

MINUTES

State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Meeting

October 28, 2021 | 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Held Via Zoom
Pursuant to [Executive Order N-29-20](#)

The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

Committee members in attendance:

Rachel Rios, Chair	Susan Harbert
Carol Biondi, Vice Chair	Gordon Jackson
B. J. Davis, PsyD	Hon. Brian Back
Miguel Garcia	Amika Mota
Michelle Guymon	Ramon Leija
Elliot Housman-Turrubiate	Amanda Clifford
Kent Mendoza	Dante Williams
Nancy O'Malley	

Committee members not in attendance:

Juan Gomez	Vanessa Najjar
Carly Dierkhising, PhD	Mimi Silbert, PhD
Winston Peters	

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order by Rachel Rios, Chair.

Agenda Item A

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the SACJJDP meetings held May 20, 2021 and June 3, 2021

Hon. Brian Back moved to approve the minutes from the SACJJDP meetings held May 20, 2021 and June 3, 2021. Nancy O'Malley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chair Rachel Rios and Dante Williams abstained. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item B

Welcome, Updates, and Reminders

SACJJDP Updates:

- CJJ R.E.D. Virtual Conference – Chair Rios stated that the CJJ R.E.D. Virtual Conference was going to be held on November 2-3, 2021. If the members were interested in attending, they needed to contact Timothy Polasik to get registered for the conference.

- 2021 OJJDP National Training Conference – Chair Rios stated that OJJDP was holding a virtual National Training Conference on November 8, 9, & 10, 2021. All members were welcomed to attend and attend various workshops.
- R.E.D. Contract Update – BSCC Field Representative Timothy Polasik gave an update to the group about the status of the R.E.D. contract. There was some work being done to clarify the contractor’s budget to align it with their deliverables and everything was finalized. The BSCC was now waiting for the contract to be fully executed. Once the contract is executed, Timothy stated that he would send out a Doodle Poll to the R.E.D. working group and R.E.D. subcommittee to set up a kickoff meeting with the contractor.

Agenda Item C

Legislative Update

Chair Rios stated that the SACJDDP was provided with a list of bills that are being tracked. There will be more specific discussion regarding the DJJ Realignment bills. In their documents, the group was provided with a list of bills that say asked the BSCC to track, a list of bills that the BSCC tracks, as well as the Commonweal Report. She informed the group that if they had any questions, Aaron would be answer to them. No questions were asked regarding the tracked bills.

Agenda Item D

BSCC Updates

Overview of Determination of Suitability of Los Angeles County Juvenile Halls Made by the Board of State and Community Corrections at the September 16, 2021, Board Meeting Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 209, Subdivision (d).

- BSCC General Counsel Aaron Maguire gave an update on the BSCC Board action that took place at the September 16, 2021, Board Meeting regarding the finding of the Los Angeles County Juvenile Halls to be unsuitable for the confinement of minors within the meeting of the Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivision (d). He presented some background information of the Welfare and Institutions Code to the group and stated that the Board has authority regarding mandating compliance with the BSCC Board’s regulations for Juvenile Halls; the same authority does not apply to juvenile ranches or camps.

He identified the steps taken if a facility is found out of compliance during the Biennial Inspection as follows:

- Once the facility is found out of compliance, they provide the BSCC with their corrective action plan.
- They are given 60 days to come into the compliance.
- If they don’t come into compliance within that timeframe, the Board is required to make a “determination of suitability” at its next scheduled Board Meeting. Suitability is defined in the Welfare and Institutions code as to whether they are out of compliance with one or more of the Board’s regulations.

General Counsel Aaron Maguire stated that in February 2021 the County was noticed with many items of non-compliance in terms of the Juvenile Regulations. The County provided the Board with their 60-day corrective action plan, which they started in April

2021. As of July 2021, they were unable to come into compliance with all their items and the BSCC notified them that they would be on the Board Agenda for the September 2021 meeting.

The regulations that Los Angeles County was out of compliance were as follows:

- Health and Safety: The County was not doing health assessments within 96 hours of youth being brought into the Juvenile Halls and they were inadequately documenting the use of psychotropic medication.
- Use of Restraints and Room Confinement: The County was not complying with the regulations regarding use of restraints and room confinement.

At the September 16, 2021, Board Meeting, the Chief Probation Officer of Los Angeles County spoke about the remaining items of non-compliance. At that proceeding, it was still determined that the County had not rectified the matter keeping them out compliance with providing the health assessments and documenting the use of psychotropic medication. The Board voted to find Los Angeles County out of compliance with those specific regulations, deeming them unsuitable for the confinement of minors. As required by statute, the BSCC sent a Notice of Unsuitability to the County on October 1, 2021, that stated if the County did not come back into compliance by the end of November 2021, they would not be allowed to place wards in those juvenile halls and would have to move them to different facilities. The BSCC had a Field Representative onsite providing technical assistance to the County and was available to reinspect the facilities to see if they were able to come into compliance with the regulations. The BSCC will discuss the reinspection process at the next Board Meeting, on November 18, 2021.

Chair Rios informed the committee that in the future, if there are any action items taken by the Board that may have an impact on Juvenile Justice, they will notify the SACJJDP so they can attend the Board Meeting.

Juvenile Title 15 and 24 Regulations Revision - Update

- General Counsel Aaron Maguire gave an update on the Title 15 and Title 24 Regulations Revisions. The kickoff for the Juvenile Regulations Revisions is slightly delayed but shortly after the Adult Regulations Revisions are complete, the Juvenile Revisions will begin. Nothing has started regarding the Juvenile Regulations Revisions. The SACJJDP group was invited to participate to provide feedback, advice, or recommendations to the Juvenile Regulations Revisions. Establishment of the Executive Steering Committee for the Juvenile Regulations Revisions will likely go to the Board for approval at the February 2022 meeting.

SB 823 Juvenile Justice Realignment – Update

- General Counsel Aaron Maguire gave an update on Senate Bill 823 Juvenile Justice Realignment. There was some additional legislation regarding SB 823, the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) realignment in Senate Bill 92. The summary of changes can be found in the Commonweal Report which restores the “secure track” component of DJJ realignment. As part of the Juvenile Regulations Revisions, there will be discussion regarding the new secured youth track facilities. Part of the DJJ realignment the establishment of Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) at California Health and Human Services. There was no update regarding OYCR.

Agenda Item E Title II Grant Program – Request for Proposal Planning

Field Representative Timothy Polasik provided the group with a recap of the Title II Grant Program Purpose Areas that were agreed upon at the June 3, 2021, SACJJDP membership meeting by utilizing information gathered through surveys and public listening sessions. He also provided a recap of the proposed budget distribution based on the 2020 Title II Grant Program award of \$3,978,42 to be distributed to various purpose areas. The Program Purpose Areas and proposed budget distribution can be found on the June 3, 2021, meeting minutes. The members will have further discussion regarding the proposed budget distribution at the next meeting.

Executive Steering Committee Membership Criteria

- Field Representative Timothy Polasik recapped the ESC Membership Criteria used to form the last ESC. He asked the members if there were any areas of expertise they wanted to change or add to the committee for the next round that is expected to convene in February 2022.

SACJJDP member Miguel Garcia suggested to add someone to the committee that have experience with workforce development. SACJJDP member B.J. Davis requested to elaborate on the “Parent of Advocate” criteria, and it was changed to be a parent or advocate of system involved youth. The group agreed on the criteria for the ESC membership.

Tentative Timeline

- Field Representative outlined a tentative timeline that is dependent on the OJJDP 2021 award date for the Title II Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP) prep work that needs to take place prior to the start of the grant:
 - February 2022 – The ESC would convene for RFP development
 - March 2022 – RFP would be presented to the SACJJDP members
 - April 2022 – RFP will be presented to Board and upon approval will be released to the public
 - April 2022 through July 2022 – Internal work to be done by BSCC
 - Hosting Bidder’s Conference
 - Gathering proposals and preparing them to be read and rated by the ESC
 - Host Rater’s Training
 - July 2022 – Raters will score proposals
 - August 2022 – ESC’s recommendations for funding will go to the SACJJDP members for their approval
 - September 2022 – Award recommendations will be presented to the Board

- October 2022 – Grant starts and the SACJJDP members will start the process of looking at the budget for the following year and discuss the meeting calendar for 2023

Agenda Item F**SACJJDP 2022 Proposed Calendar**

Field Representative Timothy Polasik presented the 2022 SACJJDP Proposed Work Schedule and explained the logic behind the meeting dates and how they align with the BSCC Board Meetings. Chair Rios requested a separate timeline that outlines the tasks specific to the Title II RFP. The members reviewed the proposed 2022 meeting dates, and a vote was taken.

Nancy O'Malley moved to approve the 2022 SACJJDP Meeting Schedule. Ramon Leija seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item G**SACJJDP Membership Roster Review**

Field Representative Timothy Polasik presented a recap of the SACJJDP membership category requirements. Chair Rios asked the members for help reach out to people in their community who fit the requirements to gauge interest.

Agenda Item H**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm

BSCC Staff Attendance Roster

Aaron Maguire, General Counsel

Ricardo Goodridge, Deputy Director, CPGP

Timothy Polasik, Field Representative, CPGP

Rosa Pargas, Staff Services Manager II, CPGP

Amanda Abucay, Staff Services Manager I, CPGP

Eloisa Tuitama, Field Representative, FSO