

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: September 11, 2013

**SUBJECT: Requesting Approval to Establish the
Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)
Subcommittee as the Executive Steering Committee
to Guide the Request for Proposals Process for the
2014/2016 DMC Technical Assistance Project (TAP)
Funding in the Approximate Amount of \$1 million**

AGENDA ITEM: F

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

RESOURCE PERSON: Shalinee Hunter

Summary: This agenda item requests approval from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to establish an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) using the members of the DMC Subcommittee. The purpose of the ESC is to develop grant proposal eligibility and program requirements as well as criteria for rating the merit of proposals aimed at reducing racial and ethnic disparities and disproportionality (otherwise known as Disproportionate Minority Contact).

Discussion:

For states to receive the Federal Title II Formula Block grant funds, they must comply with four Core Requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. The first three mandates are addressed in California Statute; however, the fourth requires states to address any disparities in the decision-making processes within the juvenile justice system that impact youth of color and the corresponding disproportionality of youth of color coming into contact with the juvenile justice system.

Statistically speaking:

- The arrest rate among African American youth (ages 10-17) was nearly twice the rate of their white peers.
- African American youth are 1.4 times more likely to be detained than their white peers; among all racial groups, whites are the least likely to be detained.
- Nationwide, young African American offenders are more than twice as likely to be transferred to adult court as their white counterparts.
- White youth are twice as likely to be defended by private attorneys as African American youth, and young offenders who are represented by private attorneys are less likely to be convicted and less likely to be transferred to adult court.
- Nearly 60% of young offenders serving time in adult state prisons are African American, although African Americans comprise only 15.4% of the youth population.
- Although minorities make up one-third of the total U.S. youth population, they make up nearly two-thirds of the young offenders behind bars.¹
- California is one of four states that is a minority/majority state.

In light of such data and pursuant to the JJDP Act, the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP), DMC Subcommittee and BSCC have been prominent in the efforts to transform the juvenile justice system relative to reducing DMC by implementing a multi-faceted approach of direct service, education, and support - striving to reduce the overrepresentation of youth of color coming into contact with the juvenile justice system - with the ultimate goal being a fair and equitable justice system.

Accordingly, in 2009 and at the direction of the previous SACJJDP Chair, Mimi Silbert, the DMC Subcommittee (attachment) was established with Ms. Sandra McBrayer appointed as Chair. The DMC Subcommittee (comprised of 12 subject matter experts) has served as the Executive Steering Committee

¹ Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Fact Sheet ~ African American Youth and the Juvenile Court System

historically for overseeing the development and implementation of the multi-faceted approach including administering the Request for Proposal processes (RFP) and other pertinent tasks at hand. It convenes as needed to carry the work forward and for those time sensitive activities related to funding solicitations.

The ESC will utilize the expertise of the DMC Subcommittee membership to examine lessons learned from the previous direct service DMC grants and to develop grant proposal eligibility and program requirements as well as criteria for rating the merit of proposals aimed at reducing racial and ethnic disparities and disproportionality. The funding amount is approximately \$1 million in Title II Delinquency Prevention and Intervention dollars earmarked by way of the SACJJD's 3-year plan for reducing racial and ethnic disparity and disproportionality.

The table below provides the timeline associated with the ESC process. Highlighted areas reflect ESC member involvement:

SACJJD/ meeting requesting permission re: the RFP process	September 11, 2013
BSCC meeting requesting permission re: the RFP process	September 12, 2013
Staff begins preparation of ESC Membership	September 13, 2013
Prepare ESC resources and white paper	September 13, 2013
Convene ESC to develop proposal requirements/evaluation criteria	Week of October 1
Staff to incorporate ESC input	2 weeks
Convene ESC (or via conference call) to review draft RFP	Early November
Staff to incorporate ESC changes/updates	Late November
Final ESC review of RFP (via conference call or email)	Early December
Present ESC RFP recommendations to SACJJD	January 2014 Meeting
Issue RFP to the field (6 week solicitation)	February 3, 2014
Grant proposals due to CSA	March 14, 2014
Technical review of proposals by CSA staff	March 17-21 2014
Rater training in Sacramento	March 28, 2014
Mail proposal packages to ESC members (3 week rating period)	March 28, 2014
Proposal scoring sheets due to CSA	April 18, 2014
Data entry of scores/analysis	Week of April 21, 2014
Conduct conference call with ESC to review/discuss results	Week of April 28, 2014
Present ESC's funding recommendations to SACJJD	May 14, 2014
Present agenda item on funding recommendations to CSA Board	May 15, 2014
Begin contract development process	May-June 2014
Conduct new grantee briefings	June or July 2014
Grants commence	July 1, 2014

Recommendation/Action Needed: Approve the establishment of an ESC using the members of the DMC Subcommittee to develop the develop grant proposal eligibility and program requirements as well as criteria for rating the merit of proposals aimed at reducing racial and ethnic disparities and disproportionality.

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