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Issue: Status Report on the R.E.D. Capstone Project

Background: In August of 2015, BSCC, in addition to the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity Initiative [http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_reducingracialandethnicdisparities\(r.e.d.\)subcommittee.php](http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_reducingracialandethnicdisparities(r.e.d.)subcommittee.php), chose to participate in Georgetown's Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity Certificate Program, which is designed to support local jurisdictions in their efforts to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in their juvenile justice systems. The certificate program requires a Capstone project for each participant. The BSCC's Capstone project is meant to facilitate a better understanding of our role and where pertinent, to apply a racial and ethnic lens to the state level tasks and address notions of fairness that impact racial and ethnic disparity(ies) using practical strategies.

At both the State and local level, policies and practices often have unintended consequences that would be best addressed prior to adoption of new practices or policies or the continuation of practices and policies that may contribute to a perception of disparity. At the local level these practices and policies tend to be more direct service oriented. Similarly, the State level policies and practices often look like broad policy-making, but still with very real implications for local government and communities.

In both of these cases, policymakers contemplating the impact of new or current policy and practices should routinely conduct decision-making mapping and inventories which are widely viewed as responsible mechanisms of government.

To that end, the BSCC intends to work with a consultant who will examine the systematic impact on and unintended adverse consequences for racial and ethnic populations that may arise from proposed actions and/or decision-making processes within the BSCC. Special consideration will be paid to the fact that the inventory is of a state entity and would require a decision-making mapping and inventory of those decisions impacting communities of color using a procedural justice framework.

The proposed Capstone Project is currently under review by our Executive Director and Counsel. Once approved it will be shared with the Capstone team for feedback before releasing to the field.

Recommendation / Action Needed: Information only

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