

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

**July 16, 2008, 12:00 p.m.**

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Salem, Oregon

**LECC Members Present**

Todd Anderson, Tillamook County Sheriff  
Gilbert Carrasco, Professor, Willamette University College of Law  
Kevin Diaz, Staff Attorney, Northwest Justice Project  
David Fidanque, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon  
Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County Commissioner  
John Minnis, Director, Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training  
Justice Edwin Peterson, Distinguished Jurist in Residence, Willamette University College of Law

**LECC Subcommittee Members Present**

Scott Akins, Professor, Department of Sociology, Oregon State University

**LECC Staff Present**

Brian Renauer, Laura Uva, Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute, Portland State University  
Dr. Jan Chaiken, Consultant (participated by telephone)

**LECC Members Excused**

Dr. William Feyerherm, Vice Provost for Research/Graduate Studies, Portland State University  
Timothy McLain, Superintendent, Oregon State Police  
Chief Rosie Sizer, Portland Police Bureau  
Frank Thompson, Superintendent, Santiam Correctional Institution

**Guests**

Lily Caceres, Office of Minority Services, Oregon Youth Authority  
Jack Lawson, Oregon Youth Authority  
Rose Lewis, League of Women Voters  
Hellen Pearson, Portland Community College  
Lt. Henry Reimann, Hillsboro Police Department  
Mike Stafford, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission  
Lue Vue, Portland Community College

**Approve Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

### **Approve Minutes of May 21, 2008 Meeting**

Commissioner Jaramillo moved, Mr. Fidanque seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the minutes of the LECC full committee meeting on May 21, 2008.

### **New Member Vacancy Discussion**

Justice Peterson has spoken with the Governor's Office regarding the appointment of Kevin Diaz as a full member of the LECC. The official appointment has not yet been made, but he expects it to be made soon.

Justice Peterson will contact the Governor's Office to see if any of the LECC members need to be re-appointed. *Action: Justice Peterson*

### **Data Review Subcommittee Update**

The LECC Data Review Subcommittee meeting was held this morning. In the absence of Dr. Feyerherm, Mr. Fidanque served as the subcommittee chair.

The subcommittee discussed their stop data analysis efforts. LECC staff are working on analyses of the Portland Police Bureau stop data. The subcommittee discussed issues pertaining to these analyses, especially in regards to benchmark data and issues pertaining to the separation of race and ethnicity categories. Oregon State Police has also agreed to submit their 2006-2007 stop data to the LECC for analysis.

The Data Review Subcommittee meeting ended up coinciding with the beginning of the Community Relations Subcommittee meeting. The two subcommittees jointly discussed the youth survey and focus groups. The LECC applied to have questions added to the Oregon Healthy Teens (OHT) survey, and are awaiting a response. The LECC will conduct focus groups on July 29, 2008 to assess the clarity and usefulness of the questions they will add to the OHT survey. The Police Athletics League (PAL) expressed interest in participating in the focus groups. PAL youth will range in age from 13 to 16, and will be split into four focus groups of about 20 youth each. Each group will also have a facilitator, note taker and PAL counselor. There will be an ice-breaker exercise, and the youth will be asked to fill out a short questionnaire. Confidentiality is very important and protections are in place. Dr. Renauer hopes to get the human subjects review approval this Friday, July 18, and train the facilitators and note takers the following Friday, July 25.

### **Community Relations Subcommittee Update**

The LECC Community Relations Subcommittee meeting was held this morning.

Commissioner Jaramillo informed the committee that Mr. Thompson has agreed to serve as the liaison between the LECC and the Oregon minority commissions. The Oregon minority commissions have agreed to host an LECC presentation, and they are in the process of scheduling this. Mr. Thompson had suggested at the subcommittee meeting this morning that the

LECC strive to maintain a long-term partnership with the Oregon minority commissions. The Community Relations Subcommittee was supportive of this idea.

The subcommittee also discussed the Perspectives on Profiling regional training, and brainstormed next steps. The first round of regional training is complete, and the feedback on the training has been consistently positive. LECC staff will now begin conducting follow-up interviews for feedback from those that volunteered to be contacted.

The subcommittee discussed next steps for training efforts. They chose to continue this discussion later, with Director Minnis (see "Other Business," page 4).

Dr. Renauer stated that the LECC may assist the Benton County Sheriff's Office with in-service training. He added that the Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC) train-the-trainer training in Los Angeles was cancelled because SWC could not find enough trainers in time. Dr. Renauer suggested that the LECC consider allowing Oregon trainers to conduct this training themselves. He will contact SWC to discuss this. *Action: Dr Renauer*

Mr. Carrasco expressed concern about the possibility of real ID drivers' licenses leading to the criminalization of Latinos. Mr. Carrasco, Mr. Fidanque, Lt. Reimann and Mr. Stafford will discuss this and report back to the LECC at their next meeting. *Action: Mr. Carrasco*

### **Governor's Summit on Minority Over-Representation**

Superintendent Thompson serves as the liaison between the Summit and the LECC. Mr. Lawson explained that they are still in the process of planning the Summit. He invited the LECC to do an entire track of three separate presentations at the summit on November 17 and 18, 2008. Each session will last an hour and a half, and Mr. Lawson stated that they expect approximately 750 participants this year. Mr. Stafford, Lt. Reimann, Superintendent Thompson and Mr. Diaz volunteered to work on the presentations. *Action: Mr. Stafford, Lt. Reimann, Superintendent Thompson and Mr. Diaz.*

Mr. Lawson added that youth awards will be given during the Summit to youth that have overcome difficult times in their lives. He invited nominations from the LECC.

### **LECC Website Update**

The LECC website has been updated. Ms. Uva has been trained to update the website and to train others. Dr. Renauer welcomed ideas for improving the website. He also suggested that the website announce upcoming meetings, and the committee agreed.

### **LECC Budget**

Dr. Renauer distributed a handout outlining the LECC budget. The LECC has received two grants from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Traffic Safety Division. These grants will fund the work of the LECC until 2011. Dr. Renauer stated that the LECC is currently spending a little less than they had

projected. They will have approximately \$230,000 for the next three years. This will cover some big-ticket items such as the Oregon Healthy Teens survey, which they would like to repeat each year. (*Mr. Minnis arrived at 2:15 p.m.*)

Dr. Renauer informed the committee that he has been appointed Chair of the Division of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Portland State University. This has created some time restraints for his ability to assist the LECC. He suggested that the LECC hire a full-time Project Manager, and that Dr. Renauer serve as this person's supervisor. Dr. Renauer suggested Emma Covelli for this position, to begin in October 2008. Sheriff Anderson moved to support Dr. Renauer's proposed course of action, and the subcommittee approved the motion.

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

The committee discussed next steps for training. Mr. Fidanque stated that the Community Relations Subcommittee would like to consider adding to the training curriculum of the Field Training Officers (FTOs). Mr. Minnis commented that connecting to the FTOs is an ongoing challenge for the academy. They currently ask the FTOs to participate in the 16-week ongoing scenario training, and have received positive feedback from the FTOs that chose to participate. However, there are many FTOs that choose not to participate. Mr. Minnis commented that the Portland Police Bureau requires FTOs to participate in the scenario training and adds incentives, which is helpful.

The LECC agreed that Justice Peterson should send a letter to the Chair of the Board of Public Safety and Training, focusing on aspects regarding FTOs and mid-level management. Mr. Reimann and Mr. Stafford agreed to draft this letter. *Action: Justice Peterson, Lt. Reimann and Mr. Stafford.*

The committee discussed their presentations to the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA). There was consensus that they should conduct a one-hour training session on tactical ethics at each of these meetings.

The LECC agreed that they should recognize the participation of the Perspectives on Profiling trainers in Oregon. Justice Peterson agreed to send them each a letter of commendation. Portland State University (PSU) staff will draft this letter. The committee discussed the possibility of making LECC letterhead, and using the state seal. *Action: PSU Staff and Justice Peterson.*

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **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>