

**Rockwood Weed and Seed Steering Committee**  
**Thursday, October 21, 2004; 5:00pm**  
**Portland Lutheran School Library**

- I. **Welcome and Introductions -- IN ATTENDANCE:** Kathie Minden, Mary Lou Begert, Helen Estrada, Chris Piekarski, Nathan Teske, Virginia Warren, Patti Swanson, Angeline Hayes, Gene Hayes, Dina DiNucci, Gayle Brooks, Rich Pierce, Kristen West, Tricia Harding, Maura White-Cioeta, Alicia Lopez, May Cha, Pat Kunert, Owen Gibson, Steve Stevenson, Glenda Jowell.

NOTE – Brenda Butler not present –  
attending “Home for Good in Oregon” Reentry Conference in Bend, OR

- II. **Approval of September Minutes:** Maura motioned, Rich seconded. September RWS minutes were approved with changes.
- III. **Eastwind Community Services** – due to changes in funding, the programs that were formerly under Eastwind/Janus are now **Janus East County Family Services**. Owen Gibson and Steve Stevenson presented information on some of Janus’ programs (Harry’s Mother) and specifically the Youth Gang Outreach program.
- Harry’s Mother is a shelter for run away youth and in conjunction with that, Janus staffs a 24 Hour Crisis Line (503.233.8111). (Of the 350 served last year at Harry’s Mother, about 60 were from East County.)
  - Eastwind is closing down their Troutdale facility. They will be moving the current gang outreach program to Harry’s Mother for the time being. It is essentially a mobile outreach team to help those youth affected by gangs.
  - Steve and Jenny run the Youth Gang Outreach program. They are focusing a lot of their energy on the Rockwood Landing and Rockwood Station areas. They offer a “hang out,” tutoring, and mediation. This group is focused on grade levels 7 through 12. They take about 30 kids per year and they welcome referrals.
  - In the future they are hoping to include more elementary kids as a form of prevention.
  - They offer these services on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Rockwood Station. During these times, kids can play games (ex: non-violent video games), partake in some mentoring activities; eat snacks, and mediation with family members. This service is aimed mostly towards prevention but they do work with kids already associated with gangs and are looking to get out.
  - Steve Stevenson – 503.814.0197
  - Jennifer Newman – 503.804.0738 (bilingual – Spanish/English)
  - [www.jyp.org](http://www.jyp.org)
- IV. **Gresham Community Court** – various handouts
- **Demographics** – Christine Hurtley tracks demographics of defendants assigned to community service (122<sup>nd</sup> East to Cascade Locks). See copy of her report at end of these minutes.

- **Weed and Seed Alternative Community Service Project** (binded report)
  - Bas Porter and Sidney True wrote this report which showcases projects which were worked on, descriptions of the projects, and graphs that represent the dollars saved and man hours worked through this system. Overall this proved to be very effective. (Changes possibly need to be made in reference to the service completed at El Programa Hispano.)
  - Also distributed: Stats sheet on number of CC cases issued from 1/2004 to 8/2004 AND Multnomah County Community Court Project Fact Sheet for August 2004.
- **Emergency Services Fund** – is used for folks who live in Rockwood or folks who commit a crime in Rockwood. The challenge of zero-ing out these funds was discussed.
  - **Theft Talk** – This is supposed to be a rehabilitation service. It costs \$55.00 per person. The problem is that 16 RWS qualified clients were charged to go and only 6 out of those 16 actually showed up (and therefore, used the funds). What should we do to make this program more effective? We could offer reminder calls or bus tickets so folks will not have any reason not to go. Stephen and Gayle will brainstorm some more ideas to make this more successful.
    - It was decided that no boundary change was needed, rather it should be addressed how better we can help those that do qualify.
    - How can we better assist the female thieves and/or mothers and their children?
    - How can we help with housing challenges? Rental assistance? Important to connect with Human Solutions on this.
    - How can we address the alcohol and drug problems and assist with treatment? CAN WE, considering the ethical responsibilities? (Patti and Rich specifically agreed that if there's a way to help with a&d issues, go that route.)

#### IV. **Community Outreach**

- An information telephone line is about to be created. We hope to have 'transfer options' available in English, Spanish, and Russian. What are some main services that this line should offer? How do we get the word out? What is an easy number to remember? How is this number going to differ from 211?
  - The City of Gresham has currently agreed to house this number and the service. RWS has funds to help with setting it up, translation and marketing.
  - It's important to make all information ROCKWOOD-specific and lay out our expectations before anything is finalized.
  - 'Map' of potential phone line set-up is available at the end of these minutes.
- How do we want to spread the word of this great news? Marketing...
  - Definitely consider the billboard idea. Business cards would be okay. Magnets cost too much money.
  - Brenda is meeting with CAL (Center for Advanced Learning) students to see how they can help with the newsletter production.

## **VI. Partner Updates**

- **El Programa Hispano** – received a grant for a drug and alcohol counselor. They should start in January, in partnership with Central City Concern.
- **Latino Network** – they and the County’s Community Capacitation Center are hosting a Cleaning Campaign on December 4<sup>th</sup> for Rockwood Landing, Station and Riviera Gardens. 9am-1pm. RWS/Brenda is doing her best to help and we will give some money to the effort from the Graffiti/N’hood clean-up line item. If anyone has other ideas of how they/we can help, please contact Brenda!!
- **Oregon Employment Department** – job announcements were distributed. Many of Gresham staff has moved to the Milwaukie location – Adjudication and Unemployment Units. Starting in December, Gresham office will only handle Employment Services. Virginia will provide more information at the November meeting.
- **People For Parks** – Installation of the play area in Vance Park began Friday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. This vision is really starting to take off. Go by and CHECK IT OUT! Their first board meeting took place 10/21/2004. Bark in the Park was Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm at Red Sunset Park.
- **Human Solutions** held a concert 11/11/2004, starring Michael Allen Harrison to the Daybreak shelter. Garden of Flowers Gala Auction and Dinner at the Doubletree Lloyd Center is on March 5, 2005. Contact Vynette Arnell for more information – [yarnell@humansolutions.org](mailto:yarnell@humansolutions.org) or 988.5200 x26574.

## **VII. Next Steering Committee Meeting - Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 5-7PM at Portland Lutheran School Library (740 SE 182<sup>nd</sup>)**

## **Gresham Community Court Community Service Defendants Demographics from December 2003-September 2004**

### **Defendants' Addresses:**

1. Total defendants: 348\*
2. Rockwood residents: 49
3. East Portland: 19  
(148<sup>th</sup>-161<sup>st</sup>)
4. Gresham (non-Rockwood): 61
5. Troutdale: 11
6. Fairview: 11
7. Rest of Portland: 133  
(about half of these live between 102<sup>nd</sup>-148<sup>th</sup>)
8. Other cities: 57
9. Unknown/homeless/did not know address: 7

### **Locations of Crimes:**

1. Total number of crimes: 390\*
2. Rockwood: 47
3. sort-of Rockwood (most are the Fred Meyer on SE 148<sup>th</sup> & Division): 59
4. Gresham (non-Rockwood): 53
5. other Fred Meyer
  - a. NE 102<sup>nd</sup> & Halsey: 5
  - b. Burnside in Gresham: 7
6. Win-co:
  - a. NE 122<sup>nd</sup>: 14
  - b. NE 102<sup>nd</sup>: 1
  - c. Gresham: 7
  - d. Unknown: 7 (before we requested exact location)
7. Walmart in Wood Village: 15
8. other locations and crimes:
  - a. Lucky's Bar, Gresham: 6 (false ID)
  - b. K-mart on NE 122<sup>nd</sup> & Sandy: 6 (theft)
  - c. Bi-mart on NE 122<sup>nd</sup> & Halsey: 8 (theft)

### **Types of Crimes:**

1. Total number of crimes: 390\*
2. Theft 2: 113
3. Theft 3: 96 (note: there were 8 other theft cases; unsure which level)
4. PCS of less than 1 oz. or paraphernalia: 39 (only a couple were of the latter)
5. False ID or use of another ID: 10
6. Disorderly conduct: 8
7. Criminal mischief: 10
8. Offensive littering: 7
9. Trespass: 15
10. Forgery or possession of forged instrument: 13
11. False information to Police: 8
12. Serving alcohol to minor: 16 (most of these were in Aug-Sep)

\*Some defendants faced multiple charges for different crimes (2-4). Therefore, the number of crimes exceeds the number of defendants.

**MAIN NUMBER**  
– easy to remember

