



Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting

Multnomah Building, Room 315

9-11am

Notes for April 5, 2018

Subcommittee Attendees

Co-Chairs

Antoinette Edwards, City of Portland OYVP
Kirsten Snowden, MCDA

Attendees

Tracy Alioth, POIC Gift Coordinator
Ilijah Andrews, POIC Intern
Harry Bradshaw, Oregon Youth Authority
Chesimet Tajo, Youth, MYC
James Dakin, Portland Police Bureau
Charity Dunlevy-Todd, Youth, MYC
Lakayana Drury, POIC
Mary Geelan, Dept. of Community Justice
Yolanda Gonzalez, Latino Network
David Hannon, MCDA
Suzanne Hayden, US Attorney's Office
Matthew Heady, Boys & Girls Club
Andrea Marquez, Multnomah Youth Commission
Vanessa Micale, STRYVE
Erika Molina Rodriguez, Multnomah Youth Commission
Warith Mustafa, POIC YOLI Intern
William Nunemann, LPSCC Intern

Fernanda Otero-Gonzalez, Youth, MYC
Edgar Perez, DHS Child Welfare
Alice Perry, Latino Network
Dana Riemer, Portland Public Schools
Maria Scanelli, Resolutions NW
Harry Smith, MCSO Captain
Helen Vank, MFS
Marcus Waughfield, IRCO
Megan Westbrook, STRYVE
Robert White, POIC Mentor
Eric Zimmerman, MCDA
Babak Zolfaghari-Azar, CHI
Word is Bond Youth

LPSCC Staff

Abbey Stamp, LPSCC
Sarah Mullen, LPSCC
Lily Yamamoto, LPSCC
Christina Youssi, LPSCC

Introductions and Announcements

Introductions were made and everyone said one word that defined them.

Announcements:

- Abbey Stamp welcomed Sarah Mullen, project manager with LPSCC.
- Alice Perry acknowledged that yesterday was difficult due to the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination and the Administration's announcement they would send the National Guard to the US/Mexico border.
- POIC and Latino Network have been developing evidence-based plus model. The final results will come out in the fall, but they did share a White Paper yesterday and Alice will send the link.
- Babak Zolfaghari-Azar noted Measure 11 Youth Internships (YOLI) started this week and will be leading the workshops in the schools.
- Kirsten Snowden attended a meeting to find strategies to reduce pre-trial detention for Measure 11 Youth.
- Lily Yamamoto noted Multnomah County's gang assessment and plan are highlighted in the recently published *Gangs in America's Communities*.

- Eric Zimmerman and David Hannon talked about recent trials that will have an impact in the community.
- Vanessa Micale shared information about the "Frontiers of Resilience" conference that she attended last week in Los Angeles, centered on post-traumatic growth.
- The Multnomah County Youth Commission is accepting applications.
- There are several youth-led events coming up:
 - Know your Rights (April 28th, noon-5pm)
 - Youth-led candidate forum

Strategy Updates and Youth Involvement

Lily Yamamoto noted the youth groups have been active and meeting. Youth read the subcommittee's mission, which was written in 2011.

The following points were made during a discussion of how *do we involve youth?*

- 9am meetings are difficult. 4:30 or later would be better.
- "Youth" is the preferred term of empowerment.
- Location needs to be accessible and youth-friendly.
- Antoinette offered to host a quarterly dinner.
- Advisory groups need to actually advise, not just be token youth. Need to have written agreement. Agency needs to be clear what they want advice on and at what stage.
- The adults can attend youth meetings and bring updates to them.

Is there a governance role for youth in this subcommittee? People who spoke liked the idea.

- ❖ It was decided that the June 7th meeting would be moved to the afternoon. Antoinette Edwards is looking into North Precinct and Marcus Waughfield is looking into the IRCO gym. At this meeting, the youth will present a plan to meaningfully advise Law Enforcement on youth issues.

Strategy 6: Links between Police, Youth and Communities

Youth from Word is Bond shared The 5 Areas of Engagement document. The ideas include:

- Safe space to create dialogue/interaction
- Training/education
- Recognizing trauma
- Community Engagement
- Fun

Word is Bond is doing focus groups.

Lakayana Drury coordinated 170 students to see the movie Black Panthers. He shares the impact of this moment in an [editorial](#) that was published.

Strategy 2: Mentors that Get It

The Save the Date for the June 22nd Mentor Gathering was distributed.

The youth that would be involved in a panel are on parole and probation.
Outreach needs to be to formal and informal mentors.

There was discussion about mentors from former mentees. There was discussion about the first few weeks after leaving incarceration in regards to support, parole and probation.

The meeting was adjourned.