

## MINUTES

### State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Meeting

May 20, 2021 | 10:00 a.m.

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

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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	Nancy O'Malley
Carol Biondi, Vice Chair	Winston Peters
B. J. Davis, PsyD	Susan Harbert
Miguel Garcia	Gordon Jackson
Michelle Guymon	Hon. Brian Back
Juan Gomez	Amika Mota
Elliot Housman-Turrubiate	Ramon Leija
Kent Mendoza	

Committee members not in attendance:

Amanda Clifford	Vanessa Najjar
Carly Dierkhising, PhD	Mimi Silbert, PhD
Dante Williams	

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### Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order by Rachel Rios, Chair and announced that the meeting will be held out of order:

### Agenda Item B

### BSCC Updates

Executive Director of the BSCC Kathleen Howard stated the BSCC has attended several Budget subcommittee hearings. The Governor's Office has submitted a budget change proposal which will add additional resources to the enhanced inspection process. This change will allow the BSCC to add more information on the BSCC's website. More frequent inspections in the local facilities.

- The Governor's budget also proposed a one-time \$200 million increase to the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant.
- The Governor also proposed repurposing \$200 million relinquished jail construction funds for behavioral health facilities at the county level.

- The Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) also received additional resources in the budget to launch the agency. When the budget is completed the BSCC will invite a representative from OYCR to attend the SACJJDP meeting.

Executive Director Kathleen Howard also reported on the out of state travel request to attend the Coalition on Juvenile Justice (CJJ) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) training conferences. The state will not be asking for approval to travel to one of the discretionary events to be held in Louisville, Kentucky. Travel to Kentucky was banned by [AB 1887](#), which prevents the use of state funds.

The following are other states banned by AB 1887:

Alabama	Idaho
Iowa	Kansas
Kentucky	Mississippi
North Carolina	Oklahoma
South Carolina	South Dakota
Tennessee	Texas

## **Agenda Item C**

## **Community Input Contractor Presentations**

Five community input contractors presented the following:

### **City Impact, INC – Ventura County**

City Impact Representative Betty Ham presented on this item which focuses on working with lower income families and students with 95% at the low-income level. City Impact created an online needs assessment survey which included majority Latino males. Ventura County's Needs Assessment looked at what youth felt they needed from an intervention perspective; but also, from a prevention viewpoint. The prevention programs for youth would help youth avoid delinquent behavior and avoid the juvenile justice system which included:

- Drug and Alcohol Use and Abuse classes
- Anger Management Classes
- Individual Therapy
- After School Programs including sports, tutoring assistance, vocational training, life skills classes and credit recovery programs
- Work Readiness Programs that assist youth look for and obtain employment

Member Elliot Housman-Turrubiate asked if Native American decent demographic was considered. City Impact will investigate addressing the Native American population.

More information about this program may be found here: <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/C.-1-City-Impact-Youth-Needs-Assessment.pdf>

### **Yolo Conflict Resolution Center (YCRC) - Yolo County**

YCRC Representative Kara Hunter presented findings and explained that partnership with CBOs and the state has provided appropriate incentive for the county. Hunter stated that of the 20 program purpose areas that participants were asked to consider, the following six service areas were ranked of equal importance.

- 1) Mental Health Services: Programs providing mental health services and included assessment, development of individualized treatment plans, and discharge plans.
- 2) Mentoring, Counseling and Training Programs: Programs to develop and sustain a one to one support.
- 3) Aftercare/Reentry Community-based programs that prepare targeted youth to successfully return to their homes and communities after confinement in a training school, youth correctional facility, or other secure institution.
- 4) After-School Programs that provide at-risk youth and youth in the juvenile justice systems with a range of age-appropriate activities, including tutoring, mentoring, and other educational and enrichment activities.
- 5) Diversion programs to divert youth from entering the juvenile justice system including restorative justice programs such as youth or teen courts, victim-offender mediation, and restorative circles.
- 6) Positive Youth Development programs that assist delinquent and at-risk youth in obtaining a sense of safety and structure, belonging and membership, self-worth and social contribution, independence and control over one's life, and closeness in interpersonal relationships.

More information about this program may be found here: <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/C.-2-Yolo-Conflict-Resolution-Center-Youth-Needs-Assessment.pdf>

### **Fathers & Families of San Joaquin (FFSJ) - San Joaquin County**

FFSJ Representative Aleena Contreras reported that their agency collected data from three listening sessions and received feedback from 31 individuals in total, with 11 being community members, 14 incarcerated youth, and 6 system impacted youth enrolled in the young men's program, Joven Noble. All participants were provided an informational sheet about Title II and the services and programs at the beginning of each Listening Session to be prepared to give direct input.

More information about this program may be found here: <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/C.-3-Fathers-Families-of-San-Joaquin-Youth-Needs-Assessment.pdf>

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**Southern California Mountains Foundation - San Bernardino**

Southern California Mountains Foundation Representative Sandy Bonilla presented significant findings of this program which included:

- 100% of focus group participants in both focus groups reported mental health such as depression, anxiety, stress and feelings of not being understood leads to juvenile crime.
- 80% of focus group participants in both focus groups reported that young people from poor neighborhoods of color are perceived as delinquent and stupid no matter what they do – so why even try? The majority of youth in both focus groups described how their parents, relatives, probation officers, cops or others in authority see them as thoughtless young people with no feelings. Several of the youth mentioned that probation officers can't even call them by their first names; which a young person translates that as they are just another bad kid and no one is going to take the time to know their name.
- 90% of focus group participants in both focus groups reported substance abuse as a leading cause of young people entering the juvenile justice system.

More information about this program may be found here: <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/C.-4-Southern-Mountains-Foundation-Youth-Needs-Assessment.pdf>

**Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) - Los Angeles County**

ARC Representatives Kent Mendoza and Miguel Garcia presented for the ARC and stated that there is an over-reliance on a model of punishment through supervision and incarceration. The Youth Justice and Young Adult Advisory Committee (YJYAAC) envisions a community centric approach that is not simply relying only on law enforcement or supervising agencies but includes CBOs and their staff who come from the same communities and share similar experiences as the youth being served. The group supports CBOs to be allowed to work more closely with incarcerated youth and youth under supervision in a unique and meaningful way. CBOs working and providing services to youth can provide credible messengers, mentors, and staff who make their journeys successful. The credible messenger model has emerged based on the foundation that communities have transformative resources to support justice-involved/at-promise youth and young adults constructively.

The YJYAAC also expressed a need for more investment and support in gang intervention work, jail removal efforts, and the deinstitutionalization of status offenders. The group agreed that there is a need for more gang intervention workers in communities, mentors, and credible messengers. The workers should also be individuals who understand gang politics and

dynamics with lived experience to build trust and engage with the youth and do effective gang intervention work.

More information about this program may be found here: <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/C.-5-Anti-Recidivism-Coalition-Youth-Needs-Assessment.pdf>

## **Agenda Item D**

## **Discussion on the Title II 3-Year Plan**

Field Representative Timothy Polasik presented the Title II 2021-2023 three-year state plan survey results. The survey was distributed to about 1,500 organizations which included government, law enforcement agencies, CBOs and other interested parties. A total of 26 questions were asked and received 116 responses. 76% of respondents were interested members of the public, a parent or non-governmental organizations who provide services to youth and families. Mental health services for youth received the highest average survey responses.

The full analysis of the survey may be found here: <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/D.-1-2021-2023-Title-II-3-Year-State-Plan-Survey-Summary.pdf>

The SACJJDP reviewed results from the listening session held on November 12, 2021, on program purpose areas that are most impactful to the community. Timothy Polasik presented the findings and noted the most mentioned program purpose areas in order were:

- Mentoring, Counseling, & Training
- Mental Health Services
- Racial and Ethnic Disparity
- Community Based Programs
- Job Training
- Alternatives to Detention
- Diversion
- School Programs
- Positive Youth Development
- Aftercare/Reentry
- After-School Programs
- Delinquency Prevention

SACJJDP Members discussed the priorities and how it should be considered the ranked level of priority. Members Carol Biondi, B.J. Davis, and Brian Back agreed that mental health services and mentoring, counseling should be a top priority. Miguel Garcia spoke about his experience in after school programs and how it impacts youth. Carol Biondi stated that the members should consolidate as much as possible and clarify the priorities before the request

for proposals are published to ensure adequate and successful funding. Winston Peters stated that there should be a continuum and map of a day's schedule for youth in after school programs and should be a comprehensive and holistic approach. Diversion programs were discussed as a beneficial tool for youth as well and should be a focus. Timothy Polasik explained that several new priorities were added from the previous state plan and asked if the priorities should expand from six. Carol Biondi stated that the new introduced priorities should be combined and define them to capture all the important aspect. Timothy Polasik asked the committee to develop goals, objectives, and activities of the purpose areas to discuss at the June 3 meeting.

**Agenda Item B      Approval of the minutes from the SACJJDP meetings held March 25, 2021 and April 29, 2021**

This vote item was moved to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Miguel Garcia provided a brief update as a member of the OYCR committee. The OYCR is developing a working group and will check with the child welfare council to develop best practices for the counties and the JJCC committees.

**Agenda Item E**

**Public Comment**

No public comment

**Agenda Item F**

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm

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**BSCC Staff Attendance Roster**

Kathleen Howard, Executive Director

Ricardo Goodridge, Deputy Director

Aaron Maguire, General Counsel

Timothy Polasik, Field Representative, CPGP

Adam Lwin, Staff Service Manager