

LPSCC

Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

LPSCC Executive Meeting

Summary Minutes for October 14, 2019

Attendees

LPSCC Executive Committee Members

Chair Deborah Kafoury, LPSCC Co-Chair

Hon. Cheryl Albrecht, Chief Criminal Court Judge
Peggy Brey, County Human Services
Gunnar Browning, Oregon Youth Authority
Hon. Stephen Bushong Presiding Judge
Patricia Charles-Heathers, Health Department
Deena Corso, Juvenile Services Division
Djimet Dogo, IRCO
Jan Elfers, Community Representative
Lt. Patrick Huskey, Oregon State Police
Erika Preuitt, Dept. of Community Justice
Sheriff Mike Reese, Multnomah County
Rod Underhill, Multnomah County District Attorney
Mary Zinkin, Center for Trauma Support Services

Member Delegates

Lt. David Abrahamson, Portland Police Bureau
Capt. Claudio Grandjean, Gresham Police Dept.

Attendees

Michelle Aguilar, Dept. of Community Justice
Maxine Bernstein, Oregonian
Tatyana Bondarchuk, LCSNW
Angela Donley, Commissioner Jayapal's Office
Erin Fairchild, County Health Dept.
Tracey Freeman, Dept. of Community Justice
Mary Geelan, Juvenile Services Division
Commissioner Susheela Jayapal, District #2
Deandre Kenyanjui, Health Dept.
Dr. Paul Lewis, Health Department
Callie Love, County Health Department
Adam Renon, Chair's Office
Jay Scroggin, Dept. of Community Justice
Kathy Sevos, Volunteers of America Oregon
Harry Smith, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
Raffaele Timarchi, Chair's Office
Chris Yager, Budget Office

LPSCC Staff

Abbey Stamp, Executive Director
Sarah Mullen, Project Manager
Leneice Rice, Community Engagement Specialist
Kyle Schwab, Data Analyst
Christina Youssi, LPSCC Executive Assistant

Introductions, Announcements, and Approval of Minutes

Chair Deborah Kafoury opened the meeting, and introductions were made.

- No November LPSCC meeting due to Veterans Day
- The September [LPSCC minutes](#) were approved
- Abbey presented a plaque to Michelle Aguilar, who is retiring from the Dept. of Community Justice this week.

Violence Prevention Coordination Team Policy Recommendations

Erin Fairchild, Multnomah County Health Department, presented the Defending Childhood Initiative/Safe & Thriving Communities overview and timeline. The presentation included an overview of the Violence Prevention Coordination Team and its mission; resources developed; data on children exposed to violence; numbers of polyvictims (exposed to 10 or more types of violence); the 8 policy theme areas prioritized by VPCT; criteria used to identify recommended strategies; and policy development challenges and successes. For details, see the [presentation](#).

The LPSCC Executive Committee has been asked to approve two of the draft policy recommendations:

1. With the passage of Senate Bill 1008, the Juvenile Justice System will experience some significant changes. As such, **the DCJ Juvenile Services Division and their collaborative partners and stakeholders shall form a time limited work group to identify effective supervision practices to enhance services for the youth population previously sentenced in the adult system** that are grounded in adolescent brain development, positive youth development, and culturally relevant trauma informed practices in alignment with the critical rationale that our state legislature supported with the passage of SB 1008. With JSD and all partners in alignment, public safety and positive outcomes for youth will be increased.
2. Because a growing body of evidence shows that men are less likely to abuse their children and partners when they are supported to be engaged, nurturing fathers with accurate child development knowledge, **any entity that serves parents & families should ensure that their services, policies, and programs offer culturally relevant parenting support specifically to fathers**. When seeking new investments, programs should assess the effectiveness of programming for fathers, and engage fathers as experts in developing new programs and policies.

Abbey Stamp noted these policies are viable and actionable, and the second policy is more county-centric.

There was discussion around victims:

- DA Underhill asked about the policy as it relates to victims.
- Deena Corso noted this is an important issue but was out of the VPCT scope.
- The team may partner with the DA's office to integrate victim supports.

The policy recommendations will be sent out via email, and postpone a vote until members can read the policy recommendations. Abbey Stamp will ask for approval via email at the end of October.

Juvenile Justice Reform Efforts Updates

Deena Corso, Juvenile Services Division (JSD) Director, presented information around JSD's reform efforts for probation and for detention.

Transforming Probation

The presentation included summaries and strategies of two publications: *Transforming Juvenile Probation: A Vision for Getting it Right* and *Transforming Juvenile Justice Systems to Improve Public Safety and Youth Outcomes*.

JSD applied and was selected to participate in the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform's *Transforming Juvenile Probation Certificate Program's* inaugural cohort in November 2019. The goal of the Certificate Program is to guide and support teams from state and local jurisdictions—including probation leadership, judges, attorneys, and other key stakeholders—to fundamentally transform their system-wide approach to probation.

For program strategies and participating agencies, see the [presentation](#).

Transforming Detention

Deena Corso noted Performance-based Standards (PbS) data highlighted that JSD's utilization of isolation/room confinement exceeds national standards. However, when the county started to decrease use of isolation/room confinement, staff and youth assaults increased.

JSD seeks to improve the safety and well-being of both youth and staff in detention with an updated behavior management system. After months of research and site visits, JSD staff recommended the Rational Behavior Training (RBT) model. For RBT details, tools and next steps, see the [presentation](#).

Christina Youssi will send out the presentation as a PDF that includes links to publications.

LPSCC and Agency Updates

Abbey gave the following updates:

- The What Works in Public Safety Conference will be January 16th. The invite list is small, but the event will also be livestreamed. The topic is *Rethinking the "offender" and "victim" dichotomy*.
- The all-sites MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge meeting took place in Houston in early October. The County is currently waiting to hear back about the recent application.
- On September 20th, Policy Research, Inc. led a day of Sequential Intercept Mapping to identify gaps at the front end of the justice system (intercepts 0 and 1). There is a draft report, and there will be an executive summary. The goal of the process is to identify criminal justice alternatives for individuals with mental illness and substance abuse issues.

Other updates:

- Dr. Paul Lewis, Health Department, gave an update on the Bureau of Justice Assistance \$1.2 million three-year grant, which was awarded to Multnomah County to speed long-term recovery from opioid misuse among people in the criminal justice system. The grant allows for a 9 month planning period to support law enforcement in identifying individuals in need of substance abuse treatment and connect those individuals to service; connect at risk and/or survivors of non-fatal overdose and their families to treatment; provide transitional/emergency housing as part of a comprehensive response strategy; and develop/implement a comprehensive plan to reduce the risk of overdose death and enhance recovery in the pre and post-trial populations. The grant will fund corrections counselors and peer navigators at the jail and provide resources such as housing, phones, transportation, and food. The funding leverages a current pilot that provides screening and referral by a corrections counselor at the Multnomah County Detention Center at booking, as well as peer recovery mentor services.

The meeting was adjourned.

