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STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

September 20, 2017 Meeting

Agenda Item F: AB 1998 Implementation Update

Issue: This item will be a presentation by Field Representative Kimberly Bushard on the implementation of AB 1998.

AB 1998 (Ch. 880, St. 2016) took effect on January 1, 2017, making important changes to the reporting requirements for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) programs. AB 1998 had the effect of combining the annual plans submitted under JJCPA and YOBG. As of May 1, 2017, each county had submitted a plan under these new requirements and those plans are all available on the BSCC website.

AB 1998 continues to require that each county report data to the BSCC by October 1st of each year, however the nature of what is reported has changed. Previously, counties reported six specific outcomes from the prior fiscal year for all JJCPA program participants. The reported outcomes were: arrest, incarceration, parole violation, completion of probation, payment of restitution, and completion of community service. In addition, under YOBG, counties reported outcome data on a small random sample of youth with a sustained felony adjudication in the prior fiscal year. Under AB 1998, counties will now provide annual reporting of “Countywide juvenile justice trend data available from existing statewide juvenile justice data systems or networks...” Consequently, for this year’s October 1 due date, counties have been asked to report the following data elements for their juvenile offender population as a whole:

1. Arrests
2. Diversions
3. Petitions filed
4. Petitions sustained
5. Placements
6. Incarcerations
7. Subsequent petitions
8. Probation violations

The Department of Justice maintains two statewide data systems that will be used in this process. The Monthly Arrest & Citation Register contains all arrest data collected throughout the year and that data is later made available on the DOJ’s Open Justice public website. For example, the 2016 arrest data was released by DOJ in mid-August. Counties will use Open Justice to obtain the juvenile arrest data they report this October under JJCPA-YOBG. All of the other data elements counties must report are obtained through DOJ’s Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System (JCPSS) and then reported to the BSCC under JJCPA-YOBG.

Since the JCPSS data are reported to counties on a calendar year basis, the data reporting under AB 1998 will also be completed on a calendar year basis. That means the reports submitted on October 1, 2017 will contain juvenile

justice data for the 2016 calendar year. Those reports will also include expenditure data for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

The new, combined reporting format was released to counties on August 28th. A conference call will be held on September 6th in order to answer any questions they may have about the new process or use of the new report form.

Note that there is a connection between these data reports and the data that will be presented to this committee as part of the State Plan development process. The vast majority of quantitative data used for the State Plan also comes from the above two DOJ data sources.

Recommendation / Action Needed: Information only

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