



Local Public Safety Coordinating Council  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

## **Youth & Gang Violence Subcommittee**

***Thursday, December 6, 2018***

*PPB North Precinct Modica Room*

*449 NE Emerson St, Portland, OR 97211*

*5-7pm*

### **Meeting Agenda**

5:00 pm	<b>Welcome &amp; Check-Ins</b> <b>Youth Ambassadors and Commissioners</b>
5:20 pm	<b>Word is Bond (WIB) Work</b> <b>Youth Against Violence (YAV) Work</b> <b>WIB/YAV Partnership</b> <b>LPSCC Youth &amp; Gang Violence Subcommittee Work</b>
6:00 pm	<b>Guided discussion around topics including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mental Health</li><li>● Gun Violence</li><li>● Police Violence</li><li>● Support for Youth in/out of Juvenile Justice</li><li>● Mentoring</li></ul>
6:40 pm	<b>Next Steps</b>

### **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, January 3, 2018

9-11am

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## Attendance

Tracy Alioth, POIC  
Andrew Campbell, County Health Dept.  
Deena Corso, DCJ JSD  
Nathan Clark, Office of Commissioner Lori Stegmann  
Lakayana Drury, Word is Bond  
Ben Duncan, Multnomah County  
Tracy Freeman, DCJ JSD  
Alejandra Galindo, Latino Network  
Mary Geelan, DCJ JSD  
Jillian Girard, County Budget  
Andrea Marquez, City of Portland MYC  
Erika Molina, Youth Development  
Marcia Perez, DCJ JSD  
Nicole Relacion, DCJ JSD

Lili Yamamoto, LPSCC  
Christina Youssi, LPSCC  
Babak Zolfaghar-Azar, POIC CHI

## Word is Bond Youth

Sebastian Chevalier  
Evan Defino

## Multnomah Youth Commission Youth

Remonda Hanna  
Christina Liu  
Suehay Mercado  
Alana Nayak  
Antonia McSwain  
Emily Avendano

## Notes

This Subcommittee meeting was held in the evening so youth could be involved. Lakayana Drury welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made. Everyone shared their favorite childhood movie.

## Announcements:

- Babak Zolfaghar-Azar--The Measure 11 Survey has reached 1000 participants. There will be a mural with written responses.
- Lakayana and Sabastian from Word is Bond are on Portland's new Committee on Community-Engaged Policing.

Youth Commissioners facilitated the meeting.

## Youth Against Violence (YAV) Work

Antonia gave an overview of the Youth Against Violence committee of the Multnomah Youth Commission.

Highlights included:

- Worked on Know Your Rights
- Summary of grants
- Partnership with Word is Bond.

## Word is Bond (WIB) Work

Lakayana and youth gave an overview of WIB accomplishments:

- Won first grant
- Finished 2nd summer internship program
- PeaceJam
- Know Your Rights



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- Screening and discussion of movie “The Hate You Give.”

### **LPSCC Youth and Gang Violence Work**

Lili Yamamoto shared what the LPSCC Y&GV Subcommittee does and gave an overview of the [Youth & Gang Violence Gang Assessment’s 6 Strategies](#).

### **YAV and WIB Partnership**

Applied for and received a grant for youth action research. They will be doing focus groups.

### **Small Group Discussion**

Takeaways from the small group discussions:

#### **1. Gun Violence**

School Shootings are a major concern for youth. It seems youth of color are more affected, and it feels like nothing is being done. Young people need to be heard. Elected officials need to do more outreach to youth to talk about youth safety and what they need. Need support for youth who have been traumatized. Resources for youth need to be discussed at schools, community events, libraries, etc.

#### **2. Police Violence**

History, pain, trauma, fear, relationships, and accountability were discussed.

#### **3. Mental Health/Support for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System**

There are services, but youth aren’t engaging for many reasons:

- The service community doesn’t look like the community
- Trauma isn’t been addressed
- Parents aren’t notified

### **Next Steps:**

Juvenile Services Division (JSD) wants youth voice to inform work. Mary wants to hear about how to support and learn from the Youth Action Research.

Need more Summer Works opportunities. Youth of all ages need money and experience. It is budget time with the county. Can we build on work that is being done?

Paid Internship could be a Y&GV agenda item. Age is a barrier -- can we lower the age?

Can there be a lobby day?

### **Appreciations**

The meeting ended with everyone sharing an appreciation.