PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL OF Multnomah **C**OUNTY

LPSCC

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. **Multnomah Building - Room 315** 501 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.

Introductions, Announcements & Approval of the Minutes of LPSCC's March 3, 2009 Meeting

Chair Ted Wheeler

10 minutes

Agency Budget Updates

Chair Wheeler & LPSCC Members

15 minutes

Federal Stimulus Package Grants

Peter Ozanne & LPSCC Members

15 minutes

Retreat Follow-Up: Special Projects & Working Groups

Co-Chairs Wheeler and Saltzman & LPSCC Members

30 minutes

- Youth Violence and Gang **Intervention & Prevention**
 - See the Accompanying Proposal
- **Review and Implementation of** the County's Public Safety Plan See the Accompanying Excerpts of the Public Safety Plan
- **System and Agency Alignment** Chief Sizer & Sheriff Skipper

Oversight of the County's Decision Support System (DSS-Justice)

20 minutes

Peter Ozanne & Elizabeth Davies

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009

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MEMORANDUM

TO: LPSCC Members

FR: Peter Ozanne

RE: Agenda for LPSCC's April 7, 2009 Meeting

I am sending this memo to you on behalf of Dan Saltzman and Ted Wheeler to describe the agenda items for LPSCC's April 7th meeting in more detail. (Another copy of the agenda accompanies this memo for your convenience.) We intend to make it a regular practice to send out such a memo with every agenda in order to assist Council members in preparing for presentations and discussions at our meetings. (And, in the future, I intend to send out LPSCC's meeting agendas and accompanying materials earlier in the week before the meetings.)

LPSCC's April 7 meeting will be devoted primarily to following up on the Council's March 3 Retreat with proposals for organizing the special projects that were identified at the Retreat. In addition, the first two agenda items immediately below are intended to share information and coordinate policies that have the potential of affecting agencies, communities and public safety throughout the County:

Agency Budget Updates. This item provides an opportunity for brief updates of agency budget presentations that were made at LPSCC's February and March meetings. We will obviously need to continue sharing this kind of information and discussing the potential public safety system impacts, and the necessary system responses, over the coming months as state revenue forecasts are released and state and local budgets are finalized.

Federal Stimulus Package Grants: The federal Stimulus Package has increased funds ordinarily available to local public safety and social services agencies through federal programs like COPS and Byrne Grants. Some of these funding opportunities raise the possibility of conflicting or inconsistent grant applications within our local public safety system, which could reduce the applicant agencies' chances of success. And, if successful, these grant applications could result in unanticipated costs and consequences for other agencies and operations in our public safety system. Therefore, this agenda item provides an opportunity to survey members about their plans to apply for Stimulus Package funds, and to begin to identify where new resources may be added to our public safety system.

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Retreat Follow-Up: Special Projects & Working Groups: The three topics set forth below received the most support during LPSCC's March Retreat as appropriate subjects for the Council's focus in 2009 and 2010. (Another popular topic at the Retreat – reducing violence against children and families – is being

deferred for LPSCC action until the Citizens Crime Commission finalizes its plans for addressing this topic.) This agenda item provides an opportunity to briefly discuss the three proposed special projects and consider the Co-chairs' recommendation for organizing the projects. That recommendation proposes the establishment of Working Groups of approximately 12 to 15 members, made up of LPSCC members and agency and community stakeholders and co-chaired by Council members from diverse disciplines or professions. This organizational structure is designed to promote broad-based participation and support for the projects, and creative and comprehensive approaches to addressing the following three topics:

- Youth Violence and Gang Intervention & Prevention: In light of recent incidents of youth and gang violence in Portland and the East County, this topic received strong support at LPSCC's March Retreat as a subject for the Council's focus. A copy of the proposal for this initiative was forwarded to you earlier this week with the agenda for our April 7 meeting.
- Review and Implementation of the County's Public Safety Plan: At LPSCC's Retreat, Council members also supported a review and implementation of the most feasible and cost-effective recommendations in Multnomah County's "Public Safety System Planning Report." That report represents a comprehensive, county-wide effort to identify the most critical needs and improvements in the local public safety system. The report was completed in January 2008 and has received little attention since then. The plan clearly deserves the attention of LPSCC. (Selected excerpts from this plan were also forwarded to you earlier this week with the April 7 agenda.)
- LPSCC's Retreat with strong support from Council members. Since then, I understand that Chiefs Sizer and Junginger and Sheriff Skipper have convened police chiefs in the County for the purpose of identifying areas in which their departments can collaborate, avoid duplication and realize cost savings. The Co-chairs are proposing that this group proceed as the initial Working Group for this project. As the group's deliberations implicate other agencies and operations, or when the group exhausts the possibilities for collaboration and cost-savings among law enforcement agencies, other agencies and stakeholders will be added to this Working Group.

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Oversight of the County's Decision Support System (DSS-Justice): If time permits, this agenda item will be a brief presentation by Council staff. The presentation will include an introduction of Elizabeth Davies, our new Justice System Analyst, and a preview of our preliminary plans for collecting and managing data and providing research, evaluations and analyses to support the work of LPSCC and its member agencies.

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Executive Committee Meeting

April 7, 2009

Summary Minutes

LPSCC Executive Committee Members

Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler, LPSCC Co-Chair Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, LPSCC Co-Chair

Lane Borg, Director, Metropolitan Public Defenders

Karl Brimner, Director, County Mental Health & Addictions Services

Judge Julie Frantz

Joanne Fuller, Director, Department of County Human Services

Judy Hadley, Citizen's representative

Debbie Hansen, Oregon Youth Authority

US Attorney Karin Immergut

Craig Juninger, Chief, Gresham Police

Department

Port of Portland Police Chief Philip Klahn

Presiding Judge Jean Maurer

County Commissioner Diane McKeel

Rob Milesnick, Director, Citizen's Crime Commission

Chiquita Rollins, MC Domestic Violence Coordinator

District Attorney Michael Schrunk

Commissioner Judy Shiprack

Lillian Shirley, Director, MC Health Department

Portland Police Chief Rosie Sizer

Sheriff Bob Skipper

Scott Taylor, Director, Department of

Community Justice

Judge Nan Waller

Michael Ware, Self-Enhancement Inc.

LPSCC Staff

Peter Ozanne, Executive Director, LPSCC & Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Public Safety

Carol Wessinger, Assistant Director, LPSCC Elizabeth Davies, Budget Office & Public Safety System Analyst, LPSCC

Other Regular Attendees

Maxine Bernstein, Reporter, The Oregonian Doug Bray, Circuit Court Administrator Kathy Brazell, VOA

Jann Brown, DCJ

Shannon Callahan, Commissioner Saltzman's Office

Rachel Hardesty, PSU – Restorative Justice Think Tank

Tim Hartnett, Director, CODA

Rob Ingram, Office of Youth Involvement

Patty Katz, Partnership for Safety and Justice

Christine Kirk, MCSO

Dave Koch, DCJ

Matthew Lashua, Commissioner Shiprack's Office

Beckie Lee, Commissioner Kafoury's Office Shea Marshman, Auditor's Office

Jana McClellan, County Chief Operating Officer

Gail McKeel, DSS-J

Matthew O'Keefe, CANS-DCJ

Tom Rinehart, County Chair Chief of Staff

Corie Wiren, Commissioner McKeel's Office

Jason Ziedenberg, DCJ

The meeting began with introductions and the passage of the March 3, 2009 minutes.

Agency Budget Updates

Courts: In order to fulfill its statutory obligation to process cases in a fair and timely manner, the Oregon Judicial Department has proposed a Reduction Plan for the 2009-11 Biennium that outlines how the courts plan to meet a series of budget constraints while maintaining core services that protect public safety and uphold the rule of law. Judge Maurer highlighted some of the key changes proposed in the Reduction Plan, notably the elimination of referees at the 10% cut-level. She noted that judges would need to take on the functions previously assigned to referees, a situation that would likely result in slower case processing.

Although the courts have thus far been able to avoid court closures by securing additional funds, they would likely close for one day per week at the 20% cutlevel and for 1.5-2 days per week at the 25% cut-level. Judge Maurer remained hopeful that new funding options would become available as the 2009 Legislative Session progressed.

- <u>Department of Community Justice</u>: Scott Taylor noted that the department anticipates a 27 percent cut in gang funding.
- Department of County Human Services: Joanne Fuller expects a tremendous reduction in her department's ability to provide services to aging and/or disabled clients, as well as those in need of drug and alcohol treatment.

Federal Stimulus Package Grants

Peter Ozanne noted that ARRA (the federal stimulus act) and certain federal grants may help fund some of the programs that the county expects to reduce or eliminate in its FY10 budget. Mr. Ozanne stressed the importance of a collaborative approach to applying for, and carrying out, grants.

The Portland Police Bureau will receive regional stimulus funds through a formula allocation to fund gang outreach for three years, a gang/crime analyst for three years, two technology positions for two years and prostitution treatment for two years. A Byrne Grant is also being sought for an East County Service Coordination Team.

Port of Portland Police Chief Klahn reported that his office is also applying for COPS funds to employ officers.

Sheriff Skipper reported that MCSO is seeking COPS grants to fund a Child Abuse Officer, the East County Gang Unit and the Drug Unit in coordination with the District Attorney's Office.

Gresham Police has 8 positions to backfill. They are working closely with the Sheriff's Office, Troutdale and Fairview for a COPS grant that would fund an officer and human services professional.

The District Attorney's Office has requested an earmark in the budget to fund an attorney to cover elder abuse cases and will also use formula grant money to fund a deputy for the domestic violence one-stop.

Karin Immergut reported that the US Attorney's Office is reviewing its enforcement policy of child exploitation, human trafficking, gangs and violence reduction. Her office is working on financial and mortgage fraud coordination in response to Oregon's rating as one of the top ten states with reported foreclosure scams.

Doug Bray reported that the courts will apply for formula Byrne Grant funding in order to keep specialty courts.

The Department of Community Justice is applying for a JAG grant to fund a probation/forensic officer who would work closely with the FBI, US Marshals, and local agencies on issues of trafficking and identity theft. The department also wants to look more closely at multi-generational crime families, problem-solving courts and mentoring for gang affected youth.

The Oregon Youth Authority has received a grant for working with sex offenders. The program allows individuals who have already received training to train new recruits.

Joanne Fuller reported that the federal government has recalculated its Medicaid Matching formula at a higher rate, which will free up funds to support other services.

The Health Department does not plan to submit any grant applications specifically related to public safety. The department is working mostly with community health delivery and electronic medical records. It has also received \$800,000 for helping newly uninsured clients.

Chiquita Rollins reported that the Domestic Violence Coordinators Office has submitted two grant applications. One grant would provide assistance for transitional housing and jobs. The second grant would help fund the DV enhanced team, which is currently covered by a United Way grant.

Retreat Follow-up: Special Projects & Working Groups

During the March LPSCC retreat, members identified several core challenges facing the public safety system and expressed interest in forming special committees dedicated to these topics. Peter Ozanne introduced the three topics that appeared to garner the most support:

- 1. Youth Violence and Gang Intervention & Prevention: This group will be cochaired by Joanne Fuller, Director of the Department of County Human Services, and Craig Juninger, Chief of Gresham Police. The members supported the formation of this sub-committee and discussed the involvement of other agencies, organizations, and programs; for example, members brought up Project Safe Neighborhoods as a potential resource for learning about prevention strategies. The group also discussed the possibility of a regional approach to gang prevention and intervention, but then decided that such a plan may prove too ambitious at this time. Several members voiced concerns over the sustainability of any gang reduction strategy, citing the "Boston Violence Project" as a cautionary tale, and also pointed to a need for an epidemiological approach to understanding crime.
- 2. Review and Implementation of the County's Public Safety Plan: This group will be co-chaired by Mike Schrunk, Multnomah County District Attorney, and Scott Taylor, Director of the Department of Community Justice. The members supported formation of this subcommittee and pointed to a need for a realistic assessment of what initiatives might work and what has already been implemented in the public safety plan. One member expressed concern that Alcohol and Drug treatment was not prioritized in the Public Safety Plan.
- 3. System and Agency Alignment: This group will be co-chaired by Chief Rosie Sizer, Portland Police Bureau, and Sheriff Bob Skipper, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. Chief Sizer proposed this topic at LPSCC's Retreat with strong support from Council members and has since worked with Chief Junginger and Sheriff Skipper to convene police chiefs in the County for the purpose of identifying opportunities to encourage collaboration, avoid duplication and realize cost savings. As the group's deliberations implicate other agencies and operations, or when the group exhausts the possibilities for collaboration and cost-savings among law enforcement agencies, other agencies and stakeholders will be added to this group. The LPSCC members discussed the inclusion of law enforcement officials from adjacent counties to realize a regional approach to policing.

LPSCC Members will receive an email requesting their participation and/or their staff participation in one of the subcommittees. Groups should consist of twelve to fifteen members and include a balance between disciplines and positions within the county. The membership of each sub-committee will be announced at the May LPSCC meeting.

Oversight of the County's Decision Support System (DSS-Justice)

The Multnomah County Public Safety Plan identifies the need for a "dedicated, independent systems researcher to examine cross-agency criminal justice system data to identify and quantify improvements to the criminal justice system." Referencing this call to action, Peter Ozanne announced LPSCC's new public safety system analyst, Elizabeth Davies. With a background in criminal justice research and a penchant for data analysis, Elizabeth will focus on enhancing the county's research capacity and expanding its access to reliable, quality public safety data. Part of her efforts will include a review of current data collection and management strategies, the foundation of a working group of public safety data analysts and researchers, the development of a data dictionary that clarifies the wealth of information available within DSS-J, and continued work on her model of the County's Public Safety System.

The group expressed excitement in having a new public safety system analyst and discussed the importance of having someone who can articulate the "key questions" that must be asked in order to understand and resolve the myriad challenges facing the county. The group also discussed the plethora of data available to county researchers and supported several improvements to the current DSS-J system, including the development of enhanced reporting capability. Peter Ozanne also announced the new governance structure of the DSS-J policy group, which will now be co-chaired by Doug Bray and County Commissioner Judy Shiprack. The group will report to the LPSCC Executive Committee on a quarterly basis.