

# **LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS POLICY AND DATA REVIEW COMMITTEE (LECC)**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**June 20, 2005, 1:00 p.m.**

Oregon State Library, Salem, Oregon

### **LECC Members Present**

Jan Chaiken                      Edwin Peterson  
David Fidanque                Raul Ramirez  
Annabelle Jaramillo        Frank Thompson  
Walt Myers                     Greg Willeford

### **LECC Staff Present**

Claudia Black                Kristen Ott  
Meredith (Bud) Bliss      Laura Uva

### **LECC Members Excused**

Keith Aoki                      Charles Martinez  
William Feyerherm

### **Guests**

Ed Boyd  
Peter Wong

### **Welcome / Introductions**

Ott is a Graduate Research Assistant at Portland State University. Boyd is a Deputy Police Chief of the Salem Police Department. Wong is a reporter for *The Statesman Journal*.

### **Approve Agenda**

The committee unanimously approved the agenda.

### **Approve Minutes of April 11, 2005 Meeting**

The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the April 11, 2005 meeting.

### **Data Review Subcommittee Update**

Chaiken stated that the subcommittee reviewed and updated their work plan to reflect the following:

1. Public Perception Surveys
  - a. Continue participation in statewide surveys of attitudes about police and experience with traffic stops, similar to Oregon Annual Social Indicator Survey (OASIS), at least once every two years.
  - b. Enhance the statewide sample by surveying members of minority groups with the same questions.
  - c. Have CJC staff analyze the data from the statewide and focused surveys concerning stops as related to race/ethnicity, miles driven, attitudes about Oregon police, etc. Prepare information for release and publicize the results.
2. Law Enforcement Agency Data
  - a. Solicit data already collected from all agencies known to be collecting data. Currently have offers to analyze data from Oregon State Police, Hillsboro, Beaverton, Eugene and Corvallis.

- b. In analyzing the data, focus on post-stop actions (search, arrest, etc.) rather than over-representation in stops. [Reserve “denominator” or “baseline” study (how minority populations are represented in the driving public) as a secondary strategy because of high cost.]
- c. In conjunction with statewide sheriffs’ and police organizations, contact all Oregon law enforcement agencies to identify which agencies currently collect or are planning to collect stop data.
- d. Offer assistance to interested departments in designing data collection and analyzing data, and otherwise encourage agencies to assess their performance and progress in regard to racial profiling.
- e. Analyze and release data from participating agencies in, at minimum, an annual report.

Chaiken gave a brief update on the national literature review of data reports. He stated that, at the next meeting, they will go through the material and write a summary of what they think is pertinent to the people and law enforcement agencies of Oregon.

### **Community Relations Subcommittee Update**

Jaramillo stated that the subcommittee decided that the following items should be included on their work plan:

- 1. Reconnect with members of the Oregon State Sheriffs’ Association (OSSA) and Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP), as well as the leadership of the Oregon State Police (OSP), and seek their assistance with the general work of the LECC, and in particular with the law enforcement survey
- 2. Law Enforcement Survey
  - a. Develop and disseminate survey
  - b. Evaluate information gained through survey
  - c. Share model programs in Oregon with all agencies
- 3. Review current training and proposed curriculum changes at the Department of Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)
- 4. National Literature Review
  - a. Look for training curriculum and community outreach models
  - b. Share these models with Oregon law enforcement agencies

### **DPSST Curriculum Subcommittee**

Thompson volunteered to serve and was accepted as the LECC representative on the DPSST Curriculum Subcommittee.

### **Law Enforcement Survey**

The Community Relations Subcommittee shared its updated tentative survey questions with the committee. Jaramillo suggested that the Community Relations Subcommittee begin to identify model outreach and training programs.

In order to make the survey more useful to law enforcement agencies, links to websites that offer model policies and outreach or training programs should be included, as well as

information on the history of the LECC. Chaiken and Jaramillo agreed to draft an introductory letter for the survey and circulate it to the committee before the next LECC meeting.

Jaramillo stated that, in its early days, the LECC had sent model programs to law enforcement organizations. She suggested re-introducing these in the coming months. Thompson suggested finding and presenting national best practices and model outreach/training programs that have resulted in better relations between communities and law enforcement agencies. Staff agreed to research this.

### **Presentations at Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA), Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP), and Oregon State Police (OSP)**

The committee agreed that a discussion with the executive boards of the OSSA, OACP and OSP should start early in the work of this committee. It should be relatively informal and focused on building partnerships and moving forward together. Fidanque suggested that they share the OASIS analyses with these organizations in addition to asking them for information and feedback. Chaiken agreed that this process should be mutually beneficial.

The committee decided that, at least initially, they should meet with the executive committees of the OSSA, OACP and OSP separately. Chaiken suggested that, after meeting with them individually, each organization could choose two or more delegates to finalize the process and the survey with the LECC. The committee agreed with this concept.

### **LECC Budget Update**

Black informed the committee that the LECC was allocated a total of \$131,000 in the Criminal Justice Commission's budget for the upcoming biennium.

### **Other Business / Open Comments from LECC**

Ramirez suggested that members of the committee that have limited exposure to law enforcement participate in "ride-alongs" in order to better understand and put into perspective how police contacts work.

Chaiken suggested updating the LECC website regularly. The committee unanimously agreed that the minutes of the LECC and its subcommittee meetings as well as the work plans should be posted on the website. There will be a report on the website at the next LECC meeting.

Peterson suggested that the LECC monitor its budget at every meeting. The committee unanimously concurred. Bliss suggested that the LECC look at a proposed budget for the coming biennium, and the committee agreed. Bliss, Black and Prins agreed to compose a proposed budget before the next meeting.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Schedule LECC Meetings for Upcoming Year**

The LECC will meet from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on August 29, October 24, and January 30. The LECC Data Review Subcommittee will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on those same dates. The Community Relations Subcommittee will meet from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on August 1 and October 17. This subcommittee will also meet in January 2006, but the specific date and time are TBA. Meetings after these dates will be scheduled in the future.

### **Adjournment**

Fidanque offered a motion to adjourn, and Ramirez seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.