



# LPSCC

## Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting

*Summary Minutes for August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013*

### Welcome and Introductions

#### Subcommittee Attendees

Rod Underhill, District Attorney, Subcommittee Co-Chair  
Scott Anderson, Troutdale Police Chief  
Sharon Darcy, Pathfinders of Oregon  
Brian Detman, Multnomah County Chair's Office  
Jason Gates, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office  
Suzanne Hayden, Citizen's Crime Commission  
Lt. Jeff Hershman, Oregon State Police Lieutenant  
Craig Junginger, Gresham Police Chief  
Amanda Marshall, U.S. Attorney  
Mike Marshman, Portland Police Bureau  
Joe McFerrin, POIC/ Rosemary Anderson High School

Julia Mitchell, POIC  
Scott Montgomery, Portland Police Bureau  
Mike Reese, Portland Police Chief  
Kimberlee Sheng, Pathfinders of Oregon  
Kirsten Snowden, District Attorney's Office  
Sheriff Dan Staton, Multnomah County Sheriff  
Pat Walsh, Portland Police Bureau  
Siyonna Webb, GIFT  
Joel Wendland, Troutdale Police

#### LPSCC Staff

Abbey Stamp, LPSCC Executive Director  
Lauren Brown, LPSCC Staff  
Matt O'Keefe, LPSCC Staff

Subcommittee Chair Rod Underhill welcomed everyone to the meeting

### Update on Gang Data Analyst Meeting

The subcommittee was updated on the analyst meeting held to discuss the status of gang data analysis and mapping in each partner organization. Analysts from the Department of Community Justice, the District Attorney's office, Gresham Police Department, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Portland Police Bureau and the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council attend the meeting.

Two approaches to analyzing gang data were discussed: looking at events (incidents) coded as gang activity or looking at law enforcement contacts with gang designated people. Issues were identified with each approach.

Historically events considered gang activity have not been consistently identifiable within law enforcement data. Instead proxy measures, such as aggravated assault, have been used to model changes in gang activity. A data code for gang activity could be used for incident data, however not all agencies used the code and the criteria for using this data code was not consistent across agencies.

*Action Item: Gresham Police Department will host a meeting of records managers for the law enforcement agencies who use PPDS. At this meeting criteria for consistent use of the gang activity code in law enforcement incident data will be adopted.*

Each partner agency maintains a list of gang designated individuals. Law enforcement contacts (field contact reports, verified suspects, arrests, convictions, etc.) with these individuals can be used to model gang activity. The criteria for creating and maintaining these lists were not consistent across agencies and the information on these lists was not shared between agencies. Further, the types of law enforcement contact data available were not consistent across agencies.

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Some interest was expressed in finding a way to share gang designation information between agencies. The subcommittee felt it was important to include other metro area agencies in this discussion, including those in Washington and Clackamas County. There was discussion around utilizing the Fusion Center to assist in managing and maintaining a statewide system similar to CALGANGS or possibly using ReJin.

*Action Item: A discussion should be held about creating consistent criteria for creating and maintaining gang designation information, potentially in a statewide system. This discussion should include law enforcement, child welfare, & juvenile justice.*

### **Gang Impacted Family Team**

Siyonna Webb, GIFT Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the activities of GIFT. The GIFT program began one year ago with the goal of ending the cycle of families with multigenerational gang involvement. GIFT identified the 20 most gang involved families. GIFT is working to connect these families with social services and community resources aimed at avoiding gang involvement. GIFT partners include the MCDA, PPB, LPSCC, Office of Youth Violence Prevention, Multnomah County Public Health Department, DHS, POIC, Pathfinders of Oregon, & others.

Chief Junginger expressed interest in developing a GIFT program in East Multnomah County.

*Action Item: Determine the current geographic area of service for GIFT clients and invite the Youth & Gang Violence Subcommittee to future GIFT meetings.*

### **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children**

Amanda Marshall updated the subcommittee on a study of CESC in the Portland Area. The study was conducted by Chris Carey of Portland State University and the findings were to be presented at a press conference on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. The study used information from DHS and SARC to identify CSEC victims. Key findings of this study include:

- There were 469 CSEC victims between 2009-2013
- The majority (96%) were female
- 27% of the victims were African-American (Multnomah County population is only 5% African-American)
- The average age was 15.5 years old. The youngest victim was 8 years old.
- A conservative estimate indicated ~50% of the victims had gang connections

The subcommittee agreed training was needed to increase awareness of CSEC within gang enforcement units and the gang outreach community. A training session should be held on this topic, with breakout sessions to highlight the issues important law enforcement and those important for outreach providers. Additional web trainings/training videos may be developed to reach a broader law enforcement audience.

*Action Item: The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office will coordinate the CSEC training. Amanda Marshall will work with DPSST to develop the training content.*

### **Next Steps**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Gresham City Hall.

The September meeting will feature a discussion on gang outreach resource.

**NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**