LECC Community Relations Subcommittee Members Present
Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County Commissioner
Gilbert Carrasco, Professor, Willamette University College of Law
Kevin Diaz, Attorney (participated by telephone)
David Fidanque, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon
Frank Thompson, Superintendent, Santiam Correctional Institution

LECC Staff Present
Dr. Jan Chaiken, Consultant
Emma Covelli, Brian Renauer, Alyssa Tibbs, Laura Uva, Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute, Portland State University

LECC Community Relations Subcommittee Members Excused
Todd Anderson, Tillamook County Sheriff
John Minnis, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
Chief Rosie Sizer, Portland Police Bureau

Guests
Scott Akins, Professor, Department of Sociology, Oregon State University
Lt. Henry Reimann, Hillsboro Police Department
Mike Stafford, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

Approve Agenda
The agenda was approved.

Approve Minutes of July 16, 2008 Meeting
Mr. Fidanque moved, Mr. Carrasco seconded, and the subcommittee unanimously approved the minutes of the LECC Community Relations Subcommittee meeting on July 16, 2008.

Update on Presentation to Oregon Minority Commissions
Several LECC members attended a joint meeting of all of the Oregon minority commissions on September 11, 2008. The LECC members that attended this meeting were Commissioner Jaramillo, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Fidanque, Mr. Carrasco and Mr. Diaz. Mr. Stafford also attended the meeting, as well as LECC staff Ms. Covelli, Ms. Tibbs and Ms. Uva. Representatives of each of the Oregon minority commissions were present at the meeting. Danny Santos, Joe O’Leary, Peggy Ross and Nancy Goss-Duran also attended the meeting, as representatives of the Governor’s office.
Commissioner Jaramillo reported that the meeting went very well. Everyone was engaged in dialogue and there were several good presentations. The commission members expressed strong interest in continuing to meet and collaborate with the LECC. Mr. Fidanque added that the representatives of the minority commissions and the Governor’s office were very excited to hear about the work that the LECC has been doing. The minority commissions also shared some information and concerns of which many of the LECC members had not been aware, making this a very informative event for everyone.

Mr. Fidanque suggested that the LECC strive to send representatives to the Oregon minority commission meetings around the state. Each of the commissions tends to meet quarterly and in different parts of the state for each of their meetings.

The subcommittee requested a copy of the minutes or a transcription of the meeting. Ms. Uva will contact the staff person for the minority commissions to obtain this. The subcommittee also asked staff to find out the schedule of meetings of the various Oregon minority commissions for the next few months, so that LECC representatives can attend these meetings. Action: Ms. Uva, Dr. Renauer

**Governor’s Summit on Minority Over-Representation**
The Governor’s Summit on Minority Over-Representation will be held on November 17 and 18, 2008. Mr. Stafford has been working on scheduling the LECC presentations for the Summit. The LECC will have two sessions, one of which will provide a general presentation on the work of the LECC, while the other will be a presentation on the Perspectives on Profiling training. Justice Peterson, Mr. Fidanque, Dr. Renauer, Mr. Willeford, and Sheriff Anderson will do the general presentation on the LECC. Superintendent Thompson, Lt. Reimann and Mr. Stafford are working on putting together a presentation on the Perspectives on Profiling training. Action: Justice Peterson, Mr. Fidanque, Superintendent Thompson, Lt. Reimann, Mr. Stafford, Dr. Renauer, Mr. Willeford, and Sheriff Anderson

**Update on Perspectives on Profiling Training**
Dr. Renauer stated that Perspectives on Profiling training sessions will be held at Oregon State University on October 8 and 22, 2008. This training is intended for the Benton County Sheriff’s Office, but they expect that there will be open slots for others who are interested in participating as well. The training will be led and organized by Sgt. Clay Stephens of the Benton County Sheriff’s Office.

Some other ideas that the subcommittee is exploring in terms of training are in-service training in the northern Willamette valley, and training of Field Training Officers (FTOs) in the spring of 2009. The subcommittee also plans to repeat the Perspectives on Profiling trainings in the spring of 2009 in the same locations and on the same dates as they were held in 2008.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC) does not allow train-the-trainer training for the Perspectives on Profiling by trainers other than those sent by SWC. However, SWC plans to send trainers to Oregon in January of 2009 to train new trainers in this state. The
SWC is currently in the process of coordinating this and finding trainers. Mr. Stafford stated that the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is willing to let the SWC use their facilities, including their housing, for this train-the-trainer training.

**Discussion on Youth and Law Enforcement**

Dr. Renauer informed the subcommittee that the LECC has submitted questions to the Oregon Healthy Teens (OHT) survey, but they are still waiting for a response as to whether or not OHT will include these questions in their 2009 survey. Dr. Renauer expects a response by September 25, 2008. Most of the OHT board is supportive of the questions proposed by the LECC, but OHT has been under a lot of pressure to shorten the survey. If possible, the LECC would like to survey incarcerated youth through the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), and compare results of this survey with those of the youth surveyed through OHT. Mr. Stafford and Dr. Renauer met with OYA officials on July 30th to discuss the possibility of an LECC survey of youth inmates. OYA was interested in this research possibility and would be consulting with their research staff. Mr. Stafford offered to follow up with OYA. *Action: Dr. Renauer, Mr. Stafford*

Dr. Renauer updated the subcommittee on the results of the focus groups done with youth of the Police Athletics League (PAL) in July 2008. Seventy-six youth participated in these focus groups, most of whom were African-American and/or Hispanic. Dr. Renauer discussed the youth’s responses and reactions to terminology used. The Human Subjects Review prohibits the writing of a formal report on these focus groups.

**Other Business / Open Comments from Community Relations Subcommittee**

Mr. Carrasco expressed concern about the possibility of real ID drivers’ licenses leading to the criminalization of Latinos. He suggested that the LECC might be able to catalyze some legislative action on the issue, and offered to take the lead on this. The subcommittee discussed this issue, and the appropriate role of the LECC in regards to it. Dr. Chaiken commented that the LECC should emphasize issues that relate to their charter, such as traffic stops. Mr. Fidanque added that the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is required by new legislation to collect data on unlicensed drivers. He suggested that the LECC reach out to the DMV to start a discussion on this data and see if they would like assistance in analyzing it. The LECC could also work to ensure that law enforcement agencies are aware that it is illegal to ask a stopped driver about their immigration status.

The subcommittee agreed to include a section in the LECC 2008 Annual Report on the driver’s license issue, discussing the aspects of it that relate to the work, charter and knowledge base of the LECC. The LECC also agreed to invite Tom McClelland of the Oregon DMV to a future LECC Data Review Subcommittee meeting. *Action: Dr. Renauer*

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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