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| The Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC) meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chair David Steinhart.  The following Committee members were in attendance: | | |
| Mr. David Steinhart, Chair  Ms. Sandra McBrayer  Judge Donna Groman | Mr. Julio Marcial  Ms. Sue Burrell  Mr. James Bell | Mr. Gerry Lopez  Ms. Denise Hertz  Ms. Laura Garnett |
| Special Guest:  Ms. Rachel Rios, SACJJDP  Ms. Rachel Prandini, Immigrant Legal Resource Center |  |  |

**Agenda Item A Welcome and Introduction**

Chair Steinhart opened with welcoming all in attendance and those participating via audio connect. Introductions were made by members of the committee, special guest Rachel Rios, and BSCC staff. The committee was made aware that Chief Bejarano would not be present but would be listening via phone.

**Agenda Item B Approval of the September and November 2016 Minutes**

Chair Steinhart reminded the group of the September 2016 minutes that resulted from a joint meeting between the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) and the Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC) to make recommendations for the Title 15 Juvenile Regulations Revisions process.

**Motion to approve the September and November 2016 minutes by Judge Groman; Ms. McBrayer seconded; motion carried without opposition.**

**Agenda Item C Coordination of the SACJJDP and the JJSC**

Chair Steinhart updated the committee of the changes made within the SACJJDP over recent months and the appointment of new members and Chair, Rachel Rios. Inquiries have been made on the relation between the SACJJDP and JJSC and any formal plans for collaboration. Mr. Steinhart also explained that the JJSC was established in 2013 as a parallel committee to the SACJJDP with the idea of bringing in additional expertise and a strong focus on state based issues, particularly ones that are mandated on the Board and supposedly distinct from any federal mandates through the SACJJDP. However, it has been recognized that the overlap in work between both committees has caused challenges with coordination.

An additional distinction between the groups include membership of the SACJJDP being appointed only by the Governor whereas JJSC members are BSCC Board approved. At present time, both committees are proceeding on parallel, yet uncoordinated tracks, with a plan to have staff and the BSCC Board develop a meeting schedule that would include a combined committee meeting at least annually. The Board agreed that SACJJDP Chair, Rachel Rios, would serve as ex-officio member of the JJSC while Chair Steinhart would serve as a liaison to the SACJJDP.

**Chair Steinhart welcomed James Bell who just joined the meeting.**

Mr. Steinhart informed the group that U.S. Senate Bill 460 was just reauthorized approving JJDPA and could potentially change the structure of the SACJJDP.

**Mr. Steinhart invited SACJJDP Chair Rachel Rios to speak to the committee on her vision for the SACJJDP moving forward.**

Ms. Rios shared that much of the new membership to the SACJJDP are youth members and much of the committee’s focus is developing the State’s 3-year plan for Title II. The new 3-year plan for the SACJJDP will not only include input from youth perspective but also public suggestions as heard at the listening sessions that have and will take place. Ms. Rios also expanded on her background and current experience as the Director of La Familia counseling center, a non-profit organization in Sacramento. Established 43 years ago, La Familia provides mental health and community services. Prior to La Familia, Ms. Rios was the Director of California Youth Authority in the division of Juvenile Justice. Over her 30-year career, Ms. Rios has worked her way up through the ranks in the juvenile justice arena and will bring her perspective from both the Department of Juvenile Justice and community organizing to her role as Chair of the SACJJDP.

Ms. Burrell offered her support of coordination between the two committees and applauded the collaboration had occurred during first joint JJSC/SACJJDP meeting. Ms. Burrell noted that the federal funding tied to the SACJJDP may help to guide priorities of the JJSC as well as the SACJJDP. Ms. McBrayer added that after several years of stagnation, federal funds have been added to Title V and other funds for California have been increased. Ms. McBrayer also explained that there is formula money that is granted to the State and overseen by the SACJJDP and formula money that is awarded to certain counties as determined by the federal government. Those counties that are awarded funds may distribute those funds to different county agencies dependent upon crime rates and federal designation. Title V funds that are overseen by the SACJJDP had been previously released to the community through a competitive RFP process that helped to narrow down the 36 priority areas directed to the SACJJDP by the federal government.

Mr. Steinhart asked how BSCC staffing would be allocated for the two committees. Ms. Ganter replied that herself, Lisa Southwell, and Tameka Shedwin would be staff to the JJSC. Nicole Woodman, Mary Jolls, and Eloisa Tuitama with the CPCG division would be staffing the SACJJDP.

The next SACJJDP is scheduled for September 19,2017 in Southern California.

**After no further comments, Chair Steinhart moved to discussion item D.**

**Agenda Item D Juvenile Detention Facility Minimum Standards Revisions Process Update**

Mr. Steinhart gave a brief overview of the mandated juvenile regulations revisions process that is currently underway and noted some changes in the current process as opposed to previous cycles, in particular the amount of public interest and participation. Substantial public comment was collected and presented to the combined juvenile committees, the juvenile regulations Executive Steering Committee (ESC), and the selected workgroups. Ms. Ganter added that the 8 workgroups met over the course of two months to develop regulation recommendations with guidance from the ESC. Recommendations originated from the workgroups will be presented on worksheets to the ESC with any relevant opposing opinions, rationale for changes, and operational and fiscal impacts. The worksheets will also be posted on the BSCC website by the end of August for members of the public to see what will be presented to ESC. Pertinent issues that were considered by the workgroups are Trauma Informed Care, culturally and linguistically appropriate services, technology, LGBTQ, PREA and others as will be recognized in the suggested revisions.

Ms. Ganter proceeded to give a summary of each workgroup’s recommended changes.

Generic concerns for inconsistencies with how statutes and codes are interpreted amongst agencies, quality control and enforcement of regulations, fidelity to program models used in facilities, and access to phone calls were raised.

There was a ommittee consensus recommendation that staff and ESC chairs come up with a timely logistics plan for how the Working Group recommendations and supporting materials will be organized and supplied to the ESC prior to the scheduled September 6-7 meeting.

There was also consensus that the staff summaries of Working Group recommendations to the ESC should include alternate views (“dissenting views”) that may have been expressed on key items.

Members made a recommendation that a specific plan for public comment at the ESC meeting be agreed upon prior to the meeting, with regard to when and for how long members of the public would be able speak and making sure members of the public have materials in advance.

**Chair Steinhart moved the discussion to agenda item E and welcomed special guest Rachel Prandini.**

**Agenda Item E Undocumented Youth: Update on Immigration Enforcement and Detention Practices**

Mr. Steinhart cautioned the group of the current political climate on immigration and relevant legislation and policies affecting the processing and confinement of undocumented adults and juveniles in the state of California. Chair Steinhart also introduced Rachel Prandini from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center to give a PowerPoint presentation on the population, policies, and federal laws governing unaccompanied minors and immigrant youth and how they are processed in the juvenile justice system.

Ms. Ganter confirmed that BSCC inspections are inclusive of entire juvenile detention facilities; however, the BSCC does not have authority for investigative activity or to perform special inspections for any matters outside of Title 15 and 24 regulations.

**Motion by Burrell, seconded by McBrayer, with amendments by Judge Groman and Chair Steinhart prior to unanimous approval:** That the recommendations offered by Rachel Prandini in her PowerPoint (last two slides) for BSCC response on undocumented youth issues be forwarded to the Title I5 ESC for review, and that, additionally, the ESC be apprised of the need to consider the educational aspects and needs of detained undocumented or unaccompanied minors (Judge Groman) as well as the jurisdictional basis for standards and inspections for the Yolo County juvenile hall unit that is used to detain Office of Refugee Resettlement referred juveniles (Steinhart).

Interest expressed by the Chair, Steinhart, in having ILRC (Rachel) prepare and present an abridged (Shorter) version of her PowerPoint to the full BSCC Board at some future date and that the information also be presented to the SACJJDP (McBrayer).

**Agenda Item F AB1998: Plan for County Juvenile Justice Data Collection by Race and Ethnicity**

Ms. Ganter introduced BSCC Research Specialist, Lee Britton, to present information on federal standards for collecting race and ethnicity data.

Agreement (consensus) on a framework for the BSCC response and report that would anchor recommendations in the federal census categories, as modified to the “one question format”, for Race & Ethnicity. The rationale for not adopting a more elaborate scheme that would account for sub-ethnicities or for country of origin is that: The main goal for BSCC is to come up with a scheme or format that supports FUNCTION and FIDELITY (James Bell). That means not getting too complicated, while striving to support county data collection practices that yield meaningful and useful information in a manner that is relatively easy and feasible within the operating limits of current county data systems. In short—keep it short. There was consensus for including a Middle Eastern checkbox; not including a “mixed” category; and probably do not include an “Other” category; and general if not unanimous support for allowing respondents to check more than one Race/Ethnicity box.

Staff to digest the discussion and comments of committee members and consolidate into a framework or outline of the “report” on recommendations, to be returned to the committee either prior to a next meeting (for confirmation at the meeting in order to meet the 1/1/18 deadline) or to be considered by the committee via circulate/comment back to the staff if there is not time for live committee review.

**Agenda Item G Juvenile Detention Profile Survey Review and Recommendations**

Chair Steinhart provided a summary of the Juvenile Detention Profile Survey (JDPS) report submitted to the legislature by the Juvenile Justice Data Working Group.

**Motion by Brayer, seconded by Hertz with all in favor with the exception of abstaining from Bell:** That the Chair is authorized to recommend to the Board that an Executive Steering Committee be convened to initiate the process of revising and updating the JDPS, but that the formal recommendation to the Board to form an ESC is deferred pending consultation by the Chair with CPOC leadership to gather their views on updating the JDPS with the authorization of the Chair to determine whether a collaborative BSCC-CPOC alternative approach, not dependent upon an ESC, will suffice for now, or whether it would be preferable to proceed with submitting the ESC request of the committee directly to the Board.

**Agenda Item H Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**Agenda Item I Next Steps, Next Meeting**

Tentatively scheduled for 11/16/17; staff will send a doodle request to determine member availability.

**Adjournment**

The August 3, 2017 JJSC meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.