State Commission on Juvenile Justice
Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2008, 10:00am – 3:00pm
4241 Williamsbourgh Drive, Room 206
Sacramento, CA 95823

Commission Members in Attendance
Bernard Warner
Penelope Clarke
Don Meyer
Sue Cline
David Steinhart
Greg Ahern
Jim Salio
William Arroyo
Hubert Walsh
Kurt Kumli

Others in Attendance
Chris Murray
Eleanor Silva
Kim Bushard
Jermica Peters
Carole D'Elia
Suzie Cohen
Kate Richardson
Sandra McBrayer
Rachel Rios
Marcus Nieto
Sharon Garcia
Jennifer Kim

The meeting was facilitated by Bernard Warner, Tri-Chair. Mr. Warner called the meeting to order, Commission members and audience members introduced themselves.

Mr. Warner briefly discussed the Senate Subcommittee on Corrections hearing that he, the other Tri-Chairs and Mr. Steinhart testified in for Senator Machado. The Tri-Chairs gave a status update of what the Commission has done since January, provided an outline of the Interim Report, gave the perspective of local officials on how the Commission can be valuable in making recommendations to improve the continuum of care for juvenile offenders in California. All tri-chairs felt that the hearing went well.

Mr. Warner commented that the there is still not a victims' representative on the Commission but his pending appointment by the Assembly.

Mr. Warner also shared that the Division of Juvenile Justice- Farrell Lawsuit, Order to Show Cause Hearing was being conducted this week and that the State was presenting its case.

Mr. Steinhart discussed the action items that were at stake in the hearings pertaining to Senate Bill 81 (SB 81). The first action item was the monitoring of county activity, programs and expenditures under SB 81. The staff recommendation was that the legislation be changed through budget trailer language to require counties to report to The Corrections Standards Authority

(CSA) annually what they are spending their money on, and to blend the performance outcome criteria, that are currently a part of the Crime Prevention Act, with SB 81 so that counties are reporting according to performance outcome measures. The second action item was whether or not the Commission should continue to be in existence beyond January 31, 2009. The staff thought there was good reason to continue but did not make a specific recommendation on this item.

Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2008
A motion was made to by Mr. Ahern to approve the minutes from the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Judge Kumli.

Mr. Warner called for all those in favor of the proposed motion. All members were in favor. The motion was adopted.

State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP)
Sandra McBrayer, State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice
The SACJJDP is a sub-committee of the Corrections Standards Authority developed to authorize and monitor Federal funding that comes into the State. Sandy discussed the roles of the State Advisory Committee and how they can work with the Commission. The roles of the State Advisory Committee are to:

- Develop a 3 year State plan on juvenile justice to look at delinquency, prevention, intervention, supervision and treatment
- Advise the Governor and the Legislature on compliance of the Core Protections (deinstitutionalization of status offenders, separation of juveniles from adults in incarceration, removal of juveniles from adult lockups, and reduction of disproportionate minority contact)
- Review and provide input on the projects funded through the State Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act

There are 2 sub-committees of the SACJJDP, the Planning Committee and the Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee. Five counties have had money allocated from the State to the Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee to do the initial data investigation and develop reduction plans. These counties are: San Diego, Alameda, Santa Cruz, Contra Costa and Los Angeles.

As the Planning Committee meets and looks at enhancing the juvenile justice continuum they would like to work as a team with the Commission to ensure that the recommendations of the Commission are part of the core elements and to demonstrate to Congress and the Legislature that the two entities are working together.

There was a discussion about expanding the Commission to include an advisory member from the SACJJDP either formally or informally. It was decided that the SACJJDP would be added as a standing item on the agenda. Judge Kumli motioned to regularly place a status report from SACJJDP on the monthly agenda. Ms. Clarke seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by the Commission.

Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan Interim Report
Chris Murray, Christopher Murray and Associates
Chris provided an update on the composition of the Interim Report which includes the status of the Commission's work, and strategies identified to date relative to assessment, standardized data collection and evidence based programs. Chris reviewed the outline of the report and requested feedback from the group. The group made the following suggestions:

- Include an Executive Summary
- Add more narrative to the list of accomplishments
- Link the Interim Report to the Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan

- Including a synopsis of some of the implementation challenges counties are facing and specific legislative gaps pertaining to Senate Bill 81
- Include a paragraph that explains the commonality in the outcomes that will be reached through diverse implementation strategies of programs due to the differences in resources and demographics of counties
- Elaborate on the efficacy of evidence based programs
- Include a paragraph on the re-entry of youth back to the community
- Include a standard definition of recidivism and data elements
- Include the guiding principles of public safety, accountability, restoration and rehabilitation
- Identify static factors in risk assessment

Finally, a motion was made by Judge Kumli to place SB81 implementation as a standing topic on the monthly agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steinhart. The motion was adopted by the Commission.

Stakeholder Involvement
Suzie Cohen, Suzie Cohen and Associates
Suzie led a discussion on stakeholder involvement and shared the preliminary list of stakeholders to be included as an attachment to the interim report. The Commission discussed several ways to solicit input from the stakeholders and how to involve them on the development of the plan.

Public Comments
Comments from the public were taken from Jennifer Kim from the Ella Baker Center, Books Not Bars.

Closing Remarks
All Commission members agreed to hold the next meeting on May 22, 2008, at the Division of Juvenile Justice Headquarters, Room 206, in Sacramento. The facilitator of the next meeting will be Tri-chair, Penelope Clarke. Suggested topics for the next meeting will include: SB 81, State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan: Goals and Guiding Principle and Continuum of Sanctions. Judge Kumli also shared with the group that the Administrative Office of the Courts Juvenile Delinquency Court Assessment Report was due to be released by April 25, 2008. The recommendation made in this report should be reviewed as they may relevant to the Commission's work.