

**STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION**

July 16, 2015 Meeting

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**Issue: Juvenile Justice Data Working Group – Update**

**Background.** Assembly Bill 1468 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2014), established the Juvenile Justice Data Working Group (JJDWG) to be housed at the BSCC and designated its membership to include experts and practitioners representing courts, probation, county government, state data agencies, academia and youth service and advocacy organizations. The statute further required the JJDWG to recommend options to improve, upgrade and modernize state and local juvenile justice data systems in California, with a report due to the Legislature in January 2016. In addition, by April 30, 2015 the JJDWG was required to submit recommendations to the BSCC on how to improve reporting requirements for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) programs. These recommendations were to address “streamlining and consolidating current requirements without sacrificing meaningful data collection.”

The JJDWG and its Grant Reports Subcommittee met five times between them in 2014-15 to consider reporting requirement revisions. In these meetings the JJDWG conducted a thorough review of current JJCPA and YOBG requirements, assessed current data system limitations, considered evolving juvenile justice trends and weighed multiple revision options. On April 30, 2015, the JJDWG submitted to the Board the report, titled “California Juvenile Justice Data Working Group: Recommendations to Revise County Reporting Requirements for the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) Programs” (see Attachment 1). At the June 10, 2015 BSCC Board meeting, BSCC staff requested Board approval of the recommendations contained on pages 10 through 17 of this report and approval to pursue the statutory changes needed to implement the recommendations (see Attachment 2).

**Recommendations.** The recommendations addressed the three main reporting components: the annual **plans** that are submitted to BSCC; the annual expenditure and outcome **reports** that are submitted to BSCC; and the annual summary **reports to the Legislature** submitted by BSCC. These recommendations, including the discussions leading to them and the rationale behind them, are explained in detail in the text of the report, beginning on page 10 and are summarized here:

- A. County Plans Submitted to BSCC:** By May 1 of each year, counties would submit one consolidated plan for JJCPA and YOBG grant programs, to include:
- Descriptions of the programs and system enhancements to be funded;
  - Expected outcomes for those programs or system enhancements; and
  - An evaluation plan for each program and system-enhancement supported by these funds that follows BSCC guidelines for evaluation plans.
- B. County Annual Reports Submitted to BSCC:** By October 1 of each year counties would submit one consolidated outcome and expenditure report for the JJCPA and the YOBG grant programs that will include:
- System-level data on countywide juvenile justice arrest, probation and court-related outcomes as captured in the Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System and Monthly Arrest and Citation Register;
  - A description of how the programs and system enhancements have contributed to or influenced system-wide trends;

- A description of evaluation outcomes tied to local evaluation plans for the unique programs and system enhancements supported by JJCPA or YOBG funds; and
- Expenditure data listed by program.

**C. Annual BSCC Reports to the Legislature:** By March 1 of each year the BSCC would submit to the Legislature one consolidated summary outcome and expenditure report for the JJCPA and the YOBG grant programs.

The implementation of these recommendations would require changes to the YOBG and JJCPA statutory provisions. These changes would be limited to consolidation, streamlining and improving the plan and report requirements. They would not alter the fundamental structures, goals, allocation criteria or other core features of the grant programs.

**Update.** Based on questions raised by the Governor's Office, the Board did not approve the recommendations contained in the April 30, 2015 report. These questions were:

- 1) Do the recommendations require an increased workload on the part of the counties?
- 2) Do the recommendations constitute a new mandate under Proposition 30?
- 3) Were the recommendations fully vetted with the counties?

The Board requested that BSCC staff conduct further research and analysis to answer these questions and return to the Board with an update on how best to proceed. On June 23, 2015, BSCC staff met with representatives from the Governor's Office, the Department of Finance, the California State Association of Counties, and the Chief Probation Officers of California to begin this discussion, which is ongoing at this time.

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**Recommendation/Action Needed: Information Only.**

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