

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

March 19, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Salem, Oregon

LECC Members Present

Sheriff Todd Anderson, Tillamook County
David Fidanque, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon
Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County
John Minnis, Director, Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
Justice Edwin Peterson, Distinguished Jurist in Residence, Willamette University College of Law
Superintendent Frank Thompson, Santiam Correctional Institution

LECC Staff Present

Brian Renauer, Emily Covelli, Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute, Portland State University

LECC Members Excused

Gilbert Carrasco, Professor of Law, Willamette University
Dr. William Feyerherm, Vice Provost for Research/Graduate Studies, PSU
Chief Rosie Sizer, Portland Police Bureau
Lt. Col. Greg Willeford, Oregon State Police

Guests

Jack Lawson, Oregon Youth Authority
Mike Stafford, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

Approve Minutes of January 23, 2008 Meeting

The minutes were approved.

New Member Vacancy Discussion

LECC members have reviewed Kevin Diaz's resume. The LECC passed a motion to offer him an appointment to the LECC Community Relations Subcommittee. Justice Peterson will ask him if he is interested in serving on this subcommittee.

The committee discussed inviting representatives from the Oregon advocacy commissions (Hispanic, Black and Asian Affairs, as well as Indian Services) to the LECC subcommittees as well. There was consensus among LECC members to explore this possibility and to find out the availability and expertise of representatives from these commissions.

Data Review Subcommittee Update

Dr. Renauer discussed the Oregon Healthy Teens survey as a possibility for next year. He added that the Portland State University Survey Research Lab suggested that, in the interim, the LECC might use youth focus groups to help them develop effective questions that youth can understand. The committee discussed the possibility of working with a focus group through the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA). Jack Lawson, of OYA, will find out if OYA is interested in this possibility. At the LECC meeting on May 21, 2008, LECC staff will share their recommendations on the substantive areas to be covered by focus groups and how to achieve a measure of diversity in the focus groups.

Dr. Renauer reviewed the latest stop data analysis report produced by the Corvallis Police Department. The LECC recommended that the report contain a statement that describes the meaning of statistical significance and the standards being used to measure this significance. For example, it would be important to explain at what point the cases were considered too small for statistical testing to be socially significant.

Community Relations Subcommittee Update

The Community Relations Subcommittee meeting was held this morning.

The subcommittee discussed the Perspectives on Profiling regional training. Superintendent Thompson agreed to order t-shirts from Oregon Correctional Enterprises for the trainers. The subcommittee suggested that staff contact the Simon Wiesenthal Center to see if the Perspectives on Profiling training in California has ever been evaluated in terms of its effect on policing practices. The subcommittee reviewed some possible evaluation questions developed by Dr. Renauer and David Kline, a sociology student at Portland State University. Sheriff Anderson agreed to talk with the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) in order to promote the Perspectives on Profiling training. Mr. Stafford will talk with the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) about the training as well.

Mr. Fidanque discussed his recent meeting with Anthony Biglan of the Oregon Research Institute. The Oregon Research Institute works with communities to change norms that may be promoting problem behaviors.

Research on Community Attitudes

LECC members and staff agreed that Anthony Biglan, of the Oregon Research Institute (ORI), should be invited to give a presentation to the LECC. There is some evidence that the ORI program of self awareness training improves the functioning of persons in high-stress jobs. A certain level of self awareness is one key to changing behaviors and reducing stress.

Justice Peterson mentioned the Understanding Racism program, which seems similar to Mr. Biglan's efforts. This program consists of six weeks of courses that each last an hour and a half. The goal of this program is to help trainees to recognize their unconscious biases and to see how these biases affect their behavior.

LECC Future Goals Discussion

At the LECC meeting on May 21, 2008, LECC staff will review the total appropriation of funding, including the planned rate of spending through September 30, 2010.

The LECC discussed further possibilities for innovative law enforcement training. The LECC will continue its current regional training partnership with the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) using the Perspectives on Profiling curriculum of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. They will explore the expansion of this training to the executive level, FTEP and in-service training. The LECC is also seeking ways to involve the community in training efforts.

The LECC agreed that they should seek to encourage more agencies to collect stop data. Lt. Col. Willeford, Mr. Stafford and Dr. Renauer agreed to contact the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Oregon State Sheriffs Association (OSSA) to discuss ways to increase agencies' interest in collecting and reporting stop data. The LECC will also continue its public perception survey efforts.

Other Business / Open Comments from LECC

It was decided that future LECC full committee meetings should start at 12:00 p.m., rather than 1:00 p.m.

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>