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Dear Ms. Stamp:

The Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC) extends its sincere appreciation to you for meeting with us. Your presentation did an excellent job of providing an overview of the functions of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) and the ways in which members of the public currently participate in its programs.

The CIC believes that by meeting with the county's various departments and offices, we develop a better understanding of the public engagement taking place throughout the county. As a result, we are better equipped to offer suggestions to specific departments and offices on how to further engage members of the public. The CIC commends your interest in increasing public engagement within the endeavors of the LPSCC.

During the meeting, it was discussed that the best setting for attempting to increase public engagement with regard to LPSCC initiatives and programs is within its subcommittees. The subcommittees appear to be where a significant amount of the Council's work originates and is deliberated. Consequently, our recommendations focus on increasing public outreach and input opportunities on the subcommittees:

- Identify subcommittees where public participation is a good fit and expand opportunities for engagement. One possibility is running a pilot project with one of the subcommittees where public input would prove particularly useful.
- Determine which perspectives and which stakeholders will provide the most meaningful public input. Potential stakeholders include service consumers and members of the general public.
- Expand public outreach to stakeholders about engagement opportunities (e.g. meetings) for the selected subcommittees. This could include personal contact with community organizations, active recruitment of members of the public for various engagement opportunities, as well as increased notifications through the LPSCC website, social media accounts, and listservs.
- Make meetings more accessible to the public. Consider changes that will help residents of the county to participate (e.g. meeting times that are convenient for their schedules, providing food at meetings).

It is our hope that you will consider these suggestions when determining methods for LPSCC to enhance public engagement. We would be happy to assist with the implementation of any of these suggestions. You are welcome to contact us at any time with any questions or concerns. Additionally, we will invite you to attend a CIC meeting within the next two years to discuss any changes LPSCC has made as a result of our recommendations.

Thank you again for meeting with us, and we look forward to working with you in the future!

Sincerely,

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