



LPSCC

Executive Committee Meeting & Retreat

Tuesday, March 3, 2009
7:30am to 10:00am
Multnomah Building, Room 315

Introductions & Announcements

City Commissioner & LPSCC Co-Chair Dan Saltzman

Approval of February 3, 2009 minutes **10 minutes**

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED

Department of Health **10 minutes**

Lillian Shirley, Director, Multnomah County Health Department

Department of County Human Services **10 minutes**

Joanne Fuller, Director, Department of County Human Services

Circuit Court **15 minutes**

Presiding Judge Jean Maurer

Doug Bray, Circuit Court Administrator

RETREAT

LPSCC Future Direction **30 minutes**

City Commissioner Dan Saltzman,

Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler

Peter Ozanne, LPSCC

Identification of Functions & Special Projects for LPSCC **30 minutes**

Peter Ozanne, LPSCC

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, April 7, 2009

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Summary Minutes

LPSCC Executive Committee members: Ted Wheeler, LPSCC Co-Chair; City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, LPSCC Co-Chair; Judy Hadley, Citizen Representative; Chiquita Rollins, Domestic Violence Co-Coordinator; Sheriff Bob Skipper; Portland Police Chief Rosie Sizer; Gresham Police Chief Craig Junginger; Lillian Shirley, Director, County Health Department; Joanne Fuller, Director, County Human Services; Scott Taylor, Director, Department of Community Justice; District Attorney Michael Schrunk; US Attorney Karin Immergut; Judge Nan Waller; Judge Julie Frantz; Presiding Judge Jean Maurer; Lane Borg, Director, Metropolitan Public Defenders

LPSCC staff and other attendees: Peter Ozanne, LPSCC Executive Director; Carol Wessinger, LPSCC Assistant Director; Commissioner Diane McKeel; Troutdale Mayor Jim Kight; Fairview Police Chief Ken Johnson; Troutdale Police Chief Scott Anderson; John Connors, MPA; Mark Greinke, City of Portland; Mark Ellwood, City of Portland; Matthew Lashua, District #3 Chief of Staff; Allyson Spencer, District #3 staff; Steffani Mendoza-Gray, City of Portland; Shannon Callahan, Commissioner Saltzman's staff; Beckie Lee, District #1 Chief of Staff; Corie Wiren, District #1 Chief of Staff; Kathy Brazell, VOA; Eric Hall, Circuit Court; Christine Kirk, MSCO; Port of Portland Police Chief Phillip Klahn; Debra Lindberg, PSU Restorative Justice; Elizabeth Vrooman, PSU Restorative Justice; Rachel Hardesty, PSU Restorative Justice; Shea Marshman, County Auditor's Office; Jay Heidenrich, MCSO; David Koch, DCJ; Elizabeth Davies, Budget Office; Gail McKeel, County IT; Tim Hartnett, CODA; Kathleen Treb, DCJ; Barry Jennings, OJD; Toni Rogers, County IT; Tim Moore, MCSO; Vince Jarmer, PPB; Mark Kruger, PPB; Doug Bray, Circuit Court Administrator; Matt O'Keefe, DCJ-CANS; Under Sheriff Tom Slyter; Rob Ingram, Office of Youth Violence Prevention; Jana McKellan, Chair's Office; Peter Brink, Budget Office

The meeting began with introductions. The minutes of LPSCC's February 3, 2009 meeting were approved.

Lillian Shirley, Director of the Multnomah County Health Department, reported on proposed budget cuts to Corrections Health and early childhood programs. Early childhood programs are funded through the state Commission on Children, Families and Communities (CCFC). CCFC's proposed budget cut is \$1.9 million for the next fiscal year. The Health Department is restructuring its organization and operations. The Department intends to preserve visiting home healthcare services for clients with Medicaid. Early childhood and family services are being restructured.

Corrections Health has proposed a \$2.8 million budget cut, which is less than the 12% requested by the Chair. An ad-hoc committee is reviewing the services provided by Corrections Health. The Health Department is also exploring a redesign of jail pharmacy

services in which generic medications will be delivered by pharmacy assistants rather than nurses.

Ted Wheeler announced that the 460 program offers are posted on the County's website.

Joanne Fuller, Director of the Department of County Human Services (DCHS), reported that DCHS anticipates budget cuts at two levels: services for mental health and addictions funded by state and federal pass-through dollars. The Department is anticipating a \$16.5 million budget cut. This would mean a reduction in residential alcohol and drug treatment beds from 160 to 16 beds. Outpatient adult treatment beds would be cut by 50 percent. The County's "Crisis Safety Net," which serves those not covered by the Oregon Health Plan, including offenders, would be cut 90 percent. The unintended consequences of these cuts would include more emergency room holds, which the County has no control over and must fund with general fund dollars. The lack of A&D treatment beds would result in more people losing their children to foster care and, ultimately, losing their parental rights. A & D treatment offers a huge return in terms of preserving families, reducing crime rates and returning people to productive lives. With the general fund deficit continuing to grow, it is unlikely that the County will be able to maintain mental health services through greater Medicaid reimbursements. Under the County's current 12 percent budget constraint, DCHS will lose \$500,000 of a \$2 million budget. DCHS is also preparing for a reduction in gang prevention services, and parent/child development services for families unable to qualify for Head Start. The Federal Stimulus Package will provide some funds for basic assistance and energy and housing assistance.

Presiding Circuit Court Judge Jean Maurer reported that the state courts face an \$11.1 million budget cut during the remainder of this biennium, rather than the \$16 million cut that was originally proposed. The Chief Justice has directed the courts to close on Fridays, beginning March 13. Court employees will experience a 20 percent pay cut due to Friday closures and mandatory furloughs. The Mental Health Court, the Drug Court and the DUII Court are at risk of elimination in the coming biennium. Presiding Juvenile Court Judge Waller stated that, in family court, these reductions will affect termination of parental rights cases. At the present time, the Chief Justice has announced that the Oregon Judicial Department will protect its core functions and services, including the filing and adjudication of cases. Reductions in programs will occur outside of these core functions. Chief Junginger asked about the ability of the Circuit Court to conduct video arraignments on Fridays. Judge Maurer indicated that there will be no court employees available on Fridays to operate this equipment. District Attorney Mike Schrunk indicated that his staff is reviewing the Stimulus Package for grants to support Mental Health, Drug and Community Courts. (Two handouts accompanied this presentation).

Lane Borg, Director of Metropolitan Public Defenders, reported that public defenders and defense contractors throughout the state may lose their extraordinary expenses budget. Though the Public Defense Services Commission has developed a glide path to June 30, the Commission anticipates proposed budget cuts by the state legislature following the state's May 2009 economic forecast.

Chief Sizer announced that the Portland Police Bureau is exploring partnerships with other agencies to participate on the Bureau's gang enforcement and the service coordination teams. She plans to continue these efforts and to expand them into other areas of the City. The Bureau will also be considering applications for COPS and Byrne/JAG grants.

Chief Junginger stated that the DPSST Police Academy needs to stay open or his police department will have no training available for new hires. He also reported that the Gresham Police Department may lose its Gang Task Force, but that it still supports a regional approach to reducing gang violence.

Scott Taylor, Director of the Department of Community Justice, reported that his department will also be exploring Federal Stimulus Package grant opportunities and pooling its resources with other agencies. Some of the grants available require a 50 percent cash match.

US Attorney Karin Immergut offered her support for federal grant applications of LPSCC members and will be happy to provide letters of support. She indicated that her office is also focusing on child exploitation, gang violence and re-entry.

County Domestic Violence Coordinator Chiquita Rollins reported that DCHS also intends to submit grant applications under the Stimulus Package.

Steffani Mendoza-Gray and Tom Greinke from the City of Portland are considering applications under Stimulus Package to support IT and the social services safety net. Their teams are meeting to identify collaborative efforts with other local governments and agencies.

RETREAT

Dan Saltzman began the Retreat by acknowledging the talent and influence of the LPSCC members seated at the table. The Co-Chairs propose using the members' time more efficiently by restructuring the Executive Committee into a smaller group of approximately 15 members, which would meet monthly. The current Executive Committee would meet quarterly or bi-monthly. The Co-Chairs also propose ad hoc committees or working groups to undertake special projects on behalf of LPSCC.

Ted Wheeler indicated that he was pleased to see more East County representation at the LPSCC meeting and Retreat. He also favors restructuring LPSCC to make it more agile and effective in accomplishing measurable results. However, LPSCC should continue to employ comprehensive and coordinated approaches.

Peter Ozanne suggested that LPSCC's quarterly or bi-monthly meetings could be devoted to identifying and discussing the most effective public safety policies and practices in the nation through guest appearances of academic experts and practitioners from across the country.

The majority of Council members favored the continuation of the LPSCC Executive Committee as currently structured with regular monthly meetings of the Executive Committee, at least through the state legislative session. There was also general agreement that action plans and the accomplishment of measurable results can be best accomplished through special projects, working groups and committees reporting to LPSCC's Executive Committee.

As a result of the Retreat discussion of LPSCC's future directions and efforts, the following topics were identified as appropriate subjects for the Council's focus in 2009 and 2010: violence against children and families, youth and gang violence reduction, the alignment of local public safety functions, racial and ethnic over-representation, offender re-entry, early childhood development, human trafficking, and alcohol and drug treatment. Additional issues raised during the Retreat included the need for greater communication among local governments and public safety agencies, the need for more partnerships with academic institutions, the need for specific action plans that generate measurable outputs and outcomes, the risk of losing the engagement of the agencies and local governments that participate on LPSCC, the role of the Circuit Court's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) in relation to LPSCC, and the need for an inventory of existing committees and working groups now operating within the local public safety system.