

LPSCC Executive Committee Meeting



Summary Minutes for February 5, 2013

Introductions, Announcements, and Approval of Minutes

LPSCC Executive Committee Members In Attendance

Charlie Hales, Mayor of Portland
Judy Shiprack, Multnomah County
Commissioner, District #3
Lane Borg, Director, Metropolitan Public
Defenders
Judge Julie Frantz, Chief Criminal Court Judge
Suzanne Hayden, Citizens' Crime Commission
David Hidalgo, Director, County Mental Health
Services
Diane McKeel, Multnomah County
Commissioner, District #4
Christina McMahan, Assistant Director, Dept. of
Community Justice, Juvenile Services
Division
Susan Myers, Director, County Human Services
Annie Neal, Domestic Violence Coordinator
Chief Mike Reese, Portland Police Bureau
Brian Renauer, Portland State University
Scott Taylor, Director, Department of
Community Justice
Rod Underhill, District Attorney Elect
Judge Nan Waller, Presiding Circuit Court Judge

Other Attendees

Galina Abrams, Multnomah County IT
Christina Albo, Resolutions Northwest
Maxine Bernstein, Oregonian
Dave Braaksma, MCSO
Doug Bray, Circuit Court Administrator
Shannon Busby, Multnomah County Budget
Office
Markley Drake, MCSO
Carl Goodman, DCJ
Jason Heilbrun, County IT - Public Safety
Neal Japport, Oregon Judicial Department
Tess Jordan, FPD, OMF, City of Portland
Matthew Lashua, Commissioner Shiprack's
Office
Beckie Lee, Commissioner Kafoury's Office
Steve March, County Auditor's Office
Barbara Marcille, Multnomah Circuit Court
Drake Markley, MCSO
Shea Marshman, Multnomah County
Sheriff's Office
Michael Marshman, Portland Police Bureau
Alison Noice, CODA, Inc.
Laura Ritchie, DCJ
Ely Sanders, Pathfinders Oregon
Captain Sara Westbrook, Portland Police
Bureau
Corie Wiren, Commissioner McKeel's Office

LPSCC Staff

Peter Ozanne, Executive Director
Lauren Brown, Research Assistant
Matt O'Keefe, Public Safety Analyst
Mary-Margaret Wheeler-Weber, Executive
Assistant

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Commissioner Judy Shiprack called the meeting to order. The Executive Committee approved minutes from the December, 2012 LPSCC meeting.

Commissioner Shiprack reminded the Executive Committee of the upcoming LPSCC retreat on March 15th, and announced the formation of a retreat planning workgroup. Suzanne Hayden volunteered to serve on the retreat planning workgroup.

Suzanne Hayden reminded the Executive Committee of the upcoming Call to Action Summit on violence hosted by U.S. Attorney Amanda Marshall and The Citizens Crime Commission, which will take place on February 13th and to which all Executive Committee members are invited.

Presiding Judge Nan Waller announced the appointment of two new judges to Multnomah County Circuit Court, Amy Holmes Hehn and Beth Allen.

Portland Police Chief Mike Reese gave an update on the Department of Justice settlement that has been delayed by legal challenges from the Portland Police Association and the Albina Ministerial Alliance's Coalition for Justice and Police Reform. Captain Sara Westbrook, who is head of the Portland Police Bureau's new Behavioral Health Unit, commented that the Portland Police Bureau is moving forward with new training and policies around tasers and the use of force. David Hidalgo, Director of County Mental Health Services, said that it was a strategic time for Multnomah County and the City of Portland to work together on these issues and they are so doing.

Presiding Judge Nan Waller said that she had recently attended a workshop in Salem addressing the issue of mental health and the public safety system. She said she believed the workshop demonstrated the legislature's level of commitment to addressing the issue. Matt O'Keefe also attended the workshop and said that there were several valuable presentations that might be useful to bring before LPSCC, including a team from Marion County and Alexa Eggleston from the Council of State Governments.

Mayor Charlie Hales commented that the City of Portland has put funding for mental health services at the top of their list of legislative priorities.

Old Business: Emergency Population Release Workgroup – Update

Commissioner's Shiprack and McKeel said that the conversation at the Emergency Population Release Workgroup meetings had been robust and was ongoing. A research agenda has been developed, and the work will result in a written report.

Public Safety Trends Report

Related materials on the LPSCC website: [Presentation on Open Container Arrests](#); [December 2012 Public Safety Trends Report](#).

LPSCC Public Safety Analyst Matt O'Keefe and LPSCC Research Assistant Lauren Brown presented a special analysis of open container arrests in the Portland area. Open container charges are one of the ten most common causes for arrest. A sizable number of people who were taken into custody on a fugitive hold had a warrant for failure to appear in court for open container charges, and a small number of individuals are associated with the majority of the charges – these individuals frequently have serious physical and mental health challenges and are homeless . These individuals also have substantial contact with police due to their public drinking.

Discussion of the presentation included the following comments:

- The process of arrest and re-arrest of the same individuals is expensive and doesn't change outcomes. The Service Coordination model may be useful.
- People arrested for alcohol offenses often have many other health issues that are expensive to treat.
- The City of Portland is speaking to the legislature regarding an alcohol impact area prohibiting the sale of specific alcohols in specific areas.
- Homelessness compounds the issue: People who are chronically inebriated in their own homes do not get arrested.

Community Plan to End Homelessness

Related materials on the LPSCC website: presentation slides: [Community Plan to End Homelessness](#); [Home for Everyone: Summary](#); [Home for Everyone: Supplement A](#); [Home for Everyone: Supplement B](#).

Commissioner Deborah Kafoury, Captain Sara Westbrook and Marc Jolin, Executive Director at JOIN presented on the Community Plan to End Homelessness, which revisits the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness adopted by the City of Portland and Multnomah County in 2004. The plan prioritizes addressing chronically homeless populations, streamlining access to existing services (as opposed to creating new or redundant services); and funding programs with measureable results.

Successes of the 10 Year Plan have included opening of the Bud Clark Commons, securing benefits for almost 600 people through the BEST program, and the prevention of multiple household evictions. Policy recommendations moving forward include a focus on the most vulnerable populations (families with children, youth, adults with disabilities, women, and veterans); addressing racial and ethnic disparities; increasing the amount of affordable housing; and investing in proven, cost-effective programs. The plan also recommends the formation of a community-based body to oversee the plan and assure systems alignment. This would include representation from local government, business, faith, public safety, and philanthropic agencies. It was further recommended that policies be supported through data-driven assessment and accountability, using the Homeless Management Information System.

As next steps, the plan will be finalized and brought before the City of Portland, Multnomah County and Home Forward for adoption, the governance committee will be created, and the City of Portland and Multnomah County will take part in aligned budgeting.

Discussion included the following comments:

- Specific attention to the housing needs of victims of domestic violence is desired.
- Attention to the needs of veterans is appreciated and appropriate, given the Federal directive to end homeless among veterans by 2015.
- There is a need for emergency housing that is more stable than shelters provide that can help people in need of treatment.
- Felons face barriers to housing.
- Some children are in foster care because their families do not have housing. It may be more cost effective to house the families than to put the children in foster care.

**Next LPSCC Meeting:
Tuesday, May 7th, 2013, 7:30am - 9:00 am**