

**TO: BSCC Chair and Members**

**DATE: February 12, 2015**

**SUBJECT: Request from the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP), and the Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC), for Regular Board Agenda Reports on Juvenile Justice Issues. Requesting Consideration.**

**AGENDA ITEM: E**

**ACTION: X  
INFORMATION:**

**RESOURCE**

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**Summary:**

The Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC) and the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) have adopted parallel resolutions asking the Board to consider their request for regular input at Board of State and Community Corrections' (BSCC) Board meetings on juvenile justice matters.

**Background:**

The JJSC would like to provide relevant juvenile justice information reports at every Board meeting (or on a regular schedule as adopted by the Board.) The SACJJDP requests a "standing agenda" report that would be filled on an as-needed basis when there are juvenile justice matters deemed to be worthy of communicating to the Board. The combined request is that there be an opportunity for "regular input" at Board meetings from the juvenile justice committees and from others (such as the Gang Standing Committee, Juvenile Justice Data Working Group, etc.) having juvenile justice matters in their scope of review.

Rationale offered by the committees for this request

The statutory mission of BSCC includes providing "statewide leadership, coordination and technical assistance to promote effective state and local efforts and partnerships in California's adult and juvenile criminal justice" systems (emphasis added). In addition, there is a mandate to "regularly seek advice from a balanced range of stakeholders and subject matter experts on issues pertaining to adult corrections, juvenile justice and gang problems relevant to its mission." (Penal Code Sec. 6024(c).

The two BSCC juvenile justice committees assist in fulfilling these statutory requirements. The SACJJDP, required by federal law, consists entirely of Governor's appointees. It allocates federal juvenile justice grant funds and makes recommendations on a range of juvenile justice policy issues and legislation. The JJSC (appointed by this Board) operates under a Board-approved Scope of Work that empowers the committee to make recommendations to the Board on BSCC juvenile justice mandates (such as facility regulations and grant programs), and, in addition, to make sure that the full Board is "fully-informed on best-practices in the field, emerging state/national juvenile justice developments that deserve BSCC attention and other matters likely to enhance the capacity and productivity of the BSCC staff and Board." (JJSC Scope of Work, November 2012).

During the May 2014 BSCC meeting, the Board heard from a panel of juvenile justice experts on some broad policy and program issues that are pertinent to the Board's juvenile justice role and mandate. The committees together feel that a more frequent information flow is needed to ensure that the full Board remains well-informed on relevant juvenile justice policy, program and funding issues that relate to the BSCC mandates.

Members of each juvenile committee consist of some of the state's top subject matter experts and practitioners in the juvenile justice field. They participate on a volunteer basis and this request reflects their interest in having their effort and engagement acknowledged as meaningful input to the full Board. The request from both committees comes with the qualification that a standing juvenile justice agenda report, if this request for consideration is accepted, would be provided at given Board meeting(s) only with relevant or important items that the committee(s) believe should be brought to the attention of the Board. Staff would work with the committees to ensure that when it was on the agenda, the juvenile justice item would be well prepared in advance and controlled to ensure efficiency in the conduct of Board meetings.

#### Past consideration of Standing Committee reports

At the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Board meeting, the Board discussed the issue of whether Standing Committees could or should make reports on their activities to the Board at every meeting, or on some regular schedule of reporting. After discussion, the Board decided not to adopt such a policy at the time. The sense of the Board was that having routine reports at every meeting would diminish attention over time and might impose unnecessary report burdens on staff and could needlessly extend meetings. The consensus position was that Standing Committees should seek and would get agenda time at Board meetings when they had relevant items for review or action items that required decision by the full Board.

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#### **Request for Consideration/Action Needed:**

Staff presents the Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC) and the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (SACJJDP) request for a standing agenda report to the Board for its consideration.

Attachments:

None.