



LPSCC Executive Committee Meeting

Summary Minutes for January 4, 2011

I. Introductions, Announcements, and Approval of Minutes

LPSCC Executive Committee

Members In Attendance

Sam Adams, Co-Chair
Judy Shiprack, Co-Chair, Multnomah County Commissioner, District #3
Jason Bledsoe, Oregon State Police
Suzanne Bonamici, State Senator
Lane Borg, Director, Metropolitan Public Defenders
Karl Brimner, Director, County Mental Health Services
Judge Julie Frantz, Chief Criminal Court Judge
Joanne Fuller, Director, Department of County Human Services
Karen Gray, Superintendent, Parkrose School District
Judy Hadley, Citizen Representative
Suzanne Hayden, Citizens' Crime Commission
Dwight Holton, Acting U. S. Attorney
Judge Jean Maurer, Presiding Circuit Court Judge
Diane McKeel, Multnomah County Commissioner, District #4
Roberta Phillip, for Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen
Chief Mike Reese, Portland Police Bureau
Chiquita Rollins, Domestic Violence Coordinator
Michael Schrunk, District Attorney
Lillian Shirley, Director, County Health Department
Dan Staton, Multnomah County Sheriff
Scott Taylor, Director, Department of Community Justice
Judge Nan Waller, Chief Family Court Judge

LPSCC Staff

Peter Ozanne, Executive Director
Elizabeth Davies, Analyst
Tom Bode, Research Associate

Other Attendees

Joslyn Baker, CSEC - Collaboration Specialist, DCJ
Steve Barber, Barber & Gonzales Consulting
Kim Bernard, DCJ
Emerald Bogue, Chair's Office
Lauren Booth, Children's Justice Alliance
Dave Braaksma, MCSO
Drew Brosh, MCSO
Jann Brown, DCJ
Nancy Cozine, Oregon Judicial Department
Sharon Darcy, Pathfinders Oregon
Fran Dawison, Auditor's Office
Markely Drake, MCSO
Antoinette Edwards, Mayor's Office
Carl Goodman, DCJ
Julie Goodrich, MCHD
Shannon Grzybowski, Auditor's Office
Jessica Guernsey, MCHD
Rachel Hardesty, PSU-Restorative Justice
Tim Hartnett, CODA
Glenna Hayes, Center for Family Success
Jason Heilbrun, County IT - Public Safety
Neal Japport, Oregon Judicial Department
Barry Jennings, Oregon Judicial Department
Dave Koch, DCJ
Amanda Lamb, Auditor's Office
Matthew Lashua, Commissioner Shiprack's Office
Bobbi Luna, MCSO
Steve March, County Auditor's Office
Shea Marshman, County Auditor's Office
Gail McKeel, County IT
Tim Moore, MCSO
Elise Nicholson, County IT
Win Nunley, Cascadia
Matt O'Keefe, DCJ-CANS
Gary Oxman, County Health Officer
Charlene Rhyne, DCJ

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**Serving
Public
Safety
Agencies in
Multnomah
County**

Amreet Sandhu, Office of Sam Adams
Kathy Sevos, Volunteers of America
Kathleen Treb, DCJ
Jeff Wheeler, MCSO

Corie Wiren, Commissioner McKeel's
Office
Wanda Yantis, MCSO
Nicole Yonke, Health Dept.

Announcements

Dwight Holton announced that his office, working with the Oregon Law Center, is convening a Domestic Violence and Federal Firearm Statute Conference scheduled for February 4 at the federal courthouse. It will provide training for advocates and prosecutors on federal firearm prosecution in domestic violence cases.

Chiquita Rollins has announced her retirement. She will be leaving at the end of March.

Peter Ozanne announced that LPSCC staff Analyst Elizabeth Davies is leaving Multnomah County for a position with the Urban Institute in Washington DC.

The November minutes were approved without objection.

II. Vote on LPSCC Gang Action Plan

Materials: Action Plan to Reduce Youth and Gang Violence: Ensuring Effective Coordination, Oversight, Community Engagement & Measurable Outcomes; and Community Engagement: A Proven Strategy to Address Youth Violence

Peter Ozanne presented again the “Action Plan to Reduce Youth and Gang Violence: *Ensuring Effective Coordination, Oversight, Community Engagement & Measurable Outcomes*” which was discussed at the November LPSCC Meeting. It has been adopted by the Portland City Council and now should be officially adopted by LPSCC.

The first recommendation of the plan is to form a workgroup to facilitate interagency coordination. The workgroup would be composed of representatives of key agencies, service providers, and the community. The second recommendation is to appoint Rob Ingram as the head of the workgroup and to expand his oversight beyond Portland to all of Multnomah County. Third, the plan calls for meaningful community engagement. Fourth, the plan calls for measurable outcomes to be described and tracked. Finally, the plan endorses the efforts of Mayor Adams in Portland to fight youth and gang violence: the establishment of the Youth and Gang Violence Team, the creation of gang exclusionary zones, and the creation of a single phone line that provides a link to services. The workgroup will report regularly to LPSCC.

The Action Plan will facilitate greater county-wide coordination and create a mechanism for keeping elected officials informed of current efforts.

Barbara Willer commented that as commissioner for District 2, she responded to the gang violence in her district by calling together a group of African American mothers, which became the organization “Black Women for Peace.” From this experience, Willer produced a report “Community Engagement: A Proven Strategy to Address Youth Violence.” Willer encouraged LPSCC to increase community involvement in its efforts to combat youth violence. She recommended forming a plan for community engagement to ensure that it is happening appropriately.

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Mike Schrunk moved to adopt the Action Plan; Judy Hadley seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

III. Special Report: “Through Strategic Collaboration Multnomah County Can Expand its Capacity to Make a Difference”

Materials: powerpoint presentation, report to follow

County Auditor Steve March introduced the Auditor’s Office report on domestic violence in Multnomah County. Dr. Shea Marshman presented the auditor’s report to the group.

Dr. Marshman suggested that the underlying condition of the domestic violence response system – that it is much smaller than the problem it tries to address – is common to other problems the county struggles with, such as gang violence. It is not realistic to expect a solution to domestic violence solely through the actions of the domestic violence response system. The solution is to build capacity of the systems.

The domestic violence system roughly consists of about 40 organizations in whole or in part. The broad effect of domestic violence means that it drains resources from many government agencies – support for victims, criminal justice proceedings for offenders, and prevention efforts.

The domestic violence system cannot solve this problem, because it is not designed to solve the problem; it is designed to respond to the problem. Prevention does not happen in any meaningful way in the domestic violence system. Furthermore, only about ten percent of the people identified as domestic violence victims are receiving the conventional systemic response. The other 90 percent access services from the rest of the community: friends, family, and community resources such as churches. Often, these informal support systems are not well equipped or trained to respond to domestic violence.

The solution to this problem is to build the capacity of the formal response system through strategic collaboration. Dr. Marshman defined strategic collaboration as “deliberately developing effective inter-organizational collaboration skills to build capacity and find new solutions to existing problems.” Current efforts understood to be collaborative may be ill-defined. Collaboration should be understood as a separate and more intensive effort than networking, coordinating, or cooperating. Collaboration means thinking differently, as a cohesive whole, to work differently and build capacity – a process call synergistic interaction.

Dr. Marshman said It is no one’s fault that collaboration doesn’t happen effectively. Few people in the county have the training and the skills to be able to strategically collaborate. Essential to effective collaboration are identifying a common language and a set of fair procedures to allow for equitable interactions between parties. Training is required to build the skills and attitudes necessary to collaborate in this manner. Neutral facilitators are necessary to maintain the fairness of the process. Parties do not have to agree completely on the final solution, but they must agree that the process is fair.

Dr. Marshman admitted that this is an unusual audit report, because of its perspective on systemic issues. She will recommend that the Board of County Commissioners identify a neutral leader to invite more people into the process, and to support training to facilitate greater collaboration in the county.

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Dr. Marshman closed by passing around an envelope and asking people who were intrigued by her presentation to enclose their business card. She will use the results of her survey in her presentation to the County Board.

IV. Update from US Attorney on Recent Events & Prescription Drug Summit

Materials: none

Dwight Holton updated the council on the activities of the US Attorney's Office over the last few months. November 18 and 19, at the request of the US Attorney General, Holton convened a conference of all US attorneys in Washington DC on environmental law. They discussed the President's and the Attorney General's priorities in the area of environmental policy and crime. That the Oregon US Attorney was asked to lead this is a testament to Oregon's leadership in environmental law.

On November 22, at the Federal Courthouse in Portland, Holton hosted a summit on prescription drug abuse. In the last three years, 1200 people have died from prescription drug abuse – five times the homicide rate. Two hundred people attended, including Governor Kulongoski, Oregon Attorney General John Kroger, and representatives of major pharmaceutical companies and lobbying organizations. A prescription drug monitoring program is coming online soon that will allow doctors to view a patient's existing narcotics prescriptions. Later this year, there will be pharmaceutical takeback programs. Prescription drug abuse is problem with two sides: people who have pain management issues gone awry and youth who abuse prescription narcotics.

November 26 was the tree lighting ceremony in Pioneer Courthouse Square. He was at the ceremony at the square when the attempted bombing occurred. The following day, Holton went to Corvallis where a Mosque had been attacked. From that event and his other outreach, he has heard one clear message from the Islamic community: they would like help building an education and outreach program to prevent radicalization. This is a project that Holton fully supports and is would like to see as the legacy of the attempted bombing of the lighting ceremony.

The attempted bombing of Pioneer Courthouse Square has re-energized the discussion about Portland joining the Joint Terrorism Task Force. Holton thinks this will be a fruitful discussion about public policy and encourages the members of LPSCC to engage in this process.

V. What Works Debrief

Materials: none

Judy Shipwreck reported on the What Works Conference. Though she was unable to attend, she was very pleased with how well it went. The presenters and attendees were excellent and made the event a success.

Senator Bonamicci was pleased with the diverse representation of the legislature who were there.

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Peter Ozanne commented that a number of the legislators who were in attendance asked for a report of the proceedings, which the LPSCC staff is preparing.

VI. Next Month's LPSCC Retreat

Materials: none

February's LPSCC meeting will be extended an additional hour to accommodate a "retreat" – a discussion of the processes, workgroups, membership, policies and procedures of LPSCC.

Scott Taylor commented that sometimes great topics are brought to the table, but the meeting format does not allow for discussion.

Commissioner Shiprack commented that the format of the meeting has changed because of the increase in attendees, which has resulted in a loss of intimacy and has perhaps chilled the ability to have an engaging discussion.

Peter Ozanne would like to see the membership more engaged in the creation of the agenda.

Dr. Marshman suggested that a professional facilitator be brought in to the retreat.

Chief Reese remarked that he is disappointed with the number of recent police shootings. While the officers involved are acting in accordance with policy, the bureau's non-lethal options are not very effective.

Next LPSCC Meeting: February 1, 2011.

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