

MINUTES
State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Board of State and Community Corrections
2590 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 200, Sacramento CA 95833
March 21, 2018
10:00 a.m.

The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Rachel Rios.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Ms. Rachel Rios, Chair	Mr. Juan Gomez	Mr. Winston Peters
Ms. Carol Biondi	Ms. Susan Harbert	Mr. Dante Williams
The Honorable Brian Back	Mr. Gordon Jackson	
Chief Michelle Brown	Ms. Sharon King (via phone)	
Dr. Carly Dierkhising	Chief Susan Manheimer	

The following Committee members did not attend:

Mr. James Anderson	Mr. Kent Mendoza
Dr. B.J. Davis	District Attorney
Mr. Miguel Garcia	Nancy O'Malley
Mr. Ramon Leija	Dr. Mimi Silbert

Meeting Called to Order

Chair Rachel Rios called the meeting to order and roll was called. SACJJDP Committee Member Sharon King joined the meeting from a remote location. Since there weren't enough members present to make a quorum at the beginning of the meeting, Chair Rios suggested moving to Agenda Item B and taking up the Approval of the Minutes from the January meeting after the Chair Updates.

Agenda Item B

SACJJDP Chair and BSCC Updates

BSCC Executive Director Kathleen Howard welcomed the SACJJDP Committee Members. Ms. Howard asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of BSCC Field Representative Nicole Woodman and her contributions to the SACJJDP.

1. SACJJDP Chair Updates

Chair Rios asked SACJJDP Members for suggestions for meeting locations for the SACJJDP May meeting. Ms. Carol Biondi suggested the meeting be held at the California Endowment facility in Los Angeles, Judge Brian Back suggested Ventura (where the SACJJDP members could also visit a juvenile facility), Ms. Susan Harbert suggested Loyola Law School, and Ms. Michelle Brown suggested a public library in Ontario. The Committee selected Ventura as their first choice. Chair Rios then advised that the May meeting will be in Southern California, tentatively in Sacramento in August and the October meeting to be in Southern California.

Chair Rios briefed the Committee on the upcoming Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) conference scheduled for June 27 through 30, 2018 in Washington D.C. Chair Rios explained that she and BSCC staff will attend the conference and that she is working with staff on whether there are resources for additional SACJJDP members to attend the conference.

Chair Rios stated that SACJJDP continues to recruit for new members, noting that the Office of

Juvenile Justice and Prevention (OJJDP) requires that one- fifth of the Committee members are youth (appointed before their 24th birthday) and that SACJJDP is currently one youth member short. Chair Rios described the prospective member selection process as:. Staff provide potential candidates with a list of questions to answer in writing and then there is an interview with Chair Rios and Ms. Howard. So far, two interviews have been completed, both are females, and she is taking into account their availability to attend meetings, life experience, professional experience when making a final preliminary decision. . Chair Rios invited SACJJDP to submit their suggestions for qualified candidates by March 28, 2018 to Ms. Bushard. Ms. Biondi shared that in the past, there was poor attendance by some of the youth members. Ms. Biondi, Mr. Juan Gomez, and Judge Back expressed a preference for a new youth member to be a juvenile justice system-involved female who could provide a fresh perspective on the issues discussed by the Committee. Chair Rios shared that the interviewed candidates have had challenges and barriers and are deeply committed to the issues. Chair Rios continued that the candidates are also required to be interviewed by the Governor's Office.

Next, Chair Rios summarized the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) Subcommittee meeting that took place in February 28, 2018. Chair Rios advised that three of the four current R.E.D. grantees – San Joaquin County Probation Department, Stanislaus County Probation Department, and Mono County Probation Department, presented their work. Field Representative Timothy Polasik provided an overview of the R.E.D. Grant and the Grantees' experiences and achievements. Chair Rios reviewed the recruitment process for R.E.D. Subcommittee Membership and invited SACJJDP to provide recommendations for potential candidates directly to Mr. Polasik. Chair Rios emphasized the importance of quality membership, as the R.E.D. mission and efforts are expected to be integrated in future Title II Grants. The date and location for the next R.E.D. Subcommittee Meeting are still unknown. Chair Rios asked BSCC staff to supply the SACJJDP with a list of R.E.D. Subcommittee Members and invited SACJJDP Members to consider joining the Subcommittee.

Agenda Item A Approval of the Minutes from the SACJJDP Meeting on January 25, 2018

Chair Rios requested a motion for approval of the January 25, 2018 SACJJDP meeting minutes. Ms. Brown motioned to approve and Ms. Harbert seconded the motion. No one abstained or opposed.
Motion passed.

2. BSCC Updates

Deputy Director Mary Jolls of the Corrections Planning and Grant Programs (CPGP) Division welcomed the members. Ms. Jolls reported that Associate Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA) Aleksandra Djurasovic received a promotion and will no longer be working with the SACJJDP, that Ms. Bushard is taking a limited leave of absence and during that time Mr. Polasik is the point of contact for SACJJDP.

Ms. Jolls reported that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the CalVIP grant was released and the BSCC received 121 proposals but one proposal was later withdrawn, that 90 proposals were submitted by Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and 30 by cities. She further reported that the CalVIP Executive Steering Committee (ESC), chaired by Ms. Brown, completed the rating process and the recommendations are going to be provided to the Board for action on April 19, 2018. Ms. Jolls reported that an RFP for the Proud Parenting Grant has been issued, and the proposals are due on March 30, 2018. She further stated that the eligible applicants are County Probation Departments, County Offices of Education, and non-profit CBOs and BSCC has received 21 notices of intent from CBOs, four from County Offices of Education, and three from Probation Departments.

Agenda Item C

Legislation

- 1. BSCC Legislative Report**
- 2. SACJJDP Legislative Report**

3. Commonwealth Legislative Report

Ms. Jolls advised that the JJCPA-YOBG consolidated Legislative report has been posted on the BSCC website.

Agenda Item D Review and approve the Title II Application/State Plan for 2018-20

Ms. Bushard thanked the members for their contribution to the State Plan. Ms. Bushard explained that since the Fall of 2017, SACJJDP has worked from the 2017 Title II solicitation requirements but that the 2018 Title II solicitation was released on February 15, 2018. Ms. Bushard explained that it has technical changes from 2017 including a limit to the program narrative component to 40 pages so contents of the State Plan have been restructured to accommodate these new requirements.

Ms. Bushard introduced the latest version of the State Plan and invited the members to discuss and provide feedback to staff.

Mr. Gomez pointed out that the phrase *anti-social peer mentality* in the Alternatives to Detention and Placement Program Area and Diversion sections is problematic in that its definition is unclear. Dr. Carly Dierkhising suggested either defining the phrase by referencing a body of literature or rephrasing the sections.

Ms. Susan Manheimer noted the importance of including *Law Enforcement* in discussions around Diversion and Alternatives to Detention and changes were made to highlight that.

Ms. Brown, Ms. Harbert, Ms. Manheimer, Chair Rios, and Mr. Winston Peters suggested highlighting the use of *arrest* in the Alternatives to Detention and Placement and Diversion sections.

Ms. Biondi noted the importance of *community run* and *community based organizations* in the Community Based Programs and Services section.

Mr. Peters noted the importance of *gender responsive programs* in the Community Based Programs and Services section.

Chair Rios asked staff to expand the goal in the Mental Health Services section. In the same section, Ms. Brown suggested replacing the word *diagnosis* with a more general phrase such as *issues and concerns* and Ms. Biondi noted the importance of *leveraging* in the Mental Health field.

Mr. Gomez noted the importance of *culturally relevant programs* in the Mentoring, Counseling and Training section.

Ms. Dierkhising suggested more inclusive objectives in the R.E.D. section to support youth agencies and organizations instead of being solely focused on Probation Departments. In the same section, Ms. Brown stressed the importance of providing R.E.D. training to staff working with both at-risk and justice-involved youth.

Ms. Brown motioned to allow Chair Rios to review and approve the corrections in the State Plan. Judge Back seconded the motion. No one abstained or opposed. **Motion passed.**

Chair Rios briefly explained the schedule and agenda for the March 21, 2018 joint meeting of SACJJDP and the Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC). Chair Rios noted that this meeting presents an opportunity to discuss the areas of intersection and future collaboration. Chair Rios asked SACJJDP Members to provide brief presentations of the program areas from the new State Plan (Ms. Manheimer – Alternatives to Detention and Placement and Diversion; Ms. Dierkhising – Mental Health Services; Mr. Gomez – Community Based Programs and Services; Judge Back – Aftercare/Reentry; Mr. Williams – Mentoring, Counseling, and Training; Chair Rios – R.E.D.).

Ms. Jolls stated that the next steps for the State Plan will be discussed in greater detail at the next SACJJDP meeting. The State Plan is due on May 18, 2018. The SACJJDP and the BSCC can proceed with grant development while awaiting a response from OJJDP.

Agenda Item E SACJJDP Approval of the Core Protections Annual Legislative Report

This agenda item will be presented at the next SACJJDP meeting.

Agenda Item F

Public Comment

No public comments.

Agenda Item G

Adjourn

The March 21, 2018 SACJJDP meeting was adjourned at 1:33 pm.

BSCC Staff Attendance Roster

Kathleen Howard, Executive Director, BSCC
Mary Jolls, Deputy Director, CPGP
Kimberly Bushard, Field Representative, CPGP
Timothy Polasik, Field Representative, CPGP
Aleksandra Djurasovic, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, CPGP
Oneika Richardson, Office Technician, BSCC

MINUTES
Juvenile Justice Standing Committee
and
State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

Board of State and Community Corrections
2590 Venture Oaks Way, Sacramento, CA 95833
March 21, 2018
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The joint Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC) and State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) meeting was called to order at approx. 1:45 p.m. by Chair David Steinhart.

The following JJSC members were in attendance:

Mr. David Steinhart, Chair	Dr. Arash Anoshiravani	Mr. Gerry Lopez
Ms. Sandra McBrayer	Ms. Sue Burrell	Chief David Bejarano
Judge Donna Groman	Chief Laura Garnette	

The following SACJJDP members were in attendance:

Ms. Rachel Rios, Chair	Dr. Carly Dierkhising	Ms. Susan Manheimer
Judge Brian Back	Mr. Juan Gomez	Mr. Gordon Jackson
Ms. Michelle Scray Brown	Ms. Susan Harbert	Mr. Winston Peters
Ms. Sharon King (remote)	Mr. Dante Williams	

Agenda Item A

1:41 Welcome and Introduction

Chair Steinhart opened, welcomed all members, and gave an overview of goal of exploring opportunities for collaboration between the two committees and the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), resulting in optimal statewide juvenile justice efforts.

Chair Rios added that the SACJJDP will share details on the state's 3-year plan and areas of priorities.

Agenda Item B

Overview of Each Committee – Work, Scope and Purpose

Allison Ganter suggested that information shared from member's introductions as well as information driving the state plan can be utilized to identify shared priorities. Members identified the following general priorities in their introduction:

- Trauma
- Mental health treatment
- Substance abuse treatment
- Permanency
- Alternatives to incarceration
- Reducing racial and ethnic disparities
- Culture and healing
- Diversion, pre and post arrest
- Reentry support
- Prevention
- Education
- LGBTQ youth in detention
- Homeless and foster youth
- Data collection
- Improve health outcomes

Chair Steinhart shared the history of the JJSC noting that JJSC priorities are focused at the state level programs and policy while the SACJJDP focuses on the federal level. Both share the commitment to

making the juvenile justice system work as well as possible.

The JJSC scope of work is documented and was approved by the BSCC Board in 2012. Themes specified in the JJSC scope of work is advising the Board on: minimum standards for juvenile detention facilities, improving juvenile justice data collection, the range of best practices and policy affecting the juvenile justice system in California.

Chair Steinhart reviewed JJSC accomplishments, which include:

- the development of the 'Principals of Juvenile Justice in California' statement paper;
- promoting the start of the juvenile justice data working group;
- conducting a number of reviews on the Title 15 Juvenile Facilities Standards revisions;
- examining the needs of immigrant youth being processed through the juvenile justice system;
- reviewing available data on arrests and incarceration of juveniles in CA; and,
- approved the AB1998 report on collection of race and ethnicity data in the juvenile justice system.

Chair Steinhart noted that JJSC member priorities include: diversion, reducing racial and ethnic disparities, addressing youth with mental health problems, and data reform.

Chair Rios reaffirmed that the committees share mutual goals in improving the juvenile justice system and that new membership in the SACJJDP brings fresh and different perspectives to the development of the state's plan. Chair Rios clarified that the SACJJDP is a State Advisory Group (SAG), as identified in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJJPA); such groups are commonly referred to as SAGs in other states. When complete, a copy of State Plan will be shared with JJSC members.

SACJJDP Members outlined the State Plan Program Purpose areas, where Title II funding should be distributed:

- Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D)
- Tribal grants
- Aftercare and reentry
 - Inclusion or preparation for employment and education.
- Alternatives to detention and placement.
 - Reduce harm caused by institutionalization.
- Diversion
 - Find a non-arrest path to rehabilitation.
- Community based programs and services
 - Programs should foster an attitude of collaboration with community based organizations and law enforcement that increases focus on diversion from detention as well as probation.
 - Promote cultural practices that are proving successful in communities.
- Mental health services
 - Ensure youth receive appropriate treatment through screening and assessment tools, and preventative care for youth before contact with juvenile justice system, while maintaining connection with mental health services upon reentry and aftercare.
- Mentoring, counseling, and training
 - Through mentoring and supportive adults, can help youth achieve outcomes and overcome various challenges.
 - Expanding opportunities for drug programs, prevention programs, and vocational training.

Agenda Item C**Discussion of Areas of Intersection of Committee Work**

Ms. Ganter noted that overlapping priorities from both committees that may be opportunities for shared collaboration: trauma informed care, mental health services, alternatives to incarceration, diversion, competency, data, racial disparities, education, dual involved youth, LGBTQ youth, equity and community based programs.

Chair Steinhart shared frustration about meeting and discussing areas of interest without taking action. He posed the question: if the two committees assume agreement on the state's juvenile justice reform needs, what is the capacity to make a difference through committee membership and the BSCC Board? He noted that it seems like the capacity to promote reform is lost because of various limitations.

Susan Manheimer noted that federal funding streams are shrinking; could another realignment occur where juvenile justice funds can be reallocated to probation services in community that can be used without arrests and creating system involvement?

Sue Burrell stated that diversion and better data collection system should be tied to immense state funding to counties. The realignment of DJJ in 2007 and 2008 was successful and could be replicated; however, the state must invest in reliable data collection. Data should be tied to funding.

Laura Garnette noted that for true realignment, there would need to be representation from child welfare system.

Chair Rios said that the Title II State Plan created for federal government should be in alignment with all other program areas, including resources distributed at the state level. She asked, how do we align other resources coming into CA so that we have more of an impact, rather than just a few million dollars from Title II funds?

Dr. Anoshirivani noted that there must be reliable data to make a difference. What does the current data reveal about the effectiveness of our juvenile justice system over the past ten years? Do we know the percentage of youth who enter the foster care system? He discussed the contrast with availability of data in the medical field; medical professionals can access all types of medical data even relative to justice system contact to improve outcomes.

With respect to data collection, Ms. Garnette noted that simple questions are not being asked and recorded; data collection does not have to be sophisticated, it can start with a broad data set that is not labor intensive.

Chair Steinhart responded that he is comfortable with committees assigning these priorities and system change ideas and coming up with a strategy for how to take action, possibly beyond grant boundaries. BSCC is mandated to provide technical assistance and training, and there may be more we can do to provide training to police and probation on key issues.

Gordon Jackson stated that it's time to be bold and brazen; committees should look at what's doable, actionable and get results.

Ms. Burrell noted that the committees themselves can't put forth legislation, but they can create concepts and distribute information to groups that sponsor bills. The committees can translate policy discussions into actions in this way.

Katie Howard stated that the development of the Title II RFP in support of current State Plan is a great avenue for collaboration on shared key goals. The ESC can include criteria to incentivize application by counties.

Chair Rios noted that there would be an opportunity for members to sit on the ESC for RFP development in the near future. She expects that the ESC will be representative of expertise from each of the committees and from outside stakeholders. She recommended to agendaize this conversation at next SACJJDP meeting to find ways can we collaborate to create guiding principles for the state that we all can agree with.

Ms. Ganter stated that the Committee Chairs and staff will get together and brainstorm how committees can go down path together.

Winston Peters asked about clear next steps to advance shared priorities; for instance, there is only so far we can go with Title II funding.

Chair Steinhart responded that we can explore boundaries to have greatest possible impact within the mandates and missions of the committees' mandates. With energy and expertise, we can do more.

JJSC members are interested in being able to understand the state plan in a digestible format; Mary Jolls offered to provide a summary of the Title II State Plan Program Purpose Areas for distribution.

Agenda Item D

Next Steps

Members agreed that future opportunities for collaboration include:

- Review and revision of the Juvenile Detention Profile Survey
- ESC development of Title II RFP
 - How can the RFP encourage innovative new programs?
- Develop training and technical assistance along shared priority areas

Agenda Item E

Adjourn

The joint JJSC-SACJJDP meeting was adjourned at approx. 3:15 p.m.