

MINUTES
BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS MEETING
MONDAY JULY 25, 2022 – 1:00 PM
BOARD MEETING

Meeting Held In-Person, Zoom & Teleconference

Board Room
2590 Venture Oaks Way
Sacramento, California, 95833

The full recording of the meeting can be viewed here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbSLDAviw1E&t=7551s>

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Linda Penner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Penner welcomed the Board Members and the public to the Zoom meeting.

Board Secretary Adam Lwin provided instructions to the Board members and the public for participating in the meeting.

Chair Penner welcomed the Board members and the members of the public to the meeting.

Mr. Lwin called the roll and announced that there was a quorum.

The following members were in attendance:

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| Chair Penner | Mr. Dicus | Ms. Vernon | Mr. Garcia |
| Ms. Allison | Ms. Chavez | Ms. Gaard | Ms. Cumpian |
| Mr. Viera Rosa | Mr. Haynes | Mr. Mills | Mr. Budnick |

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Growdon

II. Information Items

1. Chair's Report

None to report

2. Executive Director's Report

Director Howard acknowledged the work BSCC staff and commended staff for taking on new responsibilities as a result of the 2022-23 Budget.

3. Legal Update

General Counsel Aaron Maguire reminded Board Members to review the Agenda Items and recuse themselves of items that may have potential conflicts of interest pursuant to Government Code section 1091.

4. Notice to the Board of the Fiscal Year 2022 California Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application

Deputy Director Ricardo Goodridge reported that California will implement its updated Multi-Year State Strategy beginning with this round of JAG funding. The Multi-Year State Strategy will combine the information received from the most recent planning process with the Program Purpose Areas in place since 2013. The five program purpose areas are:

- ▶ PPA 1: Law enforcement programs
- ▶ PPA 2: Prosecution and court programs
- ▶ PPA 3: Prevention and education programs
- ▶ PPA 5: Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- ▶ PPA 8: Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs

Staff is planning to submit California's 2022 JAG application, inclusive of the Multi-Year State Strategy, no later than the August 1, 2022 due date. The next steps in the JAG grant development process will be to update the RFP and bring it to the Board for approval at the September meeting.

Board Members discussed the challenges in the lower number of surveys results due to COVID impacts and whether there could be additional flexibility in the way funding can be used by the locals.

Public Comment was heard for the Information Items

Nancy Juarez: Asked why COVID-19 update was not on the Agenda and shared COVID information from the field.

Avalon Edwards: Asked why COVID-19 data was not on the Agenda and stated the current data collected is not sufficient.

End of Public Comment

Chair Penner stated the BSCC is continuing to collect COVID-19 data but that this is a special, narrowly focused meeting to address the Los Angeles County suitability item and new budget issues. The BSCC will provide the regular COVID-19 data report at the next Board meeting.

III. Action: Consent Items

A. Minutes from the June 9, 2022 Board Meeting: **Requesting Approval**

Mr. Budnick moved approval. Mr. Garcia seconded. The motion was approved by all other Board members.

IV. Action: Discussion Items

B. [Reinspection of Los Angeles County Juvenile Hall – Determination of Suitability – \(Welf. & Inst. Code, § 209, subd. \(a\)\(4\) & \(d\)\)](#)

- [Central Juvenile Hall, Los Angeles County](#)

[Requesting Approval](#)

Deputy Director Allison Ganter presented this Agenda item, which requested the Board find Central Juvenile Hall suitable within the meaning of Welfare and institutions Code section 209, subdivision (a)(4).

Ganter reported that between July 18 and 20, 2022, Field Representative Lisa Southwell completed a reinspection of the Central Juvenile Hall's safety check documentation to determine compliance with section 1328, Safety Checks. Based on the reinspection it was determined that the facility was in compliance.

Los Angeles Probation Chief Adolfo Gonzales presented the following:

- That he is proud of his staff for coming into compliance at the facility and remedying the issue of safety checks. Gonzales added that after the June 9, 2022 Board meeting the County implemented a revised safety checklist and instructional manual to all juvenile staff to address the specific areas of concerns and provided hours of training video and technical assistance where appropriate.
- That activity and counseling sessions have been added for youth. A new supervisor has been added to ensure that youth are receiving the best care possible.
- That the facility is currently in the middle of a solicitation process for procurement electronic systems for safety checks, and he hopes to have the system in place by the end of the year or sooner.
- That there are many vacant positions in the juvenile hall and a hiring freeze. In addition, large number of staff are on leave for a variety of reasons, including light duty, and others call out. As a result, the county has been forced to do mandatory overtime and has required field staff to be deployed to juvenile halls.
- That the county is addressing these challenges by meeting with county leadership, the CEO's office, department of human resources, and supervisors.

Chair Penner and Board members echoed concerns about whether the County facilities can remain in compliance. A new inspection cycle will begin immediately after the item is voted on and Penner said staff will maintain a close watch on the facility and the Board will react swiftly as soon on matters of noncompliance. Penner added that she would accept the recommendations to find Central Juvenile Hall suitable.

Board Members shared concerns and thoughts about the number of staff call outs, hiring freeze, and the number of vacancies at the facilities and asked for clarification and elaboration on how Los Angeles is addressing this matter.

Mr. Gonzales responded that they have had a hiring freeze since January and a vacancy rate of 47 percent, and they are meeting with department of human resources from the county to assist with these issues. Facility supervisors are trying to address the attendance issue. Probation is working with the CEO's office to get an approval to hire a list of candidates from a testing process and are ready to implement hiring as soon as possible. Gonzales added that they are negotiating with labor unions and there are major obstacles in moving and relocating staff from one location to another.

Board Member Chavez stated that due to the extreme shortage in the number of staff the facility is only able to cover the minimum standards and shared her concerns about the issues of safety for staff and youth.

Board Member Viera Rosa clarified that the vote by the Board is solely based on if the County has complied with the issue of safety checks and if it came into compliance in the allotted timeframe and the Board should focus on that. If the Board needs to discuss and reinspect on other matters and have a larger conversation other than the topic that staff is recommending today, the Board will need to have a larger conversation at another meeting.

Public Comment was heard for this Item:

Anonymous Public Speaker: Stated that officers' lives are in danger and there is a lack of morale in the facility, staff are burned out and the employers are not doing anything to help the employees. Asked that supervisors should be held accountable as well as line staff.

Milinda Kakani: Asked that the facility be shut down and not hire more staff.

C. Lommel: A Union representative for LA County, stated that one of main reasons for staff call-outs are due to the increase in the number of injuries at the facilities and lack of tools for staff to deal with.

Aditi Sherikar: Asked that the juvenile halls be shut down rather than hiring more officers and find Central Juvenile Hall unsuitable.

Nicole Brown: Provided statical information about the reduction in the number of incarcerated youth and why more staff is not needed in the juvenile facility and to fund Los Angeles County Youth Justice Reimagined instead.

James Martinez: Asked about the facility fabricating safety check records and what the BSCC is doing to remedy the situation.

Damon Ayala: Asked that there be a reduction in staff and that they look to more routes like Los Angeles County Youth Justice Reimagined.

Jacob Jackson: Suggested that funding should not be focused on more staffing for probation and should be focused on Los Angeles County Youth Justice Reimagined.

Mel Bailey: Suggested that the courts should be involved in these conversations and also stated that closing Central Juvenile Hall will encourage family reunification.

Elida Ledesma: Stated that the department should be reduced rather than expanded and the hiring freeze should not be lifted.

Nancy Juarez: Urged the Board to find Central Juvenile Hall unsuitable.

Maria Molina (*spoke in Spanish, interpreted by Director Howard*): Reported that her son is housed in Central Juvenile Hall and expressed her concerns about their safety and said staff are not caring but violent towards the youth in the facility.

End of Public Comment

Mr. Haynes moved approval. Mr. Vernon seconded. Mr. Mills Abstained. Mr. Garcia and Ms. Gaard rescued. The motion was approved by all other Board members.

C. Proposition 47 Grant Program Funding Recommendations: Requesting Approval

Dameion Renault presented this Agenda Item, which requested Board's approval of the Proposition 47 grant awards as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC). Staff recommended the Board to:

- Fully fund 20 Large Scope and four Small Scope proposals totaling \$124,907,667 for programs and initiatives that provide mental health services, substance-use disorder treatment, and/or diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system.
- Authorize staff to continue to make awards from the rank-ordered list if staff determine during the follow-up award-making process that an applicant recommended for funding is ineligible, if a grantee becomes ineligible during the grant cycle, or if the grant award is relinquished during the grant cycle.
- Dissolve the Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee upon approval of the funding recommendations.

Ms. Vernon moved approval. Ms. Allison seconded. Ms. Chavez, Ms. Gaard, Mr. Budnick, and Ms. Cumpian recused pursuant to Government Code Section 1091. The motion was approved by all other Board members.

~~D. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, Request for Proposals: Requesting Approval~~

Agenda item D was pulled from the Agenda.

E. [Organized Retail Theft Prevention and Vertical Prosecution Grant Programs, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of an Executive Steering Committee: Requesting Approval](#)

Deputy Director Ricardo Goodridge presented this Agenda item, which requested an appointment of a chair for this grant to establish a diverse ESC that will address both the Organized Retail Theft and the Vertical Prosecution grant programs. The ESC should have relevant subject-matter expertise and the Chair and staff are authorized to modify membership as needed; authorize the ESC to oversee the development of this grant; and approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline associated with development of the grant Request for Proposal (RFP).

The Board appointed Board Member Judge Janet Gaard to Chair the Organized Retail Theft Prevention and Vertical Prosecution Grant Programs ESC.

Public Comment was heard for this Item

Travis Martinez: Reported on the positive statistical outcomes of GPS technology used by law enforcement agencies in Redlands to target organize retail theft.

End of Public Comment

Ms. Allison moved approval. Mr. Garcia seconded. Mr. Dicus, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Haynes, Ms. Vernon, and Mr. Mills recused pursuant to Government Code Section 1091. The motion was approved by all other Board members.

F. [Local Law Enforcement Gun Buyback Grant Program, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of an Executive Steering Committee: Requesting Approval](#)

Deputy Director Ricardo Goodridge presented this Agenda item, which requested an appointment of a chair for this grant to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise and to modify membership as needed; authorize the ESC to oversee the development of this grant; and approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline associated with development of the grant Request for Proposal (RFP).

The Board appointed Board Member Sheriff Growdon to Chair the Local Law Enforcement Gun Buyback Grant Program ESC.

Mr. Viera Rosa moved approval. Ms. Allison seconded. Mr. Dicus, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Haynes, and Mr. Mills recused pursuant to Government Code Section 1091. The motion was approved by all other Board members.

G. [Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of an Executive Steering Committee: Requesting Approval](#)

Deputy Director Ricardo Goodridge presented this Agenda item which requested an appointment of a chair for this grant to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise and to modify membership as needed; authorize the ESC to oversee the development of this grant; and approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline associated with development of the grant Request for Proposal (RFP).

The Board appointed Board Member Ms. Norma Cumpian to Chair the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Grant Program ESC.

Mr. Garcia moved approval. Ms. Vernon seconded. Mr. Dicus recused pursuant to Government Code Section 1091. Mr. Budnick was not present for the vote. The motion was approved by all other Board members.

H. [Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Program, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of an Executive Steering Committee: Requesting Approval](#)

Deputy Director Ricardo Goodridge presented this Agenda item, which requested an appointment of a chair for this grant to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise and to modify membership as needed; authorize the ESC to oversee the development of this grant; and approve the proposed activities and tentative timeline associated with development of the grant Request for Proposal (RFP).

The Board appointed retired Chief Probation Officer Stephanie James (Ret.) to Chair the Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Program ESC.

Mr. Mills moved approval. Mr. Dicus seconded. Ms. Chavez, Mr. Haynes, and Ms. Vernon recused pursuant to Government Code Section 1091. Mr. Budnick was not present for the vote. The motion was approved by all other Board members.

I. [Youth Transitional Housing Program, Service Contract: Requesting Approval](#)

Chief Deputy Director and General Counsel Aaron Maguire presented this Agenda Item, which requested that the Board delegate authority to BSCC staff to administer \$3 million transitional housing program for people leaving the Department of Juvenile Justice as part of the 2022 Budget Act in conjunction with the Transitional Youth Housing program.

Ms. Allison moved approval. Mr. Garcia seconded. Ms. Chavez, Mr. Haynes, Ms. Vernon, and Ms. Cumpian recused pursuant to Government Code Section 1091. Mr. Budnick was not present for the vote. The motion was approved by all other Board members.

V. **Public Comments**

Public comment about any agenda items may be heard at this time.

Ari Duarte: Suggested that youth in Los Angeles detention facilities should be educated on COVID-19 vaccinations.

Avalon Edwards: Reported on a case in Riverside County jails and the Sheriffs department and asked the BSCC to investigate the cases of in custody deaths in county jails.

VI. **Adjourn**

The meeting ended at: 3:55 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: September 8, 2022

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

BSCC BOARD MEMBERS:

1. Chair Penner, Chair, Board of State and Community Corrections
2. Ms. Allison, Secretary, California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitations (CDCR)
3. Mr. Viera Rosa, Director Division of Adult Parole (CDCR)
4. Mr. Dicus, Sheriff, San Bernardino County
5. Ms. Chavez, Supervisor, Santa Clara County
6. Mr. Haynes, Chief Probation Officer, Fresno County
7. Ms. Vernon, Chief Probation Officer, Kings County
8. Ms. Gaard, Retired Judge, Yolo County
9. Mr. Mills, Chief of Police, Santa Cruz
10. Mr. Budnick, Founder, Anti-Recidivism Coalition
11. Mr. Garcia, Specialist, Office of Youth and Community Restoration
12. Ms. Cumpian, Associate Director Anti-Recidivism Coalition Women's and Non-Binary Services

BSCC STAFF:

Kathleen T. Howard, Executive Director
Aaron Maguire, Chief Deputy Director & General Counsel
Allison Ganter, Deputy Director, Facility Standards and Operations
Ricardo Goodridge, Deputy Director, Corrections Planning and Grants Program
Adam Lwin, Board Secretary
Tracie Cone, Communications Director
Dameion Reault, Field Representative, Corrections Planning and Grants Program