



LPSCC Executive Committee Meeting

Summary Minutes for April 5, 2011

I. Introductions, Announcements, and Approval of Minutes

LPSCC Executive Committee

Members In Attendance

Sam Adams, LPSCC Co-Chair, Mayor of Portland
Judy Shiprack, LPSCC Co-Chair, Multnomah County Commissioner, District #3
Lane Borg, Director, Metropolitan Public Defenders
Karl Brimner, Director, County Mental Health Services
Bill Feyerherm, Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies, Portland State University
Judge Julie Frantz, Chief Criminal Court Judge
Joanne Fuller, Chief Operating Officer
Karen Gray, Superintendent, Parkrose School District
Judy Hadley, Citizen Representative
Suzanne Hayden, Citizens' Crime Commission
Dwight Holton, Acting U. S. Attorney
Diane McKeel, Multnomah County Commissioner, District #4
Annie Neal, Domestic Violence Coordinator
Roberta Phillip, for Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen
Chief Mike Reese, Portland Police Bureau
Michael Schrunk, District Attorney
Scott Taylor, Director, Department of Community Justice
Judge Nan Waller, Chief Family Court Judge

LPSCC Staff

Peter Ozanne, Executive Director
Matt O'Keefe, Analyst
Tom Bode, Research Associate

Other Attendees

Joslyn Baker, CSEC - Collaboration Specialist, DCJ
Kim Bernard, DCJ
Dave Braaksma, MCSO
Doug Bray, Circuit Court Administrator
Joe Brookins, County IT
Drew Brosh, MCSO
Markely Drake, MCSO
Antoinette Edwards, Mayor's Office
Carl Goodman, DCJ
Tim Hartnett, CODA
Jason Heilbrun, County IT - Public Safety
Barry Jennings, Oregon Judicial Department
Dave Koch, DCJ
Matthew Lashua, Commissioner Shiprack's Office
Beckie Lee, Commissioner Kafoury's Office
Bobbi Luna, MCSO
Shea Marshman, County Auditor's Office
Elise Nicholson, County IT
William Nunley, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Peter Pincetl, ROAR Alliance
Erika Preuitt, DCJ
Charlene Rhyne, DCJ
Kathy Sevos, Volunteers of America
Kathleen Treb, DCJ
Jeff Wheeler, MCSO
Corie Wiren, Commissioner McKeel's Office

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order.

Questions, comments or suggestions?

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Announcements

Bill Feyerherm invited council members to a presentation by David Kennedy at PSU this week.

Dwight Holton announced that on April 30th, the US Attorney's Office will be conducting a prescription drug take back event. It's a nationwide event aimed at reducing prescription drug abuse.

Communication Subcommittee

Peter Ozanne updated the council on the progress of the Communications Subcommittee which was formed at the March LPSCC meeting. The first meeting of the subcommittee will be held immediately following this LPSCC meeting. Karen Gray (chair), Suzanne Hayden, and Judges Maurer and Waller will attend.

Racial and Ethnic Disparity

Peter Ozanne asked for the council's informal approval of an effort to reenergize analysis efforts focusing on racial and ethnic disparity in the criminal justice system, with special attention paid to the decision points that impact the racial disparity. A working group is not necessary; Peter Ozanne is confident that LPSCC staff working with Bill Feyerherm and agency analysts will be up to the task. No one voiced objection to the plan.

LPSCC Data and Analysis

LPSCC staff followed up on the discussion at the previous meeting about the LPSCC Public Safety Brief. In response to comments at the last meeting, East County police agency data has been added to the brief, so that all arrests in the country are represented. More written analysis was added as well. LPSCC staff presented the data from the brief's "Special Analysis" section on reported incidence of child runaways and child sex abuse.

District Attorney Mike Schrunk commented that while we now have more data than we ever have, the important question is "what does it mean?" He suggested that the executive committee conduct a data "roundtable" discussions on a regular basis. Executive committee members could consider a particular part of the system, ask the relevant questions about it, share ideas about it, and task staff to conduct further research. Mayor Adams spoke in support of this idea.

Commissioner Shiprack asked about the 9% of PPB arrests that are for violation of municipal alcohol charges. She asked how the PPB was dealing with these cases. No council members had a ready answer, but LPSCC staff offered to do follow up analysis. She also asked how the District Attorney's office was prosecuting these cases and how the various diversion programs (Hooper Detox, Chiers Van) are being used.

Commissioner Shiprack also asked about the 25% of arrests that are for Fugitive arrests and wanted to know how those people came to be arrested. Were they picked up by the Sheriff's warrant strike team or were they pulled over on a traffic stop for an equipment violation?

Lane Borg questioned the geographical origin of the fugitives arrested. Are Multnomah County fugitive arrests primarily from other counties or are they local fugitives? Is Multnomah County prosecution of fugitives subsidizing the criminal justice system in other counties?

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Scott Taylor responded that the answer to those types of questions may be more easily understood if Public Safety System data is displayed in the brief in a different way. Rather than organizing the data by agency effort, as it is now, showing how parts of the system interact with each other would allow policy makers to better understand the system and make effective decisions. Judge Franz supported this idea and thought that following a group all the way through the system would aid decision making.

Commissioner Shiprack directed staff to work to follow up on these questions for the next LPSCC meeting.

Peter Ozanne spoke about the Lane County Public Safety performance report card and suggested that it may serve as a model for a Multnomah County data “dashboard.” Peter Ozanne proposed creating a draft “report card” for the council to consider. Scott Taylor said that the Greater Portland / Vancouver Indicator Project that is working to create a four-county measurement project. He suggested that that group could be a location for this effort. Mayor Adams commented that the Lane County data does not show trends and may have eliminated too much information in displaying only letter grades. He would like to be aware of when some data indicator is “off trend,” which is something not shown in the Lane County report card.

Karen Gray suggested that LPSCC clarify goals and use data to measure advancement towards those goals. Without having a purpose for data, it loses value.

Mayor Adams asked that council members think about what issues they would like to discuss in the future, so that in the future discussions can be focused and prioritized.

Joanne Fuller suggested another analysis perspective would examine the portion of the population that commits that large share of the crime and look at how they receive county services. Are county services effectively targeting those who are most active in the Multnomah County criminal justice system?

II. Reports from Standing and Special Subcommittees

Materials: outline of care system, budget document

Commissioner McKeel reported on House Bill 2714 which passed the Oregon House unanimously. The bill creates the crime of patronizing a prostitute, increases fines for purchasing sex from children, and eliminates the defense of ignorance of age. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. Other Senate bills address prosecuting pimps, grants to develop treatment, and a mandatory three day hold.

Mary Li updated the council on the activities of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children subcommittee of LPSCC. She urged council members to pay special attention to the Senate bill that would require a three day hold for girls picked up by the police.

CSEC has identified three guiding principles. First, that CSEC will be driven by best practices; second, that it will include positive youth development practices; and third, that it will take into account recent adolescent brain research.

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The three goals of the system are to create competent caring adults, have consistently high expectation, and provide meaningful opportunities to participate.

There are three components to the system: first, outreach; second, the “hub,” which is a team of trained staff that practices “assertive engagement” (not “case management”); the final part of the system is to provide services that allow for a “life domain” – the things they need to become a competent caring adult.

The City of Portland provides acute housing that can hold people for a few weeks, but a source of longer term housing (up to three years) needs to be identified. Adult survivors of commercial sexual exploitation are being sought out as possible foster homes for youth.

Commissioner Shiprack asked how many children in the Portland area are being commercially sexually abused. Mary Li responded that numbers are difficult to track, but somewhere from 50-200.

Commissioner McKeel asked for direction from the group regarding Senate bill 429 requiring mandatory three day holds for girls picked up on prostitution for their protection.

Commissioner Shiprack encouraged collaboration with Scott Taylor and Dave Koch.

Scott Taylor commented that DCJ's girls dorm has only 16 beds. It is frequently not full, but any more than six or eight additional beds would require opening a new dorm. Those beds are also more expensive than existing acute housing provided by the city. He also questioned the wisdom of holding girls for their own protection in a criminal facility.

Youth and Gang Violence in the Community

Chief Reese provided an update on gang violence. Two-thousand ten had significantly higher than normal gang activity as a result of gang feuds. So far this year, there have been 21 Gang Violence Reduction call outs, compared with 19 for the same period last year. This year, incidents seem to involve older gang members. Gang activity seems to be less retaliatory in nature and instead connected to specific events, relationships, or drug transactions. Gang violence this year continues to follow racial and ethnic lines.

Kate Desmond provided an update on gang violence from DCJ. She emphasized that DJC and the PPB work closely together to coordinate on gang information. DCJ is seeing the same trends that PPB is, pointing towards high gang activity this summer.

DCJ is hosting meeting events for gang members. There have been challenges, but the events seem to be improving. They are also hosting community meetings to provide a “moral voice” to gang members on the last Saturday of each month.

Karen Gray commented that many of the shooting events are in or near the Parkrose School District. She would like to see more community outreach in that area.

Youth and Gang Violence Steering Committee

Roberta Phillip updated the council on the activities of the steering committee, which met for the first time Monday April 4. The Steering Committee is preparing to begin the OJJDP Gang Assessment project.

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IV. Topics for Next Meeting

Materials: none

Mental Health and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Joanne Fuller updated the council on the efforts of the subcommittee. Currently they are examining a dataset of people who are booked repeatedly into the jail and responsible for a large portion of system costs. They are considering alternatives that are more appropriate to their position. More detail on this will be provided at the May LPSCC meeting.

Judge Frantz updated the council on the status of the Mental Health Court. There are more than forty people now in that program. The program has a capacity of sixty people.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Commissioner Shiprack announced that a national meeting of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils will be held in Portland in June. Attendees of the conference will attend the Multnomah County LPSCC June meeting.

What Works 2011

The topic for the 2011 What Works conference is Juvenile Justice. Work is progressing on the agenda. Commissioner Shiprack asked council members to submit ideas for high caliber speakers.

Dwight Holton spoke about the latest publication of "Inspire" magazine, published by Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. In response, at a national level, there is an effort to engage immigrant and other potentially marginalized communities. The Obama Administration has directed US Attorneys to head up this effort in their states. Holton will be sharing more on this at coming meetings.

Next LPSCC Meeting: May 3, 2011.

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