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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Request for Appointment of Co-Chairs for the Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests the Board appoint Co-Chairs for the Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee (ESC). Staff will then post information about this ESC on the BSCC website and request statements of interest through February 29, 2016 from anyone who would like to participate on the ESC. Staff will work with the Co-Chairs to develop proposed ESC membership and then will seek Board approval of the ESC at a future Board meeting, tentatively planned for April 2016. As specified in AB 1056, staff will seek to form an ESC representative of the State, which would include members from government entities, community-based service providers and the formerly incarcerated community and to include members with a variety of subject-matter expertise, including mental health and substance abuse treatment, housing, homelessness, behavioral health, effective rehabilitative treatment for youth and adults and misdemeanor diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system.

Background

Proposition 47 was a voter-approved initiative on the November 2014 ballot. As stated in the Findings and Declarations of the ballot measure, its purpose is as follows:

The people enact the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act to ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses, to maximize alternatives for nonserious, nonviolent crime, and to invest the savings generated from this act into prevention and support programs in K–12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment. This act ensures that sentences for people convicted of dangerous crimes like rape, murder, and child molestation are not changed.

Proposition 47 provides that 65 percent of the state savings resulting from its implementation will be distributed to the BSCC. The State Department of Education and the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board are to receive the other 25 percent and 10 percent respectively. The BSCC will allocate 95 percent of its 65 percent as grants to local agencies and retain 5 percent for its administrative costs.

As stated in the proposition, the BSCC's responsibilities are to:

Administer a grant program to public agencies aimed at supporting mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and diversion programs for people in the

criminal justice system, with an emphasis on programs that reduce recidivism of people convicted of less serious crimes, such as those covered by this measure, and those who have substance abuse and mental health problems. {Government Code Section 7599.2 (a)(3)}

Assembly Bill 1056, signed by the Governor on October 2, 2015, added additional administrative duties for the BSCC and made legislative priorities to the grant programs and services funded by the Proposition. The legislative priorities include housing-related assistance and other community-based supportive services, including job skills training, case management and civil legal services. The grants can fund programs that serve adults and juveniles.

The Department of Finance (DOF) anticipates including an estimate of the state savings from Proposition 47 in the Governor's January 2016 Budget. The DOF will allocate the first year of savings to the BSCC by August 15, 2016, and the BSCC anticipates awarding grants in the spring of 2017. The grant awards will follow a competitive grant process overseen by the Proposition 47 ESC and approved by the Board.

To be responsive to the high level of public interest on Proposition 47, the BSCC is hosting seven regional meetings in late 2015 and early 2016 to explain the BSCC's duties and gather public comment on potential funding priorities. The first of these meetings occurred on October 28, 2015 at the Alameda County Board of Supervisors' Chambers in Oakland. Approximately 50 speakers provided public comment on funding priorities and ESC membership. Six additional meetings will be held in January and February of 2016 in northern, central and southern California at dates and locations to be determined. The public comment from all of the regional meetings as well as any public comment submitted to the BSCC through its website will be summarized and provided to the Board and to the ESC.

On November 16, 2015, the BSCC will post information on its website providing the public with information about how to express interest in participating on the Proposition 47 ESC. Public expressions of interest will be taken from November 16, 2015 through February 29, 2016.

As the Board considers the formation of the ESC, the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention recommends that an individual with background in education be appointed to the ESC.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Appoint Co-Chairs for the Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee.
2. Direct staff to post information about this ESC on the BSCC website and request statements of interest from individuals who would like to participate on the ESC.
3. Direct staff to work with the Co-Chairs to develop proposed ESC membership and then seek Board approval of the ESC at a future Board meeting.

Attachments

D-1: Proposition 47

D-2: Assembly Bill 1056