

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

DATE: April 9, 2015

SUBJECT: State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP), Evidence-Based Practices Training Project Executive Steering Committee (ESC) Proposed Grant Awards: Requesting Approval.

AGENDA ITEM: K

ACTION: X

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Summary: This agenda item requests approval of grant awards for the Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Training Project, as recommended by the EBP Training Project Executive Steering Committee and approved by the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) at its March 18, 2015 meeting. If the proposed list of grantees is approved by the Board, the grants become effective May 1, 2015 and expire June 30, 2016.

Background: The Board of State and Community Corrections is the Designated State Administrative agency for the following two federal juvenile justice funding sources: Title II Formula Block Grant Program and the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program (JABG). The SACJJDP aligned the two programs to support California's Title II Three-Year plan to promote effective juvenile justice policies and programming. The plan outlines three priority areas: Disproportionate Minority Contact Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity, Evidence-Based Practices and strategies to support efforts to develop and strengthen services, programs, and policies that promote positive outcomes for youth, their families and communities.

To support the Three-Year plan, the SACJJDP approved approximately \$250,000 in discretionary JABG funds to further develop the EBP priority area. On April 22, 2014 the SACJJDP recommended that the BSCC Board authorize an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to oversee the development of a Request for Applications (RFA) to identify probation departments that are prepared to receive training to assist them in implementing or expanding the use of EBP within their local juvenile justice communities. On May 8, 2014 the BSCC Board approved the recommendation of the SACJJDP and authorized staff to assemble an ESC for this project.

On November 13, 2014 the Board approved and released the proposed RFA for the EBP Training Project, as recommended by the SACJJDP at its October 15, 2014 meeting.

The ESC for this project includes subject matter experts and is co-chaired by BSCC Board Member Michelle Brown and the SACJJDP Committee Chair Sandra McBrayer. Funding for the EBP Training Project is intended to help fund training for probation staff and their juvenile justice partners and/or community stakeholders to increase skills, competency and proficiency in implementing effective correctional practices known to reduce recidivism.

Such trainings may include but are not limited to:

- Assessment Tools;
- Case Planning and Management;
- Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions;
- Continuous Quality Improvement;

- Gender Specific Care;
- Juvenile Brain Development;
- Organizational Development;
- Program Evaluation, and
- Trauma Informed Care.

Probation departments were allowed to request up to a maximum of:

- \$5,000 for a small-sized county;
- \$10,000 for a medium-sized county; and
- \$20,000 for a large-sized county.

Joint or regional applications representing multiple jurisdictions were allowed to request up to the combined amount of the county sizes included in the application. County sizes were based on the California Department of Finance definition: large counties (700,000+), Medium counties (200,001-700,000) and small counties (-200,000).

In January 2015 the BSCC staff received 9 applications in response to the RFA. The 9 applications received represent 4 large, 5 medium, and 13 small counties for a total of 22 counties.

The ESC subsequently rated the applications, and the final funding recommendations were presented to the SACJJDP on March 18, 2015. The SACJJDP approved the recommendations of the ESC and forwarded the list of grant awards before you today for your approval (Attachment K-1).

Recommendation/Action Needed:

Staff is requesting the Board approve the EBP Training Project Executive Steering Committee's list of grant awards (Attachment K-1) as proposed to the SACJJDP, and as recommended by the SACJJDP to the Board in this report.

Attachment:

K-1: Proposed List of grant awards as recommended by the EBP Training Project Executive Steering Committee and the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Training Project