



LPSCC Executive Committee Meeting

Summary Minutes for March 1, 2011

I. Introductions, Announcements, and Approval of Minutes

LPSCC Executive Committee

Members In Attendance

Judy Shiprack, Multnomah County
Commissioner, District #3, LPSCC
Co-Chair
Antoinette Edwards for Sam Adams,
Mayor, LPSCC Co-Chair
Katie Denn for Lane Borg, Director,
Metropolitan Public Defenders
Bill Feyerherm, Vice Provost for
Research and Dean of Graduate
Studies, Portland State University
Judge Julie Frantz, Chief Criminal Court
Judge
Karen Gray, Superintendent, Parkrose
School District
Judy Hadley, Citizen Representative
Deborah Hansen, Regional Director,
Oregon Youth Authority
Dwight Holton, Acting U. S. Attorney
Chief Craig Junginger, Gresham Police
Chief Phillip Klahn, Port of Portland
Police
Judge Jean Maurer, Presiding Circuit
Court Judge
Diane McKeel, Multnomah County
Commissioner, District #4
Chief Mike Reese, Portland Police
Bureau
Chiquita Rollins, Domestic Violence
Coordinator

Michael Schrunk, District Attorney
Dan Staton, Multnomah County Sheriff
Kathleen Treb for 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

Others in Attendance

Dave Braaksma, MCSO
Drew Brosh, MCSO
Nancy Cozine, Oregon Judicial
Department
Robert Halverson, DCJ
Jason Heilbrun, County IT - Public Safety
Neal Japport, Oregon Judicial
Department
Matthew Lashua, Commissioner
Shiprack's Office
Tim Moore, MCSO
Nate Reaveir, MCSO
Kathy Sevos, Volunteers of America
Jeff Wheeler, MCSO
Corie Wiren, Commissioner McKeel's
Office

Announcements

Peter Ozanne announced that LPSCC is joining in applications for grants on the behalf of several member agencies. One is a grant for Data Architecture, the preparation of which is being led by Mike Schrunk and his office. It would provide assistance for county-wide data system integration. The grant application will be submitted in early March.

A second NIJ grant would strengthen the relationship between LPSCC and Portland State University by bringing PSU faculty into research collaborations with LPSCC. The "flow of offenders" simulation model, currently being developed in partnership

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with PSU's Decision Science Department, is one example of this type of collaboration.

Peter Ozanne updated the group on the formation of a new Youth and Gang Violence Steering Committee. A "gang assessment" is being conducted with oversight by the Steering Committee. The assessment will provide guidance for youth and gang violence strategies throughout the county, as well as qualify the county for grants from the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The first meeting of the Steering Committee will be held later this month or early next month. Members of the committee will come from agencies and stakeholder organizations across the county.

The Department of Community Justice, in collaboration with the Department of County Human Services, is submitting an application to OJJDP for a grant to assist approximately 250 at-risk families with that at least one at-risk or gang affected youth on probation. Rob Halverson of DCJ is preparing this grant application. If awarded, the Steering Committee will oversee administration of the grant

Chiquita Rollins announced that there is a meet-and-greet gathering this Thursday at the Lincoln Building for her successor.

II. Follow up on the Retreat & Potential Action Items

Materials: February 21, 2011 Memorandum from LPSCC Staff

(The LPSCC staff memorandum summarizes the following action items from the February LPSCC Retreat.)

1. Establish an Agenda process.

Materials: Agenda Template hand-out

Co-Chair Judy Shiprack reviewed a proposed Agenda Template, which outlines a proposed format for LPSCC Executive Committee meetings:

- Topics and discussions from one meeting need to be resolved or completed at the following meeting.
- The proposed agenda format includes a review of past discussions, a discussion of public safety data, with particular reference to the Public Safety Brief, and reports from subcommittees and working groups
- At the end of each meeting, the co-chairs will provide time to wrap up the discussions at the meeting, assign follow-up tasks, introduce topics for the next meeting and ensure continuity between meetings.

2. Provide LPSCC with timely and relevant analysis.

Materials: November / December Public Safety Brief

Matt O'Keefe and Tom Bode presented the Public Safety Brief to the Executive Committee as an example of a basis for providing the Executive Committee with timely and relevant data.

Arrest data in the Brief only includes data from the Portland Police Bureau and the Sheriff's Office because arrest data from East County police agencies has not been available until recently; and there is not yet a sufficient amount of historical data from those agencies to report it in the Brief or evaluated its significance.

Peter Ozanne noted that the Public Safety Brief has been revised over time and will be useful to the Executive Committee only if members of the Committee continue to provide LPSCC staff with feedback about the contents of the Brief. He urged Committee members to continue to indicate what kind of data and analysis they would like to see in the Brief so that LPSCC staff, in collaboration with the research staff of members' agencies, can provide that information. He also requested Executive Committee members to support the Public Safety Analysts Team, which will operate under the auspices of LPSCC and will be essential to this effort. Without that support, the agency analysts on the team will be hesitant to help develop objective systemic analysis for the Executive Committee that might reflect on their agencies' performance.

Antoinette Edwards asked Bill Feyerherm about a PSU survey recently described in The Oregonian. The survey apparently reported that, despite data clearly indicating that crime has dropped in Oregon to a forty-year low, the majority of Oregonians still believe that crime is increasing. Professor Feyerherm noted that PSU Professor Brian Renauer prepared the report and would be in the best position to describe the underlying methodology and the significance of the report. Judge Jean Maurer recalled that the report concluded that public opinion is significantly influenced by media coverage of crime. The Committee agreed that this report should be distributed to its members.

Mike Schrunk noted that the PSU report will have an impact on public opinion because the report is credible in light of the objectivity of its sponsor. The Public Safety Brief is a work in progress, and justice agencies should make sure that the Brief accurately reports their data. The kind of data and analysis contained in the Brief and the PSU report should serve to educate the public, as well as support the work of LPSCC.

Judy Hadley asked when data from other jurisdictions would be available for inclusion in the Brief. Chief Junginger requested that available data from East County agencies be included in upcoming issues of the Brief. He also noted that current and future data regarding a decreasing incidence of lower level crimes reflect declining budgets and staffing and not necessarily declining crime rates.

3. Establish a process to improve communication with the public.

Commissioner Shiprack spoke about the idea of a LPSCC Speakers Bureau that would provide support to LPSCC members who speak to the public and work to facilitate public interaction. She questioned the council about the necessity of a common "LPSCC message" that would be the same regardless of who was speaking.

Dwight Holton responded that ensuring a uniform of message among speakers from LPSCC is difficult because members will not be speaking just as a LPSCC member, but also from their other professional identities. However, he and other members agreed that a "LPSCC message" could be incorporated as a component of public communication opportunities.

Karen Gray suggested that the most important part of communication with the public would not be informing them about the operations of the criminal justice system, because even though the general public could learn a lot in that area, they are not particularly interested in learning about it. Rather, the more important part of communicating with the public would be to hear their feedback on how they see public safety initiatives working in their neighborhoods and lives.

Mike Schrunk proposed a “speakers toolkit” that would provide accurate information about some of the topics discussed in LPSCC that may not be an area of expertise for all LPSCC members. For example, a police chief may need support to be able to discuss early childhood education as it relates to crime prevention.

Commissioner Shiprack called for the creation of a Communications Working Group. Karen Gray and Judge Maurer volunteered to be on the group. Commissioner Shiprack directed the working group to report at the April meeting. Judge Maurer clarified that the creation of this group originated from a discussion about the public’s misperception of crime.

Karen Gray agreed to chair a new Communication Subcommittee to develop a communications plan for the Executive Committee and improve communication with stakeholders and the public with regard to public safety issues and LPSCC’s activities and accomplishments. Judge Maurer volunteered to serve on the Subcommittee.

4. Review topics for LPSCC initiatives in 2011-12.

Bill Feyerherm expressed his view that LPSCC has not devoted sufficient attention to racial and ethnic equity in the county’s justice systems, especially in light of a new office of equity at the City of Portland established by the Mayor. Peter Ozanne noted that Professor Feyerherm and Mike Schrunk led a LPSCC study ten years ago, which analyzed the impact of particular decision points in the criminal justice system on the proportion of people of color in the system. This study could serve as a model for a permanent process that is administered by LPSCC.

Chiquita Rollins asked about the inclusion of the chart entitled “Simple Assault Incidents by Premise Nov/Dec 2010” in the Public Safety Brief. Tom Bode responded that the inclusion of data and charts in the Brief currently reflect decisions by LPSCC staff and that any data or charts in the Brief should be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

III. Review of the *What Works* Conference

Judy Shiprack reported that feedback from those in attendance at the December What Works Conference confirmed that it was one of the most successful conferences that LPSCC has sponsored. She emphasized the importance of remaining in contact with the legislators who attended the conference and sharing information from the conference with other legislators who are interested in what works.

Co-Chair Shiprack also noted that proposed topics and an agenda for the 2011 What Works Conference will be a topic for discussion at an upcoming meeting of the Executive Committee.

Commissioner McKeel introduced the issue of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, which will be on the agenda at the April meeting.

Next LPSCC Meeting: April 5, 2011