

MINUTES  
State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)  
Large Conference Room  
660 Bercut Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95811

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Chair, Ms. Sandra McBrayer called to order the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) meeting at 10:00a.m.

The following SACJJDP members were in attendance:

Ms. McBrayer  
Mr. Jackson

Mr. Rivera  
Reverend Brown

Ms. Biondi  
Ms. O'Malley

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**Agenda Item A – Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. O'Malley in approval of the September meeting minutes; Ms. Biondi seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Agenda Items B/C/D**

Chair and staff updates: Chair Sandra McBrayer and Field Representative, Shalinee Hunter shared the following items of interest:

- BSCC has been collecting data from county sheriffs' departments on AB 109 offenders since October 1, 2011. We are in the process of verifying the data and will be preparing a report for release at the beginning of 2013.
- BSCC submitted the first quarterly report to the legislature on the status of the BSCC's transition and assumption of its responsibilities to meet the mandates of SB 92, the bill that created the BSCC. The quarterly reporting requirement is included in the Budget Act of 2012.
- Field representatives and Management Staff attended the Second Annual Conference on Realignment on November 1 and 2. The conference was sponsored by the California State Sheriffs' Association, Chief Probation Officers of California, and the California State Association of Counties. It brought together representatives from all counties Community Corrections Partnerships.

- At its last meeting in September, the Board decided to set aside time to learn more about the programs we administer and to also participate in a facilitated priority setting workshop. The program education session occurs this afternoon from 1:00 to 4:30. The priority setting workshop will be held tomorrow morning from 8:30 to 11:30 followed by the regularly scheduled Board meeting in the afternoon.
- Also at the September Board meeting the Board determined a need for a Juvenile Justice Standing Committee and appointed David Steinhardt as Chair. The scope of work is being determined but will likely center on Data and performance outcomes; juvenile justice realignment; juvenile facility regulations (Title 15); and juvenile justice grants monitoring & reporting tasks.
- BSCC management and staff are also working on the development of a strategic plan with the support of the Crime and Justice Institute and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. We plan to use the priorities established by the Board to develop the plan.

### **Agenda Item E – Legislative Update**

Ms. Hunter provided an overview of current legislation signed or vetoed by the Governor. Chair McBrayer noted several items of interest including the following:

- AB 526 signed by the Governor; AB 526 was supported by the Committee; Additionally it will require the BSCC to work toward evidence-best practices with gang and youth violence funds. The SACJJDP will need to support and assist the BSCC where pertinent.
- AB 1729 (school suspension and DMC), supported by this Committee and signed by the Governor;
- AB 2242 (willful defiance) was supported by this Committee but vetoed by the Governor.
- AB 2530 (restraints on pregnant women) previously brought to the Committee in relation to compliance monitoring was signed into law.
- SB 9 (juvenile life without parole) was signed into law. Carol Biondi also indicated there continue to be nuances that will require continued vigilance.
- SB 1088 (juveniles cannot be denied re-enrollment) was supported by this Committee and signed into law.
- SB 1235 (suspension and expulsions and DMC) was supported by this Committee and signed into law.

- SB 988 (training for public defenders) may be reintroduced in the new legislative process and Mr. Winston has asked that it be tracked for SACJJDP review.
- Finally, Mr. Jackson indicated that the Federal Office of Civil Rights and the Department of Education are working with California in particular as a result of exploring those issues related to the 'school to prison pipeline' and many of this year's legislation regarding suspension/expulsion of minority youth in disproportionate numbers.

### **Agenda Item F – Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)**

Ms. Stoner presented an action item requesting Committee approval on the following JABG related issues:

1. Authorization of an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to oversee the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) that would utilize approximately 1 million dollars in JABG discretionary funding;
2. Appoint a chair of this ESC;
3. Direct staff and the executive director to work with the chair to appoint members of the ESC who are local subject matter experts on issues related to juvenile delinquency and evidence-based practices; and
4. Approve the activities and tentative timeline associated with the RFP process.

The background information included a historical overview and actions taken by the Committee in relation to the current request:

1. The BSCC is the Designated State Administrative (DSA) agency for the juvenile federal funds that include the Title II Formula Block Grant Program, Title V Community Prevention Grant Program, and the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program.
2. This Committee aligned these three federal programs to support California's Title II Three-Year Plan, which, identified several priority areas, one of which is Evidence-Based Practices.
3. California receives several million annually in JABG funding. 75percent of the funding is directly allocated to recipients, as determined by OJJDP, based on crime statistics; five percent of the funding is categorized as administrative; and 20 percent is designated as set aside or discretionary funding. This discretionary or set-aside funding is to serve JABG eligible recipients who have not received a direct allocation and/or to promote a statewide initiative. There is currently approximately 1 million dollars available in discretionary funds.

4. The proposed discretionary JABG funds would be used to further assist the state in the implementation of Evidence-Based Practices. This funding would provide a comprehensive and flexible funding source to probation departments to implement or enhance practices and models known to be effective in delinquency prevention.
5. By continuing to support local juvenile justice communities in the system change needed to implement evidence-based practices, the Committee is carrying forward one of the identified priority focus areas, satisfying the federal requirements for the use of the discretionary funding, and helping to meet our responsibilities as outlined in the legislation.

A motion was made by Ms. Biondi in support of the JABG ESC with a modification requesting the Board appoint a SACJJDP Member (Carlos Rivera) as Chair or Co-Chair of the ESC. Ms. O'Malley seconded the motion; the motion carried.

### **Agenda Item G – Youthful Offender Block Grant Audit**

Ms. Bushard provided an overview of the Bureau of State Audit's, now known as the California State Auditor (CSA), final report (released 9/11/12) regarding the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) program.

Following release of an audit report, the CSA directs departments to provide updates regarding implementation of its recommendations. These updates are requested at 60-day, 6-month and 1-year intervals. Although this "requirement" is not in statute or regulation, the CSA expects departments to comply. Accordingly, BSCC staff developed a matrix showing what has been done or what BSCC plans to do in response to each of the CSA's recommendations and criticisms.

Concerns were discussed regarding the legitimacy of the criticisms in light of YOBG mandates. Additionally, Ms. McBrayer and Ms. Biondi expressed apprehension regarding the lack of resources supporting YOBG.

Committee members continue to offer support where pertinent.

### **Agenda Item H – Sierra Health Foundation Presentation**

Sierra Health Foundation launched their Positive Youth Justice Initiative to improve the outcomes of young people with a history in the child welfare system and now engaged in the juvenile justice system, often referred to as crossover youth. Data show that crossover youth experience extremely poor outcomes when they age out of these systems, including contact with the criminal justice system, high use of mental health services and low educational attainment.

Through a competitive application process, six counties have been selected as partners in the Positive Youth Justice Initiative:

- Alameda County Probation Department
- Sacramento County Probation Department

- San Diego County Probation Department
- San Joaquin County Probation Department
- Vallejo City Unified School District (Solano County)
- Yolo County Probation Department

Matt Cervantes from Sierra Health Foundation shared the details of the Initiative and highlighted those areas in which the SACJJDP focus areas align with the Youth Justice Initiative.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Assessment options
- Federal solicitations

### **ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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Jean Scott, Deputy Director, CPP  
Shalinee Hunter, Field Representative, CPP  
Oscar Villegas, Field Representative, CPP  
Helene Zentner, Field Representative, CPP  
Colleen Stoner, Field Representative, CPP  
Aaron Long, Field Representative, CPP  
Kim Bushard, Field Representative, CPP  
Veronica Silva-Ramirez, Secretary, CPP  
Sandra Fletcher, Program Analyst, CPP  
Rakesh Sharma, Program Analyst, CPP  
Krystal Lewis, Fiscal Analyst, CPP