# **LPSCC** Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting



# Attendance for June 5, 2014

#### Subcommittee Attendees

Rod Underhill, Co-Chair, District Attorney Antoinette Edwards, Co-Chair, OYVP

Becky Bangs, DVERT Stacie Beckerman, US Attorney's Office Kim Bernard, DCJ Harry Bradshaw, OYA Leah Bolstad, US Attorney's Office Erin Fairchild, DCI Coordinator Tracey Freeman, DCJ/JSD Jason Gates, MCSO Mary Geelan, Juvenile Court Improvement Coordinator Lore Joplin, Joplin Consulting Maureen McKnight, Chief Family Court Judge Julia Mitchell, POIC Christina McMahan, DCJ Alice Perry, Latino Network Michelle Plambeck, District #3 Roberta Phillip, Multco Office of Diversity & Equity Kirsten Snowden, MCDA Rebecca Stavenjord, County Health Department Joel Wendland, Troutdale Police Dept.

#### LPSCC Staff

Abbey Stamp, LPSCC Executive Director Lauren Brown, LPSCC Staff

# Welcome, Introductions, and Agency Updates

Subcommittee Co-Chair Rod Underhill welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

#### **Revised Definitions**

Lore reviewed the Glossary of Terms and Strategy Definitions (see attached). No comments were made.

# **Quantitative Data Collection**

Kim Bernard shared the findings of the quantitative results. The guiding questions were:

- What are Multnomah County's characteristics and have they changed over time?
  - o Portland's Part 1 crimes are compared to similar cities.
  - There has been a shift in populations of color from N/NE Portland to a more dispersed pattern across the county (mainly east Portland and Gresham). It was noted that this slide would be more useful after the demographics slide.
  - It was suggested that the change in infrastructure be called out on the map of Medium Home Value.

• The Voter Registration Map shows the concentration of political participation.

- What are Multnomah County's service needs?
  - Multnomah County has the highest rate of homelessness in the greater metro region.
  - o Call out the social significance of the concentrations of Low Birth Rate slide.
  - Missing data needs to be explained on the Percent of free and reduced lunch by concentration slide
- What are our school system's characteristics and needs?
  - A map showing trends of disciplinary action by race broken out by county. Maps with school district boundaries will be included. Need to state that disciplinary action is at a school.
- What gangs are active in our community?
- What types of crimes are gang members committing?
  - District Attorney's Office provided cases reviewed and cases issued data. The 2013 increase may be due to a grant that increased resources, attention to

Serving Public Safety Agencies in Multnomah County gang activity, and gang-activity identification. This shows a trend but is an underrepresentation that does not include domestic violence or most sex trafficking cases.

- Where are these crimes occurring?
  - Heat map of "Shots Fired" calls for service comparing 2003-2004 to 2012-2013 shows the movement of hot spots moving east and decrease in overall intensity. Participants thought the map needed to be more explicit about the decrease in numbers of shots fired, i.e., intensify the color palette..
  - Reported incidents of non-domestic violence aggravated assaults show the same movement and intensity change. This map shows the location of the incident.
  - Flagged Gang Activity in Gresham map. Participants asked that the map be expanded to include all of Multnomah County.

It was pointed out that the movement and shift in activity matter. They will influence where resources are allocated.

It was suggested that the same map and formatting be used when possible, and then focus in on some of the specific areas.

The committee would like to see maps/data for:

- Mean income
- Educational attainment
- Impact of closing Columbia Villa and how information can be gleaned to assist implementation. It was noted that this would be beyond the scope of this project, but should be explored in the future.

# **Qualitative Data Collection**

Rebecca Stavenjord shared a preliminary summary of the qualitative data. This data included school data and community perceptions.

She shared information about the quantity of responses and some of the results for schools, community, and focus group respondents.

It was stressed that the stories and the humanity need to come through in the assessment.

The committee would like to see several vignettes in the report. Some of the participants will be asked to share their story in their own words.

Because trust was built and relationships were built with survey participants, it's important to continue listening to these voices during the next phase of implementation planning. There is the desire to empower gang members to be part of the solution.

# **Community Resources**

Mary Geelan summarized the findings for community resources. She provided an overview of the programs that responded to the survey (260). Only 5% of programs indicated they

provide services specifically to gang-involved individuals. Most gang-responsive program services focus on intervention and secondary prevention strategies. Most program indicated they were not full.

The report appendix will include a list of gang-responsive programs and provide a a link to LPSCC's web site for the full 469 program inventory.

# **Draft Report Outline**

The working draft of the report outline includes an introduction, overview, the OJJDP model, assessment data (the structure is to be determined), conclusions and next steps, appendices.

#### **Presentation Timeline**

This report will be presented to LPSCC on July 8<sup>th</sup>, and then to the Gang Task Force and then to the Board of County Commissioners.

The July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting is cancelled. The Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee is invited to the LPSCC executive meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>.