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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Proposition 47 Request to Establish an Executive Steering Committee:
Requesting Approval

Summary

This agenda item requests that the Board approve the proposed Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee (ESC) membership. It further requests approval for the ESC to oversee the development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Board approval.

Background

Proposition 47 was a voter-approved initiative on the November 2014 ballot. As stated in the Findings and Declarations of the ballot measure its purpose is as follows:

The people enact the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act to ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses, to maximize alternatives for nonserious, nonviolent crime, and to invest the savings generated from this act into prevention and support programs in K–12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment. This act ensures that sentences for people convicted of dangerous crimes like rape, murder, and child molestation are not changed (Attachment C-1).

As stated in the proposition, the BSCC's responsibilities are to:

Administer a grant program to public agencies aimed at supporting mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system, with an emphasis on programs that reduce recidivism of people convicted of less serious crimes, such as those covered by this measure, and those who have substance abuse and mental health problems. (Gov. Code, § 7599.2, subd. (a)(3).)

Assembly Bill 1056 (Statutes of 2015, Chapter 438) added legislative priorities for the grant program including housing-related assistance and other community-based supportive services, including job skills training, case management and civil legal services. The grants can fund programs that serve adults and juveniles (Attachment C-2).

At its November 12, 2015 meeting, the Board approved staff to post, as a recruiting tool, information about the Proposition 47 ESC on the BSCC website, request statements of

interest from individuals who would like to participate on the ESC, work with the Co-Chairs to develop proposed membership and seek Board approval of the membership.

On November 16, 2015 information was posted on the BSCC website instructing the public on how to submit statements of interest in the Proposition 47 ESC. The BSCC took public expressions of interest from November 16, 2015 through February 29, 2016 and the BSCC received 123 statements of interest.

The Co-Chairs and staff propose an ESC roster that reflects the requirements of Proposition 47 and AB 1056, and also reflects input received in public comment. The proposed roster reflects the broad range of diversity in California and the necessary expertise for this grant program, including geography, diversity and subject matter expertise (Attachment C-3).

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Approve the proposed ESC Membership.
2. Direct the ESC to oversee the development of the Proposition 47 RFP for Board approval.

Attachments

C-1: Assembly Bill 1056

C-2: Proposition 47

C-3: Proposed Proposition 47 ESC Membership