weak, and having absent mothers. The family relocated from California in the 1980's bringing the gang lifestyle with them. Family members lacked education and employment. All became involved in juvenile crimes, beginning with curfew, truancy, and shoplifting violations around the age of 12. Many had substance abuse issues, lacked parenting skills, and had been victims of violence.

The subcommittee identified the criminal justice involvement of each family member. Social services were also discussed including what was offered to and what was accepted by family members and what was accepted. Areas of need that may have potentially contributed to the continued criminal involvement of the family were highlighted. Discussions centered on preventing the next generation from becoming gang involved, including identifying a need to intervene with youth at an earlier age.

December Meeting

The December meeting will be held on Friday, December 13th 2013 at Rosemary Anderson High School East (2208 SE 182nd Ave Gresham, OR 97223). The agenda will feature a presentation on the plan for the OJDDP Comprehensive Gang Assessment.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, December 13th, 2013

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