

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS POLICY AND DATA REVIEW COMMITTEE (LECC)

MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2005, 1:00 p.m.

Oregon State Capitol, Salem, Oregon

LECC Members Present

David Fidanque, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon
Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County
Chief Ron Louie, Hillsboro Police Department
Justice Edwin Peterson, Distinguished Jurist in Residence, Willamette University College of Law
Sheriff Raul Ramirez, Marion County
Superintendent Frank Thompson, Santiam Correctional Institution
Lt. Col. Greg Willeford, Oregon State Police

LECC Staff Present

Claudia Black, Laura Uva, Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute, Portland State University
Craig Prins, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

LECC Members Excused

Associate Professor Keith Aoki, University of Oregon Law School
Dr. Jan Chaiken, former Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, US Department of Justice
Dr. William Feyerherm, Vice Provost for Research/Graduate Studies, Portland State University
Dr. Charles Martinez, Oregon Social Learning Center

Guests

Roland Broussard

Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approve Minutes of August 29, 2005 Meeting

The minutes were approved.

LECC Contract with the Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute (CJPRI) of Portland State University

The Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) and the CJPRI have signed the LECC contract.

Chief Louie suggested that committee members try to assist LECC staff by providing interns or graduate students to work with them on projects for a minimum of 60 to 90 days each. The committee agreed with this suggestion.

LECC Website Update

Richard Jones of the CJC is in charge of maintaining the LECC website, and Ms. Black is to be contacted with any public comments or questions about the site. Mr. Prins will work with staff from CJPRI to find out what exactly has been approved to be posted on the LECC website. The committee unanimously agreed that the following documents and information should appear on the website:

- All approved meeting minutes
- Most recent Work Plans
- OASIS reports
- LECC Annual Reports
- The LECC's *National Literature Review of Stop Data Reports*
- LECC membership list

The summary of the literature review will be posted after it is edited by Chief Louie and approved by the committee. However, the report itself has already been approved and will be posted on the website prior to the summary.

Ms. Black will draft a list of guidelines for what is posted on the website. This draft will be considered for approval at the next meeting.

Community Relations Subcommittee Update

Commissioner Jaramillo updated the committee on the work of the Community Relations Subcommittee at its last meeting (October 17, 2005).

Approve Work Plan

It was decided that the LECC Community Relations Work Plan should be approved via e-mail.

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Law Enforcement Curriculum Subcommittee Update

Superintendent Thompson informed the committee that Cameron Campbell, DPSST Director of Training, held a meeting with representatives of agencies from around the state, including sheriffs' departments, Oregon State Police, community corrections, adult corrections, and various city police departments. At this meeting, Mr. Campbell presented the "Proposed 16-Week Basic Police Performance Objectives" for DPSST training. Superintendent Thompson distributed copies of this document to the committee, and explained that there is consensus across the board at DPSST that a specific performance objective that addresses racially-biased policing should be established for inclusion in their training. The four areas in which performance objectives are likely to be made are: cultural awareness and diversity; patrol procedures/motor vehicle code/traffic law enforcement; contemporary community policing; and unknown-risk and high-risk vehicle stops. Superintendent Thompson, Sheriff Ramirez, Lt. Col. Willeford, Chief Louie and Chief Gerald Moore (or designee) of the Salem Police Department volunteered to help write the scenarios addressing issues of racially-biased policing. Superintendent Thompson agreed to talk with Mr. Campbell about what the process is for getting community input on the training, as well as input from experts on cultural competency.

Mr. Campbell has asked Superintendent Thompson to sit on the Selection Committee for the Assistant Director for Training for DPSST.

Update on Meetings with Leadership of OSSA, OACP, and OSP

The committee debriefed its meetings with OSSA and OSP, and prepared for its meeting with the Executive Committee of the OACP on October 25. Chief Louie described the national and state accreditation requirements and how the work of the LECC can help agencies in achieving accreditation.

Law Enforcement Survey

Ms. Black distributed the latest draft of the survey, and informed the committee that the OSSA expressed interest in editing some of the language.

Annual Report

The committee offered feedback on the draft of the 2005 Annual Report. It was decided that the report will be revised to reflect their comments by November 14, 2005. The OASIS report entitled “Public Perceptions Surveys of Attitudes Held by Minority Groups about Law Enforcement in Oregon” will be edited and approved by the LECC via e-mail, before its inclusion in the Annual Report.

Mr. Fidanque suggested that the LECC work with the Governor’s office to issue a press release on this year’s Annual Report.

Public Comments

Mr. Broussard commented on his and others’ experiences with racially biased policing. He also commented that it can be an issue even in communities that do not have many minority residents, because people travel throughout the state.

Adjournment

Mr. Fidanque moved, Commissioner Jaramillo seconded, and the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Further information on the LECC is available at:

http://www.ocjc.state.or.us/Racial_Profiling/LECPDRC.HTM