

LPSCC

Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting

Multnomah Building, Room 315
9-11am

Notes for April 7, 2016

Subcommittee Attendees

Rod Underhill, Multnomah County District
Attorney

Doug Brown, Portland Mercury
Nick Budnick, Portland Tribune
Sheri Campbell, Government Relations
Cynthia Castro, City of Portland
Brian Detman, DCJ Juvenile Services
Erin Fairchild, Defending Childhood Initiative
Tracey Freeman, DCJ
Mary Geelan, DCJ
Suzanne Hayden, US Attorney's Office
Whitney Hilde, MCDA Intern
Vanessa Micale, Health Department/STRYVE
Julia Mitchell, POIC

Alice Perry, Latino Network
Edgar Perez, DHS
Roberta Phillip-Robbins, DCJ Juvenile Services
Division
Michelle Plambeck, Office of Commissioner
Shiprack
Kirsten Snowden, MCDA
Eric Zimmerman, MCDA

LPSCC Staff

Abbey Stamp, LPSCC Executive Director
Amanda Lamb, LPSCC Analyst
Christina Youssi, LPSCC

Introductions and Announcements

District Attorney Rod Underhill opened the meeting. Introductions were made.

Announcements:

- Rod Underhill: Today there will be a press conference in Peninsula Park regarding recent gang and gun violence.
- Rod Underhill: Kirsten Snowden will take over as LPSCC Y&GV Co-Chair.
- Vanessa Micale: The STRYVE Cohort of 27 had their graduation.
- Erin Fairchild and Vanessa Micale will take part in a think tank on the intersection of early childhood and gang violence.
- Rod Underhill, Kirsten Snowden, and Chuck Sparks attended Prosecutors Against Gun Violence in October. The next iteration in May will look at the intersection of gang violence and firearms.
- Eric Zimmerman: King School is asking for volunteer law enforcement to create a relationship with students.

Grant Opportunities

Sheri Campbell of Government Relations summarized the BJA Technology Innovation in Public Safety grant that needs to be linked to a precipitous increase in crime. The current ask is to fund importing juvenile data into DSS-J (currently adult-only data) to help with longitudinal analysis. The budget will mainly fund developers and IT project managers. The subcommittee agreed to move forward.

Uptick in Violence

Kirsten Snowden noted there are a lot of youth with guns but only a small few pulling the trigger. There will be discussion with law enforcement about how to make the most of law enforcement to target those who are the most dangerous. Rod noted this is reactionary, but we should not forget about prevention.

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Workgroup Updates

The goal is to wrap up the work of the below workgroups by June. The groups are meeting weekly.

1) Mentoring

Membership

- Julia Mitchell (POIC)
- Eric Zimmerman (MCDA)
- Sang Dao (DCJ)
- Randall Wyatt (POIC CHI mentor)
- Yolanda Gonzalez (Latino Network)
- Nathaniel Williams (Unify PDX)

2) Employment

Membership

- Barb Timper (Worksystems)
- Alice Perry (Latino Network)
- Holly Whittleton and Derrick Thompson (SE Works)
- Antoinette Edwards (City of Portland)
- Walter Robinson (BMA)
- Felisia Otis (VOA)

SE Works has an InFocus program that provides paid internships for young people who are disconnected.

Youth involvement is missing, but Roberta is reaching out to the Youth Commission. The workgroups may start meeting in detention to include the voices of these youth. A rich resource is Measure 11 youth who can voice what they needed in regards to mentoring and employment.

3) Coordinated Entry

Membership

- Kim Harvey-Trigoso (NW Family Services)
- Mary Geelan (DCJ)
- Brian Detman (DCJ)
- Vanessa Micale (STRYVE)
- Joseph Tietz (Pathfinders)

Communication among continuum of care providers is missing. Roberta has been talking with programs and found that they currently are not—but are willing to—ask if kids are gang-impacted.

Community Engagement:

Roberta is thinking there will be three community connections for each strategy to ask for input during the process. One example may be existing groups like the Community Peace Collaborative (CPC). Abbey noted smaller groups may lead to better dialogue. Rod said this group needs to communicate their ideas with those working on the MacArthur community engagement.

Meeting Wrap-Up

Roberta reminded the group that we haven't fully tried the influencer role to interrupt violence. Vanessa mentioned the upstream effect of educating young people about the justice system and consequences for violence; and the importance of finding opportunities to help young people feel they have power and control in a non-violent way. Solutions/strategies must be trauma informed and trauma healing. Negative influencers can become positive influencers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am so that people could attend a press conference.