

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

January 23, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Salem, Oregon

LECC Members Present

Gilbert Carrasco, Professor of Law, Willamette University
Dr. William Feyerherm, Vice Provost for Research/Graduate Studies, PSU
David Fidanque, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon
Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County
Justice Edwin Peterson, Distinguished Jurist in Residence, Willamette University College of Law
Superintendent Frank Thompson, Santiam Correctional Institution

LECC Staff Present

Brian Renauer, Emily Narr, Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute, Portland State University
Dr. Jan Chaiken, Consultant (participated by teleconference)

LECC Members Excused

Sheriff Todd Anderson, Tillamook County
John Minnis, Director, Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
Chief Rosie Sizer, Portland Police Bureau
Lt. Col. Greg Willeford, Oregon State Police

Guests

Jack Lawson, Oregon Youth Authority
Rose Lewis, League of Women Voters
Mike Stafford, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

Approve Minutes of November 19, 2007 Meeting

The committee approved these minutes, as well as the minutes of the LECC Community Relations Subcommittee meeting on November 19, 2007.

New Member Vacancy Discussion

Dr. Chaiken has nominated Professor Akins of Oregon State University to be a member of the LECC Data Review Subcommittee, and Dr. Akins has indicated his willingness to serve to both Dr. Chaiken and Chair Peterson. LECC Members have reviewed his resume and agree that he will make a fine addition to the subcommittee. Members unanimously approved the appointment of Professor Akins to the LECC Data Review Subcommittee.

Professor Carrasco will request a resume from Kevin Diaz of the Northwest Justice Project, who will potentially become a full LECC member. The resume will be circulated to all members.

Data Review Subcommittee Update

Dr. Feyerherm discussed the pros and cons of two options for implementing an LECC youth survey. The first option is to potentially add questions to the Oregon Healthy Teens (OHT) survey effort. The second option is for the LECC to create their own survey of a limited number of school districts.

The subcommittee sought to clarify its goals in regards to this survey. Depending on whether or not they want a survey effort that can explain whether attitudinal changes regarding law enforcement change over adolescence (e.g. from elementary to high school), they may need to collect data using various sources in addition to the OHT. If they choose to explore how adult perceptions are shaped earlier in their lives, the subcommittee would be required to examine all types of interactions between youth and police, including experiences as passengers in cars. The examination of these vicarious experiences would require the development and addition of new questions, which may not be possible with the OHT. If the goal of the subcommittee is simply to compare the responses to key questions from the adult survey with those of youth respondents, the OHT would be the best option.

A lengthy and informative discussion followed.

Dr. Feyerherm stated that the subcommittee plans to outline more concrete proposals for the full LECC to examine. They will try to accomplish this by the next LECC meeting (March 19, 2008).

Jack Lawson of the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) offered to help the LECC explore the option of an OYA survey with OYA administrators.

Community Relations Subcommittee Update

The discussion of the subcommittee members' experiences at the Governor's Summit on Minority Youth Overrepresentation was presented to the committee. It was agreed that Superintendent Thompson should seek a meeting with the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) in order to share feedback and discuss some possibilities for the future. Dr. Feyerherm stated that he could try to include the funding agency for the Summit (JAJAC) in these discussions.

Schedule Future Meetings

The following dates were chosen for the LECC meetings in 2008:

Wednesday, March 19

Wednesday, May 21

Wednesday, July 16

Wednesday, September 17

Wednesday, November 5

It was suggested that the full LECC meeting on March 19 begin at 12:00 p.m. so that the committee will have more time to discuss future goals.

Other Business / Open Comments from the LECC

The LECC expressed their gratitude to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) for allowing the LECC to hold meetings at their facility.

Mr. Fidanque and others expressed their desire for the LECC to focus on future goals that extend beyond what has already been accomplished.

There was a discussion of research about how community attitudes can be changed, and the staff was asked to look into the research and report back to the committee at the next meeting (March 19, 2008).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Further information on the LECC is available at:

<http://www.cjpri.ccj.pdx.edu/LECC/index.php>