

MINUTES
State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Board of State and Community Corrections
2590 Venture Oaks Way, Sacramento, CA 95833
July 16, 2015
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Sandra McBrayer.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Ms. Sandra McBrayer, Chair	Honorable Brian Back	Ms. Carol Biondi
Mr. Winston Peters	Ms. Susan Harbert	Mr. James Anderson
Ms. Nancy O'Malley	Ms. Susan Manheimer	Ms. Michelle Brown

Agenda Item A

Approval of the SACJJDP Meeting Minutes

Roll was called.

Carol Biondi noted that these minutes have less detail than has been typical. An agreement was made that staff would attach all PowerPoints and handouts given during meetings to the minutes in order to augment the level of detail.

SACJJDP Chair Sandra McBrayer requested a motion to approve the May 20, 2015 meeting minutes.

Judge Back so moved. James Anderson seconded. None abstained or opposed. Approved.

Sandra McBrayer introduced the newest member of the committee, Ms. Michelle Brown.

Agenda Item B

Title II Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Grant Update

Shalinee Hunter stated that the application has been submitted for the Title II Juvenile Prevention and Intervention Grant Federal Solicitation for fiscal year 2015/16. It is a block grant covering the next three years, but each year will require a new application. The solicitation is heavily focused on Evidence Based Practices (EBP), Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) projects, and quality education for juvenile justice youth. Shalinee noted that these focus areas identified by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) are the same as the priorities already identified by the SACJJDP.

AB 2276 aims to take students coming out of juvenile justice placements and court schools and put them back into their home schools in a timely fashion. The California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the California Department of Education (CDE) are collaborating on these efforts. Shalinee is the lead staff for BSCC but the majority of work falls on CDE as the project lead. Currently, these efforts are in their infancy, with the first meeting anticipated for late August.

The BSCC received 16 Title II applications and two Tribal Youth applications. EBP and R.E.D. must be included in the applications as the framework for the proposed project. Approximately \$3 million has been set aside for aftercare, alternatives to detention, diversion, juvenile justice system improvement to name a few. The Executive Steering Committee will review the applications and funding recommendations will be presented at the September SACJJDP meeting with board approval to follow.

Agenda Item C Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity Subcommittee-Update on Georgetown
California's application to the Georgetown R.E.D. certificate program was accepted. The team participating in this program is comprised of Ms. Sandra McBrayer, Judge Back, Mary Jolls, Shalinee Hunter, and Collen Curtin. The Capstone project will involve undertaking an inventory within the BSCC that looks across divisions at possible practices and tasks that may impact communities of color. This opportunity allows for BSCC to better understand the implications of race on day to day efforts of the organization and the implications to the field in developing best practices and initiatives in alignment with reducing R.E.D.

Agenda Item D Judge George Timberlake Presentation - SACJJDP Roles & Responsibilities
SACJJDP Chair introduced Judge George Timberlake and provided committee members with a handout related to his background and experience (Attachment A). Judge Timberlake described his experience working in the juvenile justice system in Illinois where, as a juvenile court judge, he discovered the importance of trauma-informed response and interdisciplinary collaboration. In 2009, he was appointed to the Illinois State Advisory Group (SAG), which at that time had 25 members but only about 4-5 active members. See Attachments B & C for handouts provided by Judge Timberlake.

Once appointed to the Illinois SAG, Judge Timberlake immediately set about making changes, including the following:

- Gained support of the Governor to appoint new members,
- Sent an Illinois team to Georgetown,
- Committed to funding results-based programs and services,
- Shifted the focus to setting policy and prioritizing systems improvements,
- Built collaboratives with community partners and legislative allies,
- Retained a good Public Relations person, and
- Funded the University of Illinois to develop and maintain the Statewide Detention Data System.

Taken together, these steps resulted in significant improvements in Illinois' juvenile justice system. Examples of those improvements include:

- 1) Standardized the handling of sex offenders,
- 2) Reduced percentage of probation violators in juvenile detention facilities,
- 3) Raised age of juvenile jurisdiction,
- 4) Stopped a transportation bill that would have increased the number of juvenile detentions,
- 5) Improved the expungement policy, and
- 6) Made positive changes to the restorative justice policy.

Judge Timberlake then delivered a presentation entitled "Educating Legislators and Policy Makers: Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission," which is included as Attachment D. Judge Timberlake used the Illinois SAG's adoption of treatment interventions for sex offenders as an example of how that state's SAG was able to move policy in the direction of data driven decision making. His presentation initiated a discussion amongst committee members and BSCC Chair Linda Penner regarding difficulties of handling sex offenders.

SACJJDP Chair McBrayer asked for any public comment and three members of the public spoke in support of the SACJJDP's role in policy development and the importance of that role.

Agenda Item E

Chair and BSCC Updates

Chair Updates: Chair McBrayer stated that the annual Coalition for Juvenile Justice(CJJ) conference was in Washington D.C.in June and that James Anderson was elected the Western Region representative for the CJJ Executive Board. Chair McBrayer also recognized BSCC Staff Shalinee

Hunter for her work as the past National R.E.D. coordinator and her work as the California R.E.D. Coordinator and acknowledged all of the national recognition for her in that capacity.

BSCC Updates: BSCC Chair Linda Penner stated that BSCC management attended four PICO meetings across the state. She went on to say that there has been a reduction in juvenile detention within the state. Furthermore, Chair Penner stated that California will be unveiled as a pilot program for Medi-Cal eligible individuals to go into residential treatment. Chair Penner stated that the BSCC is working on Assembly Bill 1056, which provides a framework around Proposition 47. The BSCC will be going out to six different locations once the current legislative year ends to host regional meetings to provide information and seek public input regarding Proposition 47.

Funding Updates: Chair McBrayer stated that the California Senate Public Safety Committee set aside \$6 million for funding to assist law enforcement in their interaction with communities of color. The funding will be administered by the BSCC to look at law enforcement and their interaction with communities of color. Chair Penner stated that the Executive Steering Committee for this funding will be created at a later date. Carol Biondi asked if someone from the R.E.D. committee, or if staff of the R.E.D. committee can be appointed to that new ESC. Linda Penner indicated that is a staffing issue but assured the committee that BSCC will utilize its internal expertise.

Chair Penner stated that another \$4 million in funding for community recidivism reduction grants is coming to the BSCC this year. Last year the BSCC received \$8 million and this year an additional \$4 million will be available. Chair Penner also mentioned that the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant is receiving an additional \$1.7 million for Solano, El Dorado and Nevada on the adult side, while Tuolumne will receive funding on the juvenile side.

Legislation: BSCC Board Member David Steinhart stated that Assemblyman Marc Stone is carrying a cleanup bill (AB 666) to last year's automatic juvenile record sealing legislation to better clarify the process and parameters and to add probation to the list of agencies that can access a sealed record.

Agenda Item F

Juvenile Justice Data Working Group

BSCC Staff Colleen Curtin cited the legislation that created the Juvenile Justice Data Working Group (JJDWG) and identified the Group's mandate as improving, updating, and modernizing juvenile justice data systems in California. Colleen explained that the first task of the JJDWG was to streamline and consolidate reporting requirements for the Youthful Offender Block Grant and Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act programs. That has been done and recommendations from the JJDWG were submitted to the BSCC Board. The Board is awaiting information from the Department of Finance and Governor's Office before taking action on the recommendations. In the interim, the JJDWG is proceeding with its main task of identifying ways to improve juvenile justice data overall. The group is mandated to submit a report to the Legislature in January 2016 containing its recommendations in this area. As part of the discussion about data, Sandra McBrayer stated that the SACCCJP has flexibility to put aside funding for data and has done so in the past.

Agenda Item G

Review of Proposed Legislation

BSCC Staff Kimberly Bushard described the process by which BSCC creates the legislative reports it provides to the SACJJDP. Kimberly also pointed out that the legislative report prepared by David Steinhart on behalf of Commonweal will routinely be included with agenda packets. Kimberly advised the committee that July 17th will be the last day for committees to meet and report bills and that the Legislature's summer recess will be from July 17th through August 17th.

Agenda Item H

Proposition 47 Update

Noting the earlier mention of Proposition 47, BSCC Deputy Director Mary Jolls asked the committee if there were any further questions and interest in discussion around that item. Hearing none, Chair McBrayer proceeded to the next item.

Agenda Item I**Future Agenda Items**

Recapping salient points from the meeting, Chair McBrayer identified a number of takeaways from Judge Timberlake's presentation, including the following:

- 1) There needs to be collaboration between the SAG and local communities in order to broaden the SAG's scope of understanding of constituent issues and concerns.
- 2) The work done by the SAG and within the state should incorporate results-based accountability.
- 3) There is both a fiscal and public safety responsibility within juvenile justice and reports on important topics should be published periodically.
- 4) Funding for data collection and research is crucial to juvenile justice efforts and it is imperative to cultivate partners in this area.
- 5) Training should be tied into juvenile justice at the local level to help those who are working directly with youth.
- 6) There needs to be collaborative work groups on specific topics, and more of a hands on approach, to give the SAG a better understanding of what is needed.

In wrapping up the meeting, Chair McBrayer identified several decisions made during the meeting and then listed agenda items for the next meeting.

Decisions:

- The audience and members will be introduced before all meetings
- Any handouts provided during meetings will be attached to the minutes
- Staff will provide a link to the Detention Data report that Judge Timberlake referenced
- Make sure all emails that are sent to members have a receipt to ensure members are receiving emails, if there is no response from members staff will follow up with members directly.

Proposed agenda items for the next meeting:

1. Update on the two previous Tribal grants
2. Update on Title II relative to the approval of the awardees
3. Update on AB 2276 in regards to CDE and BSCC collaboration
4. Update on R.E.D., including Georgetown and BSCC staff training
5. Continue discussion on pepper spray
6. Discussion regarding next steps and priority areas in relation to national best practices for SAG's and Judge Timberlake's presentation

Adjournment

The July 16, 2015 SACJJDP meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

BSCC Staff Attendance Roster

Linda Penner, Board Chair
Mary Jolls, Deputy Director, CPP
Kimberley Bushard, Field Representative, CPP
Shalinee Hunter, Field Representative, FSO
Colleen Curtin, Field Representative, CPP
Ashley Vanderpool, Research Analyst, Administration
Megan Brancamp, Legislative Analyst Student, Administration