

LPSCC
Youth and Gang Violence Subcommittee Meeting
Multnomah Building, Room B14
9-11am

Notes for February 4, 2016

Subcommittee Attendees

Rod Underhill, Multnomah County District Attorney
Antoinette Edwards, Office of Youth Violence Prevention

Michelle Aguilar, ACJ/DCJ
Gunnar Browning, Oregon Youth Authority
Brian Detman, DCJ Juvenile Services
Mary Geelan, DCJ
Tracey Freeman, DCJ
Suzanne Hayden, US Attorney's Office
Dallas Jenkins, Rosewood Initiative
Vanessa Micale, Health Department/STRYVE
Julia Mitchell, POIC
Ximena Ospina-Todd, Latino Network
Felisia Otis, VOA Oregon
Alice Perry, Latino Network
Roberta Phillip-Robbins, DCJ Juvenile Services Division

Michelle Plambeck, Office of Commissioner Shiprack
Dana Riemer, Portland Public Schools
Thomas Robertson, POIC
Rudy Rolon-Rivas, Chi Mentor Latino Network
Tim Sessions, Portland Police Bureau
Rebecca Stavenjord, Multnomah County Government Relations
Joseph Tietz, Pathfinders
Jacob Williams, Ed NW
Randall Wyatt, POIC CHI
Elmer Yarbotough, POIC CHI
Lana Yoswein, POIC CHI

LPSCC Staff

Abbey Stamp, LPSCC Executive Director

Introductions and Announcements

Julia Mitchell -- Thomas a gift coordinator is transitioning to Gang Outreach. They will be looking for new coordinator.

Brian Detman – Trainings with Portland Police SIRN (System Integration & Resource Network) was this week (2/1 -2/4). A group from King County has a site visit planned for 2/11-2/12. Juvenile alternatives and racial disparities are the key issues being address with King County.

Roberta – Strategies Updates - Work Group Tiers – Roberta is working to create work groups for each of the 6 strategies. Strategies work –The coordinating council meets every two weeks and will more closely monitor work group efforts. By Dec 31 the implementation plan will be complete and will include all 6 strategies. There will be Coordinated entry, Mentoring, and Employment the first phase. The second phase will include the other 3 strategies. Roberta will sit on each workgroup and provide leadership and support. Dates are on the calendar for phase 1 work groups already. Roberta has invited everyone however if someone has a burning desire to be on a specific group, let her know. Coordinated entry is first meeting. DA Underhill mentioned that Mult Co currently has Re entry in Adult and the Governor has a team which meets quarterly (Governor's Task Force on Re-entry) which DA Underhill sits on to represent OR District Attorneys. Roberta clarified this is for Juvenile and gang. Overlap is possible. If you know work that is related let her know so as not to re-invent the wheel.

Updates from New Programs

CHI Mentoring - STRYVE – DA's Office - Early intervention
STRYVE – Vanessa Micale Slide presentation which will be sent to the team. They are on a 5 year grant with this being the final year. Will be focused on community health worker training. Primary goal is prevention – stop violence before it occurs.

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Work with youth to prevent crimes from happening. Using a public health approach. Youth with injury, disabilities, STD, trauma, mental health are focus. STRIVE can't stop violence but can identify areas where it is concentrated in Portland. Use of community health workers. Youth empowerment solutions is the curriculum. Crime prevention through environmental design is another strategy.

Early Intervention - Brian Detman The focus of this work is to address racial disparities - how can we work or intervene with youth more directly? Committee comprised of Juvenile Justice Dept - community based partners- DA's office. Team dug into data. Referral to Juvenile department is where the largest level of disparity is. Stopped sending warning letters for low level misdemeanors 8-10 letters were going out with no apparent impact. With this program, first time, low level intervention is now face to face. Started full time July 1. By assessing up front, there can be culturally specific wrap around services - short intervention. Contact with the youth and family can be challenging. Focus is on building relationships – core of the program. Initial meeting is assessing risk factors and holistic family needs. Based on the assessment, they can make referrals for mental health assessments and school advocacy, etc. During the process one on one meetings are held to see if goals are being met.

CHI MENTORING – Elmer Yarborough and Randal Wyatt Currently has 21 kids with mentors. 95% of the youth they represent are from a single parent family. They are building relationships with young people. Mentors show up and follow through. Mentors do home visits. The focus is building new and positive relationships. Mentors do one on one activities, help with things like resumes and interviewing as kids want jobs. Many mentors have “lived the life”. Mentors can and do have direct connections with the kids. Mentors will be attending STRIVE Community Health Worker training next month.

Multnomah Co DA's Office Neighborhood Prosecution Unit- Kirstin Snowden and Jim Hayden Will be adding a new position to the neighborhood prosecution unit in Rockwood. Currently the unit is working in the community with police and neighborhoods. Not downtown as much. Focus is on drug dealing, prostitution, drug houses. They don't actually take many cases and are able to pick and choose. The focus is to do more with the youth and try to keep them out of the court house. The group realizes they have to be in community in order to identify opportunities. Being in the community helps them to determine who really needs to be in jail and who needs intervention as they have relationships built and know the neighborhood.

Notes by Kelly Feasler