

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

September 19, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Salem, Oregon

LECC Members Present

Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County
Justice Edwin Peterson, Distinguished Jurist in Residence, Willamette University College of Law
David Fidanque, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon
Chief Rosie Sizer, Portland Police Bureau
Lt. Col. Greg Willeford, Oregon State Police

LECC Staff Present

Brian Renauer, Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute, Portland State University
Dr. Jan Chaiken, Consultant

LECC Members Excused

John Minnis, Director, Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
Dr. William Feyerherm, Vice Provost for Research/Graduate Studies, PSU
Superintendent Frank Thompson, Santiam Correctional Institution

Guests

Rose Lewis, League of Women Voters
Roland Broussard
Lt. Henry Reimann, Hillsboro Police Department
Mike Stafford, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

Approve Minutes of July 12, 2007

The committee approved the minutes without any changes.

Update on LECC Website

Mr. Stafford informed the committee that the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission website has been updated to include a link to the new LECC website (<http://www.cjpri.ccj.pdx.edu/LECC/index.php>).

New LECC Members Discussion

The committee discussed the three vacancies that need to be filled and how each vacancy should be filled.

Vacancy 1: Replacement for Sheriff Ramirez – A motion passed for the LECC Chair to present to the Oregon Sheriff's Association (OSA) the name of Sheriff Todd Anderson (Tillamook) as LECC's recommended replacement. Sheriff Anderson has been involved in the LECC training sub-committee and is an approved "Perspectives on Profiling"

trainer. If our recommended replacement could not be accommodated then we recommend that OSA provide LECC with an alternative nomination.

Vacancy 2: Replacement for Dr. Aoki – A motion passed for the LECC Chair to forward to the Governor the nomination of Professor Gilbert Carrasco (Willamette University). Professor Carrasco's vita was reviewed by the committee and his nomination was unanimous.

Vacancy 3: Replacement for Dr. Chaiken – A motion passed that the data review subcommittee would continue discussion of who is the most appropriate nominee to chair the committee. This motion also includes engaging in a needed discussion amongst the committee members as to the principle mission/goals of the committee.

Dr. Chaiken offered two possibilities for the Data Review Chair position. Both are Professors at Oregon State University; one with operations research expertise and the other with racial segregation expertise. Dr. Chaiken's nominations represent the research/academic component of the data review committee's mission.

Dr. Renauer also noted that Lt. Gregg Willeford of the Oregon State Police offered to become the chair for a short-term to be potentially followed by Captain Gerry Gregg. The appointment of law enforcement personnel to the committee would represent the technical assistance and law enforcement outreach component of the data review committee's mission.

Data Review Subcommittee Update

The data review subcommittee participated in an email meeting the weeks prior to the full LECC meeting. There were two subjects discussed:

1) LECC Survey of Law Enforcement Perceptions: The survey was completed on 9/17. The data set is being cleaned and prepared for analysis. A draft report of the survey will be circulated to LECC members prior to the November 19th meeting. It was also noted that a draft report of the Annual Report would be distributed prior to the November 19th meeting.

2) Traffic Stop Data (TSD) System: A presentation of the TSD system was made to the committee members. The committee members are favorable of what the system entails, but have concerns regarding the initial presentation of the system to the law enforcement community.

The particular changes to the system that were recommended by committee members were the following: a) Changing the language of the cover letter to point out what the committee recommends as the minimum data points to collect and additional data points that could create a more in depth analysis, b) creating two data collection forms: one that represents the minimum data points and one that represents the advanced (i.e. the one currently in the system), c) The cover letter should also note that the preferred method for

collecting these data points is electronically through a CAD system or mobile computers and grant monies could be made available to agencies wishing to move in that direction, d) The cover letter should emphasize that agencies could choose data points to collect that meet their agency needs.

Lt. Gregg Willeford offered his services to hold a focus group of law enforcement administrators to show a demonstration of the TSD system. The purpose of this focus group would be to gather their reaction about the program and how best to approach law enforcement agencies with it.

Community Relations Subcommittee Update

The LECC Community Relations Subcommittee prior to this Full Committee meeting September 19, 2007 (10-12 pm).

There was an update about the original goal of presenting the “Perspectives on Profiling” at the Fall OACP and OSA joint meeting at DPSST. However, with the passage of SB111 the associations had to focus their training on that issue.

The committee was updated about the Sept 7 Brainstorming session with those participating in Wiesenthal’s train-the-trainer. The outcome of this meeting was the need for all the potential trainers to get together to work on standardizing the presentation of the curriculum (e.g. 3-6 hour blocks, in-service versus regional training) prior to any regional or in-service training.

Renauer brought up his concern with developing the most effective ways to approach potential agencies for in-service training. Committee members agreed that having a law enforcement official make the initial outreach would work best. Exactly who that outreach person or gatekeeper should be will vary according to the location where the training may occur. The committee noted that retired Sheriff Raul Ramirez may be a good candidate to be a leader on this issue. Brian Harvey might be a good candidate for the eastside of Oregon.

Other Business / Open Comments from LECC

No other business was introduced.

Public Comments

Mr. Broussard relayed some stories that illustrated the often differing responses (some positive, some negative) that citizens may receive from law enforcement agencies, which reinforced the importance of addressing the issues of bias in law enforcement and the work that lay ahead. Mr. Broussard also noted that the efforts of LECC are important, but perhaps too hidden from the public. This sparked a discussion about how LECC can better publicize its work and existence to the general public.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Further information on the LECC is available at:
<http://www.cjpri.ccj.pdx.edu/LECC/index.php>