

# MINUTES

## State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Meeting May 26, 2022 | 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Held In-Person and via Zoom

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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
Miguel Garcia	Nancy O'Malley
Gordon Jackson	Michelle Guymon
Carol Biondi, Vice Chair	Hon. Brian Back

Committee members not in attendance:

Elliot Housman-Turrubiate	Amika Mota
B.J. Davis, PsyD	Vanessa Najjar
Carly Dierkhising, PhD	Winston Peters
Juan Gomez	Mimi Silbert, PhD
Ramon Leija	Dante Williams
Kent Mendoza	

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### Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order by Rachel Rios, Chair.

### Agenda Item D Office of Youth and Community Restoration Presentation

- The Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Director Katherine Lucero provided an OYCR update. The OYCR has hired 7 staff members, including Miguel Garcia and Ramon Leija. Director Lucero expects to hire 10 or 11 staff by the first week of June and 34 total staff positions by the end of calendar year 2022. The OYCR is also coordinating the opening of 35 secure-track county and regional youth facilities to meet the needs of youth being transferred from the closing CDCR Division of Juvenile Justice facilities. The OYCR is working with the RAND Corporation to ensure age-appropriate and evidence-based programming is provided at each facility and will provide a variety of technical assistance to support counties in achieving mandates and implementing best practices.
- Director Lucero discussed SB 823 stating the mandate is that administrative functions for juvenile grants be moved to the OYCR by January 1, 2025. The BSCC and the OYCR will coordinate on the transition and will also coordinate on the juvenile facility standard regulations review and updates.

Opened discussion began:

- SACJJDP Vice Chair Carol Biondi asked how the OYCR will monitor the transition from DJJ facilities to ensure juveniles are not simply housed in adult facilities. Director Lucero stated that the OYCR must approve each counties housing plan before the juvenile's transfer. Director Lucero stated it is a concern of the OYCR staff that more juveniles will be transferred to adult court and that they will be monitoring this issue closely.
- Member Gordon Jackson thanked Director Lucero for the insight on the steps ahead.
- Chair Rachel Rios further noted that it really is a partnership, not a single group, that is needed to get this work done.
- Member Susan Harbert asked if there was a plan to use of credible messengers from the communities to work with the youth. Director Lucero reiterated that providing facilitators with lived experience is an important part of the evidence-based practices that will be provided. Director Katherine Lucero concluded the presentation by noting that there is more work to be done and partnerships to develop as they identify areas of need going forward.

### **Agenda Item A**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the SACJJDP meeting held January 27, 2022.

The agenda item was continued to the next meeting due to no quorum.

### **Agenda Item B**

### **Welcome, Updates, and Reminders**

SACJJDP Updates:

- CJJ Conference Reminder – Field Representative Timothy Polasik reminded the committee that the Coalition for Juvenile Justice National Conference will be in person and held in Tacoma, WA from August 1-2, 2022.
- R.E.D. Contract Update – Field Representative Timothy Polasik provided an update that the R.E.D. Working Group held a meeting with WestEd on March 22, 2022. The contract vendor is beginning the data collection request to the CalDOJ and noted that the BSCC will also be requesting this data directly as well.
- SACJJDP Membership Update- Field Representative Timothy Polasik provide a reminder that the membership is short members and particularly Youth Members. Ramon Martinez and Miguel Garcia have been hired by the OYCR. Also, Miguel Garcia and Amanda Ayala (Clifford) are resigning from the SACJJDP.

## BSCC Updates:

- BSCC Executive Director Kathleen Howard provided details on six grant programs in the California 2022/23 fiscal budget:

**Officer Wellness Grants**

\$50 million one-time General Fund

This funding will be available to counties and cities and is intended to improve general officer health and well-being, build resiliency, decrease stress and trauma, and improve community trust and relations.

**Mobile Probation Centers Grants**

\$20 million one-time General Fund

This funding will be available to counties to create mobile probation centers, modeled after a program established by Placer County. Grant funding will help with one-time investments, such as the purchase of vehicles and technology. The mobile service centers will facilitate court appearances and pretrial check-ins; complete needs assessments; and identify housing, employment, and other related services.

**Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Grants**

\$12 million General Fund over three years

California has one of the largest Native American populations in the U.S., and research has found that Indigenous people experience violence and trauma disproportionately higher than the general population. Grant funding will be available to California tribes to help locate and identify missing Indigenous persons by providing resources for tribal police and prosecutors, counseling services, education, and other activities.

**DJJ Transitional Housing**

\$3 million

Funding will address the short-term housing needs for youth leaving the DJJ.

**County-Operated Juvenile Facilities Needs**

\$100 million General Fund from January Budget

Funding will support facility upgrades and improvement to ensure county facilities are equipped to meet the programming and treatment needs for the DJJ realignment of youth.

**Organized Retail Theft and Other Crimes**

The funding support local law enforcement efforts to address organized retail theft and other crimes, and support affected businesses:

\$85 million annually for three years in competitive grants for local law enforcement to combat organized retail crime.

\$10 million annually for three years for competitive grants to local District Attorneys to for retail theft prosecution.

\$25 million one-time for the Board of State and Community Corrections to establish a competitive grant program to support local gun buyback programs.

- General Counsel Aaron Maguire provided an update on the Los Angeles County Juvenile Halls Suitability Determination. General Counsel Maguire stated the BSCC discussed room confinement, safety checks, and programming at the Barry J. Nidorff youth facility during the April Board meeting and the BSCC will continue to monitor and address the suitability issues identified at Barry J. Nidorff facility.

## Agenda Item C

## Legislative Update

- There are two bills pending that directly affect the committee:
  - SB 1137- Authored by Toni Atkins, Senate President Pro Tempore, from San Diego. The bill focuses on the interest on the expansion of the board's mission to address the promotion of legal and safe conditions of those housed in state and local detention centers for both adult and youth.
  - AB 2343- Authored by Dr. Akhila Weber. This bill is directly responsive to the Sherriff's report. The bill is highly critical of the recently released San Diego audit report showing higher than average rate of deaths while in custody. If passed, the bill would likely increase the Board membership to include a licensed health care provider and would increase members from 13 to 15.
- SACJJDP Tracked Bills, BSCC Tracked Bills, Commonweal Report – Chair Rachel Rios stated to the SACJJDP membership to reach out to Field Representative Timothy Polasik if they had additional legislation that they would like added to the tracking report.

## Agenda Item E

## Title II Grant Program – Request for Proposals

General Counsel Aaron Maguire recommended SACJJDP members who may have a conflict of interest recuse themselves for the Agenda Item E presentation. Michelle Guymon and Miguel Garcia recused.

Field Representative Timothy Polasik presented the Title II Grant Program Request for Proposal (RFP) recommended by the SACJJDP Executive Steering Committee. Polasik identified it is expected that \$4,000,000 will be available each year depending on the annual Title II funding amounts. Each project will be awarded up to \$350,000 annually. Eligibility includes local government agencies, Nonprofit nongovernmental organizations, and California Native American Tribes located in California. Governmental agencies will have a 70% pass-through requirement. Tribal governments can meet the requirement if services are delivered by the tribe. At least one small county population proposal and one tribal or tribal partnering

proposal that meets the minimum scoring threshold will be funded; and all program purpose areas identified by the SACJJDP in the 2021-2023 3-Year Title II State Plan will be funded.

Since the SACJJDP did not meet the quorum requirement for a vote, Chair Rachel Rios elected to move the Executive Steering Committee's RFP forward to the Board for approval at the June 9, 2022, Board meeting.

**Agenda Item F****Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm

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**BSCC Staff Attendance Roster**

Kathleen Howard, Executive Director of BSCC  
Ricardo Goodridge, Deputy Director, CPGP  
Timothy Polasik, Field Representative, CPGP  
Bernadette Rodriguez, Program Analyst, CPGP  
Christy Fields, Staff Services Manager I, CPGP  
Antonio Esmael, Information Technology Supervisor II  
Katherine Amita, Information Security Officer  
Aaron Maguire, General Counsel  
Eloisa Tuitama, Compliance Monitor, CPGP  
Amanda Abucay, Staff Services Manager I, CPGP  
Ashley Van de Pool, Research Data Specialist I, Research Unit