

LPSCC

Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting

Portland Police Bureau North Precinct
9-11am

Notes for May 5, 2016

Subcommittee Attendees

Antoinette Edwards, City of Portland Office of
Youth & Gang Violence Prevention
Kirsten Snowden, Multnomah County District
Attorney's Office

Michelle Aguilar, ACJ/DCJ
Harry Bradshaw, Oregon Youth Authority
Gunnar Browning, Oregon Youth Authority
Erin Fairchild, Defending Childhood Initiative
Tracey Freeman, DCJ
Kolini Fusitua, IRCO
Mary Geelan, Juvenile Court
Larry Graham, PPB
Cheryl Johnson, Cascadia
Deborah Kim, GIFT

Vanessa Micale, Health Department/STRYVE
Julia Mitchell, POIC
Kevin Modica, Portland Police Bureau
Roberta Phillip-Robbins, DCJ Juvenile Services
Division
Robin Sells, Gresham Police
Lyn Tan, IRCO
Joseph Tietz, Pathfinders
Mathew Wagenknecht, Portland Police Bureau
Doug Brown? Portland Mercury

LPSCC Staff

Christina Youssi, LPSCC

Introductions

Introductions were made.

Current Gang Situation

Assistant Chief Kevin Modica introduced Lt. Mike Krantz, who noted this announcement was off the record because there would be a press release tomorrow. PPB is focusing on getting the repeat offenders off the streets. The Gang Enforcement Team worked 14 days straight with positive results: 52 arrests with about half of those being the targeted offenders. Since April 21st there was a sharp decline in shootings. There has been an uptick in female victims. A full month is needed to see the outcomes. AC Modica noted this an interruption that works. It's not a wide-open blanket but very specific.

Workgroup Updates

Roberta Phillip-Robbins noted the workgroups have begun working on the three strategies.

Roberta gave the background and alignment with OJJDP and how we've adapted it for Multnomah County. Roberta has been deliberate about including community voices. Below are key points; see the presentation for more detail.

- **Coordinated Entry**
Workgroup members have been talking with Systems of Care staff to ask if they believe they are working with gang impacted people; they don't usually ask, but they are willing to. Connected with the domestic violence, homelessness, child welfare systems. They don't always know what resources are available, but they would like more information. Workgroup is developing with questions to ask that will be vetted.

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- **Employment and Mentoring**
Have been meeting weekly in detention with 4 pre-adjudication youth. There is a promising SE Works mentoring/employment program. There is a need to vet employers through the lens of mentorship. There was steering committee support for service-learning as a resume builder.

Vanessa Micale gave an update on the 27 community health workers and ongoing community. Some members of the cohort are gang-involved or impacted. The lived experience helped them feel empowered. Funding for STRYVE is in the Chair's budget (as well as more training.)

Erin Fairchild attended a Prevention Institute conference in Oakland. One area of interest is looking for safe and appropriate opportunities for gang involved people to work with youth. An example is youth adjudicated for graffiti painting murals. The Health Department is looking at a CDC grant connecting domestic violence with teen dating violence. One promising strategy is "Coaching Boys to Men." There is a new OJJDP grant to try new strategies to connect early childhood and gang violence. More to come.

A promising practice shows that informal mentoring connections are as impactful as regular check-ins. Some youth have shared that they don't want to be matched with someone similar to themselves (culturally, experiences, etc.)

Community Engagement Plan

The community engagement piece has been ongoing and collaborative. We plan to also use existing forums. The desire to invite Youth Commission participants to this process was expressed. Roberta noted they are involved at the workgroup level.

Gunnar Browning noted the need to coordinate our strategies with PPB's interruption plan.

The meeting was adjourned.