

Gomez shared that it was inspiring to meet people from different states who are involved with the same issues, such as legislation, increasing youth engagement and employing strategies that will better equip youth for success. There was discussion about other state SAGs, their composition, collaboration with governors' offices, and whether any were involved in legislative processes. Chair Rios stated that the SACJJDP will have an opportunity to speak with a representative from the Governor's office during the October meeting, and that the members should develop questions, which is a discussion item later in the agenda. BSCC Executive Director Kathleen Howard confirmed that the Governor's Deputy Legislative Secretary, Dan Seeman will attend. There was further discussion about the Washington DC training and the SAGs in attendance.

Chair Rios discussed the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) subcommittee and stated that she is in the process of setting up a meeting with them to begin work on the new R.E.D. grant cycle, which is different than the Title II grant cycle. Ms. Bushard stated that the meeting is not yet set, but dates are being considered for late October or early November. Chair Rios discussed the Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC) and the relationship to the SACJJDP. Chair Rios stated that the decision has been made that JJSC Chair David Steinhart will be a liaison to the SACJJDP and Chair Rios will be an ex-officio member of the JJSC. Chair Rios attended the JJSC meeting in July where the topics included youth detained in Yolo County, AB 1998 requirements, immigration, and segregation of data related to ethnic disparity. Ms. Howard, who was also in attendance, stated the JJSC discussed the BSCC's Juvenile Detention Profile Survey (JDPS), which provides data on the number of youth in detention facilities across the state. Ms. Howard stated that the JJSC recommended that the BSCC Board consider appointing an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to update the JDPS. Chair Rios supported the idea. Ms. Susan Harbert requested that the SACJJDP members get a copy of the survey, and Ms. Howard agreed to provide the link to the survey. Ms. Howard stated that one of the ways the BSCC facilitates the two juvenile focus committees providing ongoing information to the BSCC Board is by having Mr. Steinhart (BSCC Board member) and Chair Rios present at Board meetings several times a year on the work of their committees.

Chair Rios stated that the Title II application is being processed and the 2017 allocation amount is expected to be similar to 2016. Chair Rios discussed email protocols and the volume of OJJDP email. Chair Rios stated that moving forward the Juvenile Justice Specialist, Ms. Bushard, will only forward information to SACJJDP members that comes from OJJDP and pertains directly to state advisory groups. For all other information, Chair Rios stated that it is up to the members to decide which lists they would like to subscribe to and that BSCC staff will create a list of the available categories and subscriptions – webinars, grant opportunities, conferences, etc. There was a request that BSCC staff add a note to email subject lines to identify required responses, e.g., action required, travel information, or information only.

Chair Rios discussed the Title II online survey and thanked those that met with BSCC staff to provide input on survey content, including Erica Webster, Dominique Nong, William Ing, and Israel Villa. Chair Rios stated that the BSCC reached out to other states to see if any had conducted similar surveys, and they received feedback from about 20 states who gave valuable feedback on the survey preparation process. To date, the BSCC has received about 150 survey responses. Chair Rios provided an overview of the October meeting, including dates and times which are October 18th from 10am to 5pm and October 19th from 9am to 3pm. On Day 1 the representative from the Governor's office will be there to answer questions, and a representative from the Office of Health Equity will attend and present on community-defined and evidence-based programs and practices and how those practices inform the work of the committee. The remainder of Day 1 and all of Day 2 will be spent on identifying goals and priorities for the next three years. Chair Rios stated that the Chief Probation Officers are hosting an event on October 19 and 20 to commemorate 10 years of juvenile realignment.

2. BSCC Updates

Ms. Bushard welcomed the committee members and spoke briefly about the travel expense claims and lunch costs. Ms. Howard thanked Ms. Harbert for finding the venue and stated that it is beneficial to vary SACJJDP meeting locations. Ms. Howard discussed the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and the role of the BSCC as the administering agency. JAG is a federal grant that allocates approximately \$17 million to California annually. The funds are awarded using a competitive process. The BSCC submitted the application on time, but awarding of funds has been delayed due to litigation and additional grant conditions having to do with ICE agents' access to jails and 48-hour notice requirements for inmates being released from jail. Ms. Howard stated that concurrent with the JAG process SB 54 was moving through the legislature and had been significantly amended since its introduction. Ms. Howard stated that the US District Court in Northern Illinois recently issued a nationwide injunction in a suit filed by the City of Chicago, a recipient of JAG funds, to assert that the two new grant conditions are not lawful. Mr. Winston Peters discussed a JAG grant program, a collaborative effort of the Los Angeles (LA) County Public Defender's Office, Sheriff's Department and Mental Health Department that addresses the needs of mentally ill inmates. Ms. Howard stated that in past years JAG grants were mostly law enforcement focused, but about 3 years ago, the BSCC expanded the scope to other program purpose areas. Judge Brian Back discussed a JAG project focused on gang prevention and shared information on the R.E.D. training event in Ventura County on October 30 and 31. Chair Rios directed the committee to the list of JAG grantees that is contained in the meeting materials. Ms. Howard stated that the 31 grants listed began in 2015 and run through this calendar year (some will continue with a no-cost one-year extension) and that the litigation and new conditions apply not to these but to the next cohort of JAG grantees. Mr. Peters stated that he would share a link for members to access information about existing grants in LA County and their programs and outcomes.

Ms. Howard discussed the CalVIP grant program, the successor to the CalGRIP program that expands services beyond only gang-related activity and extends the funding opportunity to include community-based organizations. It was formerly available only to cities. Chief Michelle Brown is chairing the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for the CalVIP program (\$9.2 million, of which \$1 million goes to LA and \$8.2 is competitively awarded.). Ms. Howard gave an update on the other BSCC grant programs, Title 15 regulations revisions process, and the work of the Standards and Training in Corrections Division. Ms. Howard stated that the BSCC presented a proposed, updated strategic plan to the Board. Input on the updated plan was provided by the Board, BSCC staff and through public comment. Of interest to SACJJDP, Ms. Howard stated that the BSCC will be forming workgroups to implement the goals of the plan, some of which will require participation from partners and stakeholders.

Agenda Item D

Legislation

Chair Rios described the three different legislative reports provided in the meeting materials. She requested that BSCC a future agenda item be set to review the key words used to generate the SACJJDP-specific legislative report.

Agenda Item E

Information – In Custody Focus Group Project Status

Chair Rios stated that the in-custody interview dates are confirmed for October 4 in Sacramento and October 13 in San Diego and all members are invited to participate in the process. The purpose of the in-custody interviews is to hear from detained youth about their needs and gather information to help identify SACJJDP priorities. Dr. Carly Dierkhising asked about the youth that will participate and how they will be chosen. Chair Rios stated the hosting probation department, not the SACJJDP, will be selecting the participants. The BSCC staff will coordinate the interview sessions, which are envisioned as a conversation with youth members. Chair Rios stressed the importance of confidentiality. Ms.

Biondi suggested that there should be an open-ended question about each youth's in-custody experience that allows them to answer in their own words. Mr. Mendoza asked if a formerly incarcerated person will be participating as an interviewer and suggested that if not, the youth may not be as forthcoming or may fear what will happen upon return to their unit. Mr. Mendoza expressed concern that Probation may select the youth who will not talk and/or are scared. Mr. Ramon Leija agreed that Probation presence may prevent the youth from opening up and voiced concern about interviewees being coached in how they should respond to the questions. Chair Rios agreed to share all concerns with participating Probation departments and that in her experience young people are candid and eager to share their story, but agrees that they must have a comfortable environment to do so and acknowledge the privacy considerations members were raising. Mr. Gomez inquired about how BSCC staff will facilitate the process. Chair Rios referred members to the documents under this topic item, which gave a general outline of the process to be used. She stated that she will also attend the sessions and introduce the process, SACJJDP members will talk with the youth and BSCC staff will record the process through use of notes. BSCC will fund the members' travel for these interviews. Mr. Gomez suggested sending out a letter prior to the interview to introduce the SACJJDP and the expectations of the interview process. Chair Rios agreed that a one-page document to explain and ask for interested participants might be helpful. Ms. Sharon King suggested that the interview questions should be open ended and contain options (Ex. What do you think about transitional housing after you are released? Chair Rios asked for members interested and available to go to Sacramento. Chair Rios asked, if the dates were different, how many people would be interested in Sacramento. Mr. Leija, Mr. Miguel Garcia, and Mr. Mendoza were interested in the interview in San Diego. Ms. Harbert and Ms. Biondi asked if LA was an option. Mr. Peters gave additional reasons why LA would be a good option. There was further discussion about possible interview locations. Chair Rios responded by stating that the group had raised some important considerations. Ms. Bushard agreed to consider different dates and locations.

Agenda Item F

AB 1998 Implementation Update

Ms. Bushard stated that AB 1998 was enacted about a year ago and had the effect of combining the planning efforts and reporting requirements of the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG). Ms. Biondi asked about the difference between consolidated state plan vs. consolidated form. Ms. Bushard explained that both are relevant; the law states that counties are to submit a comprehensive juvenile justice plan and the BSCC is to provide a consolidated report format. Ms. Howard stated that the focus of AB 1998 was on the reporting and that the BSCC provided a format for the combined submission of both plans and reports. Ms. Bushard explained that the BSCC has handled the first year as a transition year. As such, some counties submitted consolidated plans while others submitted a number of documents to address the different components. The plans are posted on the BSCC website. Ms. Bushard stated that next year the BSCC will be looking for one document that addresses all of the components and noted that counties are in varying stages of pulling together information from the two programs, which have been separate in the past. Ms. Bushard stated that the data being reported now is county-wide data that is coming out of the Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System (JCPSS). There was extensive discussion among the members about the data and the interest in having different data available. Ms. Howard stated that the data reporting requirements generally rely on what is reported in the DOJ statewide system. Ms. Bushard further explained that the statute clearly identifies which data elements must be reported and that all data must come from existing statewide data networks or systems. AB 1998 does not require counties to generate any new data but rather to report what is already available. Accordingly, the BSCC is asking for the eight data elements that are specifically required by statute. Chair Rios asked if it were possible to have a state-wide summary of county data and Ms. Bushard said she would look into it.

Agenda Item G**Development of New State Plan**

Ms. Bushard discussed the new Title II state plan that must be developed. She stated that historically the plan has been due to OJJDP in June but last year the date was moved to April. To ensure timely submission, we will assume the earlier due date. Ms. Bushard stated that the solicitation, or invitation to apply for funding, is anticipated from OJJDP in January. If SACJJDP assumes an April due date it is essential that the vast majority of plan development work be completed during the two-day October meeting. Then BSCC staff can prepare the draft State Plan and have it ready for SACJJDP review at the January meeting. The committee will go over the plan in detail at the January meeting and then BSCC staff will make final edits. A final version will be ready for review and approval at the March meeting. In April, the plan will go before the BSCC Board and will be submitted to OJJDP by the April due date. Ms. Bushard outlined the contents of the State Plan and described it as one document that combines both a plan and a funding application. The work to be done during the October meeting includes:

- Identifying priorities for the next three-year grant cycle;
- Developing need statements that reflect the priorities;
- Establishing goals and objectives to address the needs;
- Identifying implementation activities and services to realize the goals and objectives; and
- Creating budgetary guidelines that focus on those priorities.

Ms. Bushard presented youth crime analysis data taken from the JCPSS system and preliminary data received from the Title II Public Survey posted on the BSCC website. Ms. Bushard discussed other sources of data that will be used in the development of the State Plan including feedback received at the June and September Listening Sessions and information collected during the in-custody interviews. Ms. Bushard noted that at the October meeting information will be provided by the Governor's office as well as the deputy directors from two of BSCC's divisions: Facility Standards and Operations and Standards and Training for Corrections. Ms. Bushard also stated that the experience and expertise of each SACJJDP member is a valued source of information as we develop this plan. For reference, Ms. Bushard reminded the committee of priorities identified in the 2015 and 2012 State Plans.

Ms. Bushard discussed the SACJJDP 3-Year Prioritization Worksheet included in the meeting materials, explaining that it lists all of OJJDP's program purpose areas. Ms. Bushard went over the handout and required the Committee to begin formulating an idea about what the priorities should be while keeping in mind the additional information that will be available in October. Mr. Gomez stated he would like feedback from the surveys regarding youth ages 15-17 and particularly incarcerated males of color. Mr. Bushard explained that items such as gender specific programs, cultural sensitivity, etc. can be woven into the SACJJDP priorities. There was discussion among committee members about the possible approaches and purpose areas that should be considered.

Agenda Item H**Future Agenda Items**

Chair Rios asked the committee to consider what their expectations are from the Governor's Office representative. Several members provided ideas including: sharing the SACJJDP's priorities, gathering the representative's views on SACJJDP, asking what the Committee should focus on, and asking what the Governor expect from the SACJJDP. Chair Rios cautioned that the Committee has not yet defined its priorities, however, if the Governor's Office is informed that the Committee is currently in the process of defining its priorities, perhaps it will open the door to have a second conversation after the priorities have been identified.

Agenda Item I

Public Comment

Two members of the public offered public comment.

Agenda Item J

Adjournment

The September 20, 2017 SACJJDP meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

BSCC Staff Attendance Roster

Kathleen Howard, Executive Director, BSCC

Kimberly Bushard, Field Representative and Juvenile Justice Specialist, CPGP

Aleksandra Djurasovic, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, BSCC

Antonio Esmael, Staff Information Systems Analyst, BSCC