

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: January 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Juvenile Justice Standing Committee

AGENDA ITEM: C

ACTION: X
INFORMATION:

RESOURCE PERSON: Shalinee Hunter

Summary:

The enabling legislation for the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and the corresponding broad range of issues related to the integrated statewide goal of improved public safety has necessitated the establishment of special standing committees relevant to its mission. The November 2012 Board meeting resulted in the creation of a Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC) to assist in fulfilling the statutory requirements in relation to an array of juvenile justice issues that fall within the purview of the BSCC. Additionally, the Board approved Board Member, David Steinhart, as the Chair of the JJSC.

Background:

Under the enabling legislation, 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. 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.

In keeping with the Board mission, Chair, David Steinhart, and BSCC staff met to develop Committee membership most befitting of the identified JJSC purpose, to advise the Board on the primary juvenile justice mandates and issues that fall by code and by tradition to BSCC. The proposed membership (Attachment A) provides a vast array of diversity, expertise and geographic representation; each member represents an important discipline related to the mission and goals of the juvenile justice system and to the core BSCC mandates listed below.

1. Data and performance outcomes;
2. Juvenile Justice Realignment;
3. Juvenile Facility Regulations (Title 15);
4. Juvenile justice grants monitoring & reporting tasks.

It is anticipated the first meeting of the JJSC will be scheduled subsequent to Board consideration and approval, and the agenda will be comprised of an overview of the JJSC purpose and the prioritization of mandated tasks. A few Board approved slots (education, restorative justice and community service) are still under development and are subject to Board confirmation; approval of the present membership is sought so that the process can move forward between now and the March Board meeting.

Recommendation/Action Needed:

BSCC staff requests approval of the proposed JJSC membership for the purpose of convening the Committee and to commence tasks at hand.

**BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (BSCC)
JUVENILE JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE
PROPOSED MEMBER PROFILES**

DAVID STEINHART, Chair. *David is the Director of the Commonwealth Juvenile Justice Program and is the Senate's appointee to the Board of State and Community Corrections. He is an attorney-advocate with a long track record of advising California legislators on juvenile justice law and policy. He was principal drafter of California laws removing children from adult jails, creating homeless youth programs and widening children's access to mental health care. In 2007, he had a key role in the design of SB 81—the landmark juvenile justice reform that realigned non-violent youth from the state Division of Juvenile Justice to local control with \$100 million per year in state funds. He served two terms as a California State Juvenile Justice Commissioner. He is a lead trainer for the Annie Casey Foundation's national Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. He is the author of multiple reports and publications on juvenile justice system issues.*

JAMES BELL. *James is the Executive Director of the Haywood Burns Institute in San Francisco. He is the nation's leading lawyer-advocate and expert on strategies and solutions for minority overrepresentation in state and local juvenile justice systems. An inspirational speaker, James has been a leader in national efforts to reduce disproportionate minority confinement in youth detention facilities. He has earned numerous national awards for his cutting edge work in the field including Advocate of the Year from U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Leadership Award from the James Irvine Foundation and the ABA Livingston Hall Award for juvenile justice achievement.*

ALEX BRISCOE. *Alex is the Director of the Alameda County Health Services Agency. Previously he was Director of the West Oakland Chappell Hayes Health Center, an outpatient counseling satellite of Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland. He is a recognized expert in the design and delivery of adolescent health services. He has worked recently to develop school-based health and youth development centers in Alameda County through a consortium of public and private sponsors. His clinical work has focused on adolescents and the effects of trauma on healthy development. He is engaged in ongoing efforts to ensure that incarcerated youth with mental health disorders have coverage and access to appropriate medical and mental health services. He has a Masters in marriage and family counseling from the University of San Francisco.*

SUE BURRELL. *Sue is a staff attorney at the Youth Law Center in San Francisco with a long history of advocacy on behalf of children in delinquency proceedings. She was a lead architect of California laws increasing health care access for confined youth and creating new court rules for determinations of competency in delinquency proceedings. She trains detention facility staff on conditions of confinement and has served on multiple state panels to revise state standards for local juvenile justice facilities. She was co-counsel in a successful federal litigation that crafted new due process protections for California youth returned to state custody as parole violators. In 2011, Sue received the prestigious American Bar Association Livingston Hall award for distinguished work in the defense of children throughout the United States.*

CHARITY CHANDLER. *Charity serves as the youth representative on the JJSC. She is both a former foster youth and a former incarcerated delinquent ward who has experienced the juvenile justice system from the inside. Through self-determination and help from community programs, Charity moved on to become an A student at Loyola Marymount University majoring in Communication Studies. She is active as a volunteer and advocate in Southern California, connecting foster and incarcerated youth to resources and services that can lead them to independence and higher education. She recently told an audience of 500 advocates and professionals at a Violence Prevention conference in L.A. that her mission is to show by example that justice-involved youth are capable of great achievements through the pursuit of education and community involvement.*

RON DAVIS. *Ron Davis is the Chief of Police for the East Palo Alto Police Department. He has gained national recognition for implementing a comprehensive community policing approach that is credited with driving crime rates down in a historically high-crime city jurisdiction. He is an expert and author on racial profiling in police work. He has served as a monitor of police reform agreements for the U.S. Department of Justice. He oversees a CDCR-funded jobs and re-entry program for parolees in East Palo Alto. Much of his work is focused on youth crime prevention and efforts to reduce gang crime. His department operates a CalGRIP gang control program as well as a federally funded Operation Ceasefire program. Chief Davis has served on multiple California task force groups dedicated to models of community policing and offender re-entry success.*

DENISE HERZ. *Denise Herz is a Professor of Criminal Justice at California State University in Los Angeles and was recently named the head of that department. She serves as a teacher, researcher and project director on juvenile justice issues, working with courts and probation departments to evaluate the needs and services for justice system youth with mental health disorders and for “crossover” youth (those with histories of involvement in both the juvenile justice and child welfare systems). She is a lead author of the recent, comprehensive national report on “Addressing the Needs of Multi-System Youth: Strengthening the Connection between Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice” (Georgetown University, 2012). Dr. Herz has worked with Superior Court, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the Probation Department in Los Angeles County since 2004 to document the characteristics and needs of crossover youth. In addition she brings expertise on criminal justice evaluation methodology and evidence-based practices to the JJSC.*

Hon. KURT KUMLI. *Judge Kumli serves on the bench of the criminal division of the Santa Clara County Superior Court. He is widely acknowledged as a leading judicial expert on juvenile justice policy, practice and operations, both in California and nationally. He was the co-creator of the Santa Clara County Juvenile Mental Health Court. He chaired the California State Judicial Council Task Force on juvenile justice/mental health. He served as a California state Juvenile Justice Commissioner between 2007-09. He serves as faculty and trainer on juvenile justice matters for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the California Judges Association, and he is the author of multiple articles on gang prosecution, juvenile justice reform and correctional mental health. A former prosecutor, he was appointed to the Superior Court bench in 2007 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.*

GERRY LOPEZ. *Gerry is a Senior Deputy District Attorney for Riverside County. He serves as the lead attorney for the Riverside County Community Prosecution Unit. He has extensive experience in the prosecution of delinquency cases in Juvenile Court. As chief of the Community Prosecution Unit, Gerry works with community partnerships to reduce youth crime and youth gang participation. He is lead counsel for the Youth Accountability Team (YAT) program in Riverside County and is the local Coordinator for Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), providing gang awareness education and crime prevention training to local and community groups. Among other awards, he has been honored as Juvenile Prosecutor of the Year in Riverside County, and as the State Prosecutor of the Year by the California School Resource Officers' Association.*

SANDRA MCBRAYER. *Sandra is the Executive Director of the The Children's Initiative in San Diego—an advocacy and service organization for at-risk children and youth. She is a highly regarded and accomplished advocate for children, youth and families across a broad spectrum of juvenile justice, education and social service disciplines. As an inspirational educator, she was named the U.S. Teacher of the Year by President Clinton in 1994. She chairs the State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice, which oversees federal juvenile justice funds and programs in California. She has received numerous local, state and national awards for youth advocacy and service from government, education and community groups.*

JULIO MARCIAL. *Julio is a Senior Program Officer for the California Wellness Foundation. He directs the Foundation's grant portfolio in the field of youth violence prevention. Through grantmaking and personal effort, Julio has fostered the development of a wide California network of youth service providers, gang outreach workers and violence prevention experts working collaboratively to reduce violence and to improve outcomes for at-risk youth in the juvenile justice system. Under Julio's guidance the Wellness Foundation has played an important role over the years in the adoption of state policy reforms augmenting funds and services for justice-involved youth and expanding multi-disciplinary programs to reduce youth crime and violence.*

JERRY POWERS. *Jerry is the Chief Probation Officer for Los Angeles County, having served previously as the Chief in Stanislaus County. He is a past President of the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) and has served also as the CPOC Legislative Chair. He was a leading probation voice in Capitol negotiations producing corrections realignment legislation that has moved thousands of adult and juvenile offenders from state to local custody and control in California. His Los Angeles County Probation Department operates three juvenile halls and 19 county probation camps with a combined capacity to house more than 4,000 juveniles. Chief Powers served on the Corrections Standards Authority ESC that designed accountability criteria for California's Youthful Offender Block Grant program. He also serves on the California Sex Offender Management Board.*