

ATTACHMENT B-1

Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity Subcommittee

Issue: Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D.) Subcommittee Data Recommendation

Background: The BSCC is mandated through the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to collect demographic data as it relates to the disproportionate number of youth of color in contact with the justice system. Historically, the effort to identify the extent to which racial and ethnic disparity exists has primarily focused on the working relationship and collaboration between the BSCC and the California DOJ. California's DOJ Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System (JCPSS) collects a variety of juvenile statistical data, including information regarding DMC from 56 county probation departments on a yearly basis. Unfortunately, since 2013 we have been unable to retrieve this data from DOJ and as a result have attempted to develop alternative pathways that will allow the BSCC to meet the mandate of the JJDP Act.

To that end, the Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) Subcommittee (membership attached) tasked with identifying disproportionality and the extent to which it exists recommends the BSCC use the expertise of the JJDWG to ensure the inclusion of pertinent demographic requirements to those data collection systems that fall under the Board's purview.

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