

**MINUTES**  
**Juvenile Justice Standing Committee**  
**February 13, 2014**

**BSCC Headquarters**  
**660 Bercut Drive**  
**Sacramento CA 95811**

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Chairman Steinhart called to order the Juvenile Justice Standing Committee meeting at 10:08 a.m.  
The following Committee members were in attendance:

Mr. David Steinhart  
Mr. James Bell  
Ms. Sue Burrell

Ms. Charity Chandler  
Mr. Gerry Lopez  
Mr. Alex Briscoe

Ms. Sandra McBrayer  
Ms. Laura Faer

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**Agenda Item A**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman Steinhart welcomed the Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC) and introduced new committee member Alex Briscoe, Board of State and Community Corrections (Board) staff, Executive Director Kathleen Howard, Deputy Director Bill Crout and Field Representative Shalinee Hunter. Chairman Steinhart then addressed the empty position vacated by Ron Davis emphasizing the importance of filling the committee's vacancy. The chair then gave the floor to committee member Alex Briscoe who introduced himself.

**Agenda Item B**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Chairman Steinhart entertained a motion to approve the committee's October 2013 meeting minutes; before seconding the motion Mr. Bell cited a grammatical error. Pending correction the motion carried without opposition. (10:20 a.m.)**

**Agenda Item C**

**Chair and Staff Updates**

Executive Director of the Board Kathleen Howard addressed the committee, who then thanked her staff for all their great work. She also was excited about the committee's presentation at the next Board meeting next March. After which, she told the committee about the up and coming data and research committee, which is to be chaired by Susan Mauriello.

Bill Crout, Deputy Director of the Board's Corrections Planning and Programs (CPP) Division then addressed the committee on the change in staff assigned to the committee. Allison Ganter will be the new lead staff member assigned to support the JJSC. Allison and Shalinee will continue to work collaboratively to support the JJSC, giving Shalinee the ability to focus on the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SAC-JJDP)

**Agenda Item D**

**Member Updates**

Laura Faer then presented to the JJSC on Education and Mental Health as it pertains to Juvenile Justice. The presentation focused on the principal issues of education within the justice system, Title 15 sections 1370 and 1390 and why institutions are not always in compliance with them. Laura also commented that the communication between probation and county office of education is critical and must be collaborative to reduce recidivism within the Juvenile population.

Chairman Steinhart asked, "How do you even organize a curriculum within the context of a juvenile hall? If you have twenty kids all of different levels and ages and literacy capacity and so on, who organizes the course of study and how is it relevant?"

Laura suggested bringing in David Dimenche, a consultant and subject matter expert to share his successes in juvenile hall. This process starts with an assessment, credit transfer system having curriculum and instruction levels that are tailored to the different levels of inmate education and include data points and outcome measures. She then stated that a system of positive, not punitive, reinforcement has incredible results in our juvenile halls.

Chairman Steinhart then asked if the BSCC inspection process includes a review of the curriculum within juvenile halls. Allison replied, that the BSCC field representatives are not educational experts and as such, in accordance to Title 15, Section 1370, an outside consultant is to provide the facility administrator a technical review of the curriculum annually.

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Laura also referenced [www.fixschooldiscipline.org](http://www.fixschooldiscipline.org) as a resource.

Chairman Steinhart asked Laura to work on a list of educational resources to be used by county office staff and probation in an effort to share best practices. After which, he began his presentation on Juvenile Mental Health issues pertaining to BSCC mission mandates. Alex Briscoe then spoke to committee about the lack of federal funding for juveniles with mental health issues and how to make the most of what is and will be available. Alex encouraged the practice of all youth in juvenile halls to be enrolled into mental health programs and schools after release, in an effort to prevent recidivism.

**Agenda Item E**

**JJSC Principles Statement**

Chairman Steinhart then briefed the committee on the status quo of the development of JJSC Preamble and Principles Statement. He asked the committee members to read, review, discuss and then vote on the approval of thereof. The committee then discussed proposed changes in the language of the principles statement and preamble.

**Sandra McBrayer then moved to adopt the proposed changes to the JJSC Principles Statement and preamble, while giving the Chairman Steinhart the power of editor to make minor changes on behalf of the committee before submitting the finalized version to the Board and the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Mr. Bell seconded the motion. The motion then passed without opposition. (11:45 a.m.)**

**Working Lunch Break**

Chairman Steinhart reconvened the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

**Agenda Item F**

**Juvenile Justice Board Presentation Development**

After much discussion about forming an educational subcommittee, Chairman Steinhart opened the floor to any motions to create the subcommittee. Seeing none at this time he then asked the committee to direct their attention to Agenda item F. The committee then deliberated on the joint juvenile committees' presentation to the Board at the next Board meeting.

**Agenda Item G**

**Future Agenda Items**

Sandra McBrayer then introduced a Future Agenda Item, and an arising issue in regards to Title IV-E funding. She informed the committee that Title IV-E, which provides services and funding to children funding for California is being withheld by the Federal Government.

Gerry Lopez then addressed the committee in regards to committee meeting schedule and asked for more travel time in the morning. The chair agreed with Gerry and suggested to staff that we give greater consideration to our long distance travelers.

**Agenda Item H**

**Public Comment**

No members of the public had public comment for the committee

**Agenda Item I**

**Adjournment**

Chair Steinhart adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

**Staff Attendance Roster**

Kathleen Howard, Executive Director, BSCC  
Bill Crout, Deputy Director, CPP  
Shalinee Hunter, Field Representative, CPP  
Juanita Flores, Divisional Secretary, CPP

Toni Gardner, Field Representative, FSO  
Allison Ganter, Field Representative, FSO  
Nathan Cusick, Divisional Secretary, FSO