

TO: Chairperson and Members

DATE: January 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Establishing Standing Committee on Data and Research AGENDA ITEM: E

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

RESOURCE PERSON: Patricia Mazzilli

Summary: Due to the various data collection functions statutorily required of the BSCC, it is recommended that the Board establish a standing committee on Data and Research. The purpose of this committee would be to work with BSCC staff on the development of a comprehensive data collection plan, the coordination of data collection efforts by the BSCC with other entities to avoid duplication of effort, and to leverage resources of various groups focusing on the same or similar data collection goals and objectives.

Background: The mission of the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) shall include providing statewide leadership, coordination, and technical assistance to promote effective state and local efforts and partnerships in California's adult and juvenile criminal justice system, including addressing gang problems. This mission shall reflect the principle of aligning fiscal policy and correctional practices, including, but not limited to, prevention, intervention, suppression, supervision, and incapacitation, to promote a justice investment strategy that fits each county and is consistent with the integrated statewide goal of improved public safety through cost-effective, promising, and evidence-based strategies for managing criminal justice populations.

The Board shall 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. Toward this end, the Board shall seek to ensure that its efforts are: (1) systematically informed by experts and stakeholders with the most specific knowledge concerning the subject matter; (2) include the participation of those who must implement a board decision and are impacted by a board decision; and (3) promote collaboration and innovative problem solving consistent with the mission of the Board. The Board may create special committees, with the authority to establish working subgroups as necessary, in furtherance of this subdivision to carry out specified tasks and to submit its findings and recommendations from that effort to the Board.

As required by statute, it shall be the duty of the Board of State and Community Corrections to collect and maintain available information and data about state and community correctional policies, practices, capacities, and needs, including, but not limited to, prevention, intervention, suppression, supervision, and incapacitation, as they relate to both adult corrections, juvenile justice, and gang problems. *The board shall seek to collect and make publicly available up-to-date data and information reflecting the impact of state and community correctional, juvenile justice, and gang-related policies and practices enacted in the state, as was well as information and data concerning promising and evidence-based practices from other jurisdictions.*

The Data and Research Standing Committee would benefit the BSCC by providing expertise and stakeholder input in this subject area. Board member Susan Mauriello has expressed interest in chairing this committee.

Recommendation/Action Needed:

The Board approve the establishment of a standing committee on Data and Research and appoint Board Member Susan Mauriello to chair this committee.

If approved, the Chair would work with BSCC staff to identify potential committee members and bring these recommendations to the Board at the March 2013 BSCC Board meeting.