

**MINUTES**  
**State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**  
**May 20, 2015**

**Board of State and Community Corrections**  
**2590 Venture Oaks Way**  
**Sacramento, CA 95833**

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The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Ms. Sandra McBrayer, Chair	Honorable Brian Back	Ms. Carol Biondi
Ms. Susan Harbert	Mr. James Anderson	Mr. Gordon Jackson

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**Agenda Item A**

**Approval of the SACJJDP Meeting Minutes**

Roll was called.

SACJJDP Chair Sandra McBrayer requested a motion to approve the March 18, 2015 meeting minutes.

***Gordon Jackson so moved. Judge Brian Back seconded. None abstained or opposed. Approved.***

Chair McBrayer informed the committee members Dawood Khan and Tiffany Wynn resigned from the committee but will not be submitting formal resignation letters.

**Agenda Item B**

**Chair and BSCC Staff Updates**

BSCC Executive Director Katie Howard updated the committee of the need to fill the vacant slots on the SACJJDP committee. The BSCC has reached out to the Sacramento Probation Department for a recommendation for an additional youth member. BSCC staff Nicole Woodman is coordinating that effort and anticipates an answer soon.

The recommendation to appoint Michelle Brown, Chief Probation Officer of San Bernardino County, was forwarded to the Special Adviser to the Governor, Netti Sabelhaus, and she confirmed the recommendation is in process. Katie Howard indicated Ms. Brown's appointment is imminent. Due to unforeseen circumstances Chief Brown cancelled her attendance at today's meeting.

Judge Back and Gordon Jackson informed the committee on their efforts to seek candidates to fill the vacancies on the committee.

Katie Howard updated the committee on the BSCC's participation in the PICO National Network town hall meetings that were held across the state of California. PICO is a national network of faith-based community organizations working to create innovative solutions to problems facing urban, suburban and rural communities. PICO was instrumental in campaigning for Proposition 47 (Prop 47). BSCC Management Team and the Board Chair have participated in town hall meetings with some of the leadership of the PICO group. Susan Harbert requested that SACJJDP be informed of upcoming town hall meetings.

James Anderson inquired about vacancies on the BSCC Board and whether there is a slot designated for an individual with system involvement. Katie Howard confirmed there are no current vacancies on the Board and no designated slot from a member with system involvement. She offered to provide Mr. Anderson with the statute for the BSCC Board which outlines the duties and requirements for the members.

BSCC Deputy Director Mary Jolls informed the committee she will present at the June 2015 BSCC Board meeting with the recommendations SACJJDP made regarding the grant programs to be funded with Proposition 47 dollars to include the following: 1.) Include representation of juvenile justice stakeholders in the process of analysis of Prop 47, 2.) Include juvenile justice representation on the ESC and 3.) Consider juvenile justice programs and clients eligible for Prop 47 grant funds.

Chair McBrayer asked for a motion to approve the recommendations regarding Prop 47 grant funds to be presented to the Board in letter format.

***Carol Biondi so moved. Gordon Jackson seconded. None abstained or opposed. Approved.***

Chair McBrayer requested to agendaize discussion on Prop 47 at the next meeting.

Katie Howard gave an update on budget hearings, which initiated a discussion regarding the \$8 million in Community Recidivism Reduction grants allocated in 2014-15. Ms. Howard reported that BSCC staff surveyed counties in April 2015 to assess the progress of counties in utilizing these funds. The survey results indicate that many counties have not yet spent the funds and that the counties are in various stages of obtaining Board of Supervisors approval, releasing an RFP/RFA, or awarding funds and beginning work. Ms. Howard agreed to have staff send out the survey results to committee members along with the Frequently Asked Questions from last year regarding the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant.

Katie Howard initiated a discussion regarding SACJJDP roles, responsibilities, and scope of responsibilities. Ms. Howard said the BSCC is committed to working this out and will be conducting at least a half day retreat with those BSCC staff who work on juvenile justice programs to look at the responsibilities of the SACJJDP and the Juvenile Justice Standing Committee.

Noting the longevity of some of the SACJJDP members, Katie Howard expressed interest in improving the BSCC-SACJJDP partnership. She noted there have been challenges on the issue of pepper spray and indicated interest in the work currently underway by the California Association of Probation Institution Administrators (CAPIA) on this issue. Ms. Howard then conveyed the decision that it is not SACJJDP's role to weigh in on policy decisions related to on the ground operations of juvenile detention facilities, such as pepper spray. The question then turned to defining what is possible and appropriate for the SACJJDP. Carol Biondi shared the direction she received at the time she was appointed, James Anderson shared his thoughts after consulting SAG members from other states, and Gordon Jackson questioned where clarity regarding the SACJJDP's role would come from. Sandra McBrayer reminded the group that Judge Timberlake will attend the next meeting to share OJJDP's perspective regarding the SACJJDP's roles and responsibilities and added that California is unique in having a Board over its SACJJDP. Katie Howard indicated support for Judge Timberlake's participation and noted that pertinent information from his presentation could help inform the Board's decision on this issue. Ms. McBrayer indicated the committee will take what they learn from Judge Timberlake, combined with a review of the law and input from other SAG's, and develop a report to the BSCC Board and the Governor conveying that learning.

Katie Howard noted that Governor Brown is passionate in his belief that government decisions should be made at the lowest level possible and that oversight is the responsibility of counties.

Members returned at 12:30 with a continuation of the Staff Update wherein Mary Jolls shared the process to be used any time SACJJDP has concerns on legislation. That process will be that SACJJDP shares its concerns with BSCC staff who will convey those concerns to the Governor's Office. Upon hearing back from the Governor's Office, BSCC staff will report back to the SACJJDP. Sandra McBrayer noted that the test case for this process was AB 80 which would establish an interagency taskforce on the status of boys and men of color. Mary Jolls advised that the request for

R.E.D to be added to the taskforce proposed in AB 80 was reviewed by the Governor's Office, that this recommendation was not supported but instead SACJJDP should work with the Board Chair in identifying her selection to the taskforce. Mary Jolls advised that she would contact the author's office to advise them of the R.E.D.

Chair McBrayer requested a motion that the committee make a recommendation to the BSCC Board Chair that the BSCC representative on the AB 80 taskforce be a member of the R.E.D committee.

***Judge Back so moved. James Anderson seconded. None abstained. None opposed.***

Mary Jolls informed the committee that, in response to a request from the SACJJDP, a presentation regarding adolescent brain development and trauma informed care will be made at an upcoming BSCC Board meeting.

BSCC staff Nicole Woodman informed the committee about heightened efforts within the BSCC to coordinate across divisions on juvenile justice matters.

BSCC staff Daryle McDaniel provided an update on the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants, including award amounts by project.

SACJJDP Chair Sandra McBrayer notified the committee about a proposal to eliminate Title II funding from the federal budget. Ms. McBrayer encouraged committee members to write letters to their representatives in congress to let them know how important this funding is to California. BSCC staff will provide a fact sheet to SACJJDP members to facilitate information sharing with congressional leaders.

Chair McBrayer updated the committee on the recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Data Working Group to consolidate and improve the reporting requirements for the Youthful Offender Block Grant and the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act. She also notified the committee that BSCC applied to participate in Georgetown's RED Capstone project, and that a settlement has been reached with Contra Costa County to eliminate solitary confinement for youth with mental disabilities. BSCC staff will provide a copy of the settlement agreement to SACJJDP members.

#### **Agenda Item C**

#### **Review of Proposed Legislation**

Carol Biondi initiated a discussion regarding the nature and format of legislative information provided to the committee. BSCC staff Shalinee Hunter explained the process used by BSCC to track legislation and noted that the contents of BSCC-provided reports is all written by an outside entity. It was agreed that receiving both the BSCC's legislative report and Commonweal's legislative summary would be beneficial.

#### **Agenda Item D**

#### **Juvenile Probation & Camps Funding Update**

BSCC staff Melynda Gillies provided the committee with information the Juvenile Probation and Camps funding and the BSCC's role in collecting county information regarding the juvenile camps portion of this funding which is based on the prior year average daily population at county camps/ranches. There is no reporting required on the juvenile probation component; it is a direct allocation from the State Controller's Office to the counties.

#### **Agenda Item E**

#### **Title II Budget & Local Application Update**

BSCC staff Nicole Woodman provided an update on the status of Title II grants, including the total allocation amounts provided to the various grantees.

**Agenda Item F Development of the Federal Application in Response to the Title II Solicitation**

BSCC staff Shalinee Hunter provided an update on the federal solicitation for Title II noting that this year we are submitting a brand new 3-year plan. Ms. Hunter requested the committee's approval to move forward with the federal solicitation with a focus over the next three years on evidence based practices, reducing racial and ethnic disparities, and improving the educational options of youth in custody. Sandra McBrayer suggested the educational component of the new plan address the unique needs of special education students who are in custody. Ms. McBrayer requested a motion for approval for BSCC staff to move forward with submitting the application, including the 3-year plan, to BSCC Board and then OJJDP.

***Carol Biondi so moved. Judge Back seconded. None abstained or opposed. Approved.***

**Reducing Racial & Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) Subcommittee –  
Policy Recommendations for Consideration****Agenda Item G**

BSCC staff Shalinee Hunter informed the committee that BSCC staff have not be provided R.E.D. training in about six years. She also reported on data collection efforts needed to satisfy OJJDP's requirements and discussed difficulties in obtaining data through the Department of Justice. Chair McBrayer requested a motion calling for annual training of BSCC staff on R.E.D. and training of grantees on evidence based practices and R.E.D.

***Gordon Jackson so moved. James Anderson seconded. None abstained. None opposed.***

Judge Back shared a recent Supreme Court ruling that competency is presumed in juvenile court just as it is now in adult court and expressed his belief that Prop 47 was intended to provide services to juveniles as well as adults.

**Adjournment**

The May 20, 2015 SACJJDP meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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**BSCC Staff Attendance Roster**

Kathleen T. Howard, Executive Director  
Mary Jolls, Deputy Director, CPP  
Joyce Carroll, Field Representative, Standards and Training for Corrections  
Shalinee Hunter, Field Representative, FSO  
Lisa Southwell, Field Representative, FSO  
Daryle McDaniel, Field Representative, CPP  
Nicole Woodman, Field Representative, CPP  
Helene Zentner, Field Representative, CPP  
Melynda Gillies, Staff Services Analyst, FSO  
Juanita Flores, Division Secretary, CPP