

MINUTES

State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Meeting

February 4, 2021 | 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Held Via Zoom

Pursuant to [Executive Order N-29-20](#)

The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

Committee members in attendance:

Rachel Rios, Chair	Ramon Leija
Carol Biondi, Vice Chair	Susan Harbert
Hon. Brian Back	Dante Williams
B. J. Davis, PsyD	Gordon Jackson
Carly Dierkhising, PhD	Elliot Housman-Turrubiate
Miguel Garcia	
Michelle Guymon	
Juan Gomez	

Committee members not in attendance:

Amanda Clifford	Vanessa Najjar
Amika Mota	Mimi Silbert, PhD
Kent Mendoza	
Nancy O'Malley	
Winston Peters	

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order by Rachel Rios, Chair.

Agenda Item A Approval of the SACJJDP Beyond Juvenile Justice statement

SACJJDP Chair Rachel Rios led a discussion to edit and finalize the language of each of the nine (9) SACJJDP recommendations contained in the draft Beyond Juvenile Justice report. The draft language was developed from notes and comments provided by the SACJJDP membership at the January 14, 2021 meeting. Recommendations 1 and 8 were accepted by the SACJJDP membership as written. The February 4, 2021 meeting discussion and edits were to ensure the remaining recommendations were drafted as intended.

Recommendation 2

The SACJJDP membership discussed the process of getting federal and state funding to the community. The concern, in part, was funding administered through government agencies delays the process. The membership agreed that funding mechanisms and legislation should be clear on intent and that youth focused programming should not require a government agency pass-through. The membership agreed that the recommendation should state that funding intended for the community should go directly to the community.

Recommendation 3

The recommendation was accepted as written, though the BIPOC acronym was changed. The BIPOC acronym stands for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. The group determined that this acronym is not be inclusive of the Latinx community. The change was from BIPOC to Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and Youth of Color.

Recommendation 4

The draft language for the recommendation to implement a state level mandate to systematically reduce racial and ethnic disparities was broadened to include other government agencies beyond probation. The membership agreed with this included language.

Recommendation 5

The membership discussed making the recommendation stronger by stating that detention should be a last resort and that diversion should be prioritized over detention. The membership included edits that strengthened the language that encouraged the use of community-based diversion as the primary approach and detention as the last resort.

Recommendation 6

The membership discussed initial and ongoing training for those who work in the juvenile justice system. The draft language for this recommendation included an addition that whenever possible, trainers should have lived experience. The membership agreed with the included language.

Recommendation 7

The recommendation included hiring individuals that understand the community and the needs of the youth in the community. The idea is that organizations hire individuals that are dedicated to the success of youth. The intention is that staff believe that youth can change and understand their role in the process. The recommendation was edited to include language that connected the hiring of staff to knowledge of youth development and understanding of the community where youth live.

Recommendation 9

The recommendation of services for detained and incarcerated youth was modified by the membership to include a continuum of care. The membership also discussed the need for a pre-release connection to community-based organizations that are in the community where youth will be returning. The recommendation was edited to state that coordination with community-based organizations in the reentry process is vital for the successful transition of the youth.

The SACJJDP membership will review the final version of the document at the February 25, 2021, SACJJDP Membership meeting. Next steps for the presentation of the document to the Governors' office will also be discussed at the SACJJDP Membership meeting on February 25, 2021.

Agenda Item B

Public Comment

No public comment

Agenda Item C

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

BSCC Staff Attendance Roster

Timothy Polasik, Field Representative, CPGP

Deanna L. B. Ridgway, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, CPGP