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**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Chair to the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: **Requesting Appointment**

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### Summary

This item requests that the Board appoint Rachel Rios, the Executive Director of La Familia Counseling Center, as Chair of the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP).

### Background

On November 9, 2016, Governor Brown made changes to the membership of the SACJJDP (Attachment F-1). These changes added new members, including Rachel Rios, and left the Chair position vacant. Vice-Chair Carol Biondi has served as Acting Chair in the interim.

The State is required to maintain a State Advisory Group as a condition of receiving its Title II award under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) (42 U.S.C. § 5601 et seq.). SACJJDP serves as this State Advisory Group. Under the direction of the BSCC and subject to Board approval, the responsibilities of SACJJDP as mandated by the federal JJDP include:

1. Developing the Title II Request for Proposals and making award recommendations to the Board
2. Monitoring grant program outcomes
3. Monitoring compliance with the four Core Requirements (deinstitutionalization of status offenders; adult jail lock up and removal; sight and sound separation and disproportionate minority contact),
4. Participating in the development of the State's three-year plan and;
5. Making recommendations on juvenile justice policy. The JJDP request that the Chair of the committee not be a full-time employee of the federal, state, or local government (42 U.S.C. § 5633).

Ms. Rios is highly qualified to serve as the SACJJDP Chair. Ms. Rios is a member of the Juvenile Title 15 and 24 Regulations Revision Executive Steering Committee. Since 2012 Ms. Rios has been Executive Director at La Familia Counseling Center Inc., which provides counseling and other services to at-risk youth. She served in several positions at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 1984 to 2012, including Chief Deputy Secretary of the Division of Juvenile Justice, Director of Juvenile Parole Operations, Case Services Administrator, Youth Authority Administrator, Assistant Superintendent at the Northern Youth Correctional Reception Center and Clinic, Supervising Parole Agent and

Juvenile Parole Agent. Ms. Rios was a case manager at Diogenes Youth Services Inc. from 1981 to 1984 and at Consejos Inc. from 1979 to 1981.

Consistent with the direction provided by the Board at the February 2017 Strategic Planning session, staff is also recommending a structure to support coordination between the SACJJD and Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC). In ongoing efforts to coordinate the work of these two important committees, Board Member David Steinhart will serve as a JJSC liaison to the SACJJD and Ms. Rios will serve as an ex officio member of the JJSC.

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### **Recommendations/Action**

Appoint Rachel Rios as Chair of the SACJJD.

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### **Attachments**

F-1: SACJJD Membership Roster