

Multnomah County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council 2013 Report

This has been a busy fall and winter for the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council. The following details the activities, products and work of LPSCC since July, 2013.

Abbey Stamp was hired as LPSCC Executive Director in late June, 2013. Throughout the summer, she met with each LPSCC Executive Committee member and subcommittee chair and co-chair to learn about each member's perceptions, expectations of, and experiences with LPSCC. This fall and winter, the focus has been to make all LPSCC and LPSCC related meetings goal and action focused. She works with Executive Committee and subcommittee co-chairs to determine group direction, goals, focus, and workload.

LPSCC Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee met monthly (except July), and added an additional meeting in August to address passage of House Bill 3194. The following is a summary of the meetings topics:

Agenda items included:

- House Bill 3194 and Justice Reinvestment
- Impact of the Affordable Care Act, including health department and corrections health implications
- City of Portland challenges with homeless camping and ordinances
- Oregon prison population forecast
- eCourt and Multnomah County Courthouse progress
- New MCSO kiosk system
- Review and approval of the Community Corrections Plan
- Many subcommittee updates

In addition to increasing the focus and structure of LPSCC meetings, there other LPSCC successes in 2013 worth noting:

- LPSCC data analyst, Lauren Brown, works collaboratively with other public safety system data analysts and data analysis efforts. Parameters have been developed which help LPSCC Executive Committee members and other leaders get data and reports with common methodology.
- Lily Yamamoto was hired in December, 2013 to project manage local justice reinvestment efforts. Lily came to the position with both project management and content knowledge. She formed an Operations Team and has helped move justice reinvestment decision making and program development forward.
- Christina Youssi is the latest addition to the LPSCC team. Christina started as Executive Assistant in February, 2014 and comes to LPSCC from Volunteers of America.
- The What Works in Public Safety conference was held on December 6th. The theme was, "Leveraging Health Care Transformation to Improve Behavioral Health and Public Safety

Outcomes.” For a full report on the conference, please see the full summary:

<http://web.multco.us/lpscc/what-works-conference-december-2013>

- Abbey has been trained on the inner workings of the DSS-J data warehouse by attending a variety of IT and IT budget related meetings to find the best way to keep DSS-J a consistent and reliable data resource for LPSCC staff and partners.
- Abbey continues to liaison with County Commissioners regarding justice reinvestment funding, LPSCC budget and other county matters.

Subcommittee activity and updates:

- Youth and Gang Violence:
 - Goal: Reduce youth and gang violence in Multnomah County.
 - Co-Chairs: Rod Underhill and Antoinette Edwards
 - Successes: The group intentionally began by focusing meetings, discussions and efforts in East County. Several meetings have been held at the Gresham and Fairview police departments. The group expressed desire to use a family based mapping activity to help identify system gaps and focus on creating a plan of action. Through the use of this family based mapping, the subcommittee decided to complete the OJJDP (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention) comprehensive gang assessment to help determine areas of work and put Multnomah County in a better position to apply for grants in the future. The subcommittee will also vet an information sharing effort, spearheaded by a group who attended a certificate program at Georgetown University.
 - Future work: Begin and complete the OJJDP assessment and continue to engage all areas of Multnomah County.
- Mental Health and Public Safety:
 - Goal: To be determined
 - Co-Chairs: Judge Julie Frantz and Susan Myers
 - Successes: After a hiatus of almost one year, the subcommittee reconvened for the first time in January 2014. The group reviewed 6 recommendations that were developed in 2013 and determined significant work has been accomplished.
 - Future work: Continue to work on remaining four areas (and identify new areas of focus):
 1. Better coordination of services and with the availability of services in the community
 2. Transportation
 3. Affordable Care Act for justice populations
 4. Information sharing
- Justice Reinvestment Steering Committee:
 - Goal: Fully implement HB 3194 and design and public safety system with Justice Reinvestment funds that meets the stated goals of HB 3194.
 - Chair: Suzanne Hayden, Citizens’ Crime Commission

- Successes: The Steering Committee is working to implement a pretrial assessment process that will create a more informed Judicial Settlement Conference. The group will also determine the gaps in our system that will benefit most from justice reinvestment funds. Tim Hartnett (CODA) and Dr. David Labby (HealthShare Oregon) have joined the conversation to ensure both behavioral and medical health needs are addressed. Lily Yamamoto, Project Manager, was hired in December 2013 to help facilitate the planning and decision making processes.
- Future work: Continue to work toward system reform, meet the goals of HB 3194.
- Jail Population:
 - Goal: Reduce the number of Emergency Population Releases (EPR) from Multnomah County jails.
 - Co-Chairs: Commissioners Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel
 - Successes: Identified 3 policy areas of focus that may reduce EPRs: pre-trial felons, sentenced misdemeanants, booking options. The subcommittee met several times during 2013 with a discrete focus on data. The group looked at which inmates occupy MCDC and MCJ, booking patterns and criminal activity patterns of defendants release during an EPR.
 - Future Work: In order to address two of the three policy options, the CJAC pretrial subcommittee will discuss how to augment or change the recog assessment and processes to determine if additional information might safely increase the number of defendants released (and supervised) pretrial. In addition, to address the number of sentenced misdemeanants, DCJ is beginning to implement Monitor Connect, a web based, low level probation for offenders sentenced to bench probation. These bench probationers represent the majority of sentenced misdemeanants in custody. The goal is to increase responsivity and services for these offenders rather than using jail as a sanction, when appropriate. The committee's decisions are based on reducing recidivism and keeping the most appropriate inmates in custody.
- Disproportionate Minority Contact/Confinement (DMC):
 - Goal: Under development
 - Chair: Judge Nan Waller
 - Successes: This subcommittee convened twice in 2013. The group agreed to evaluate existing DMC studies across the public safety spectrum (including child welfare and education) and to not duplicate data analyses. Upon review of existing data, the group decided to focus a small study on approximately 100 youth committed to the Oregon Youth Authority and compare this group with antecedent events that may have exacerbated commitment. For this reason, child welfare and the school systems are involved in the discussion. The group hopes to identify possible intervention, strategy or policy change based on the data.
 - Future work: Use existing data to determine area of work where DMC reduction outcomes can be accomplished.