

BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS MEETING

THURSDAY, January 16, 2014, 10:00 A.M.

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Roll Call

LINDA PENNER Chair, BSCC – In Attendance

JEFFREY A. BEARD Chair Secretary, CDCR – In Attendance

DANIEL STONE Director Adult Parole Operations, CDCR

DEAN GROWDON Sheriff, Lassen County – In Attendance

LEROY BACA Sheriff, Los Angeles County – In Attendance

SUSAN MAURIELLO County Administration Officer, Santa Cruz County – In Attendance

MICHELLE BROWN Chief Probation Officer, San Bernardino – In Attendance

ADELE ARNOLD Chief Probation Officer, Tuolumne County – In Attendance

WILLIAM R. POUNDERS Retired Judge, Los Angeles County – In Attendance

DAVID L. MAGGARD, Jr. Chief of Police, City of Irvine – In Attendance

SCOTT BUDNICK Founder Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) and Film Producer – In Attendance

DAVID STEINHART Director Juvenile Justice Program Commonwealth – In Attendance

MIMI H. SILBERT Chief Executive Officer and President Delancey Street Foundation – In Attendance

CONSENT CALENDAR: *Items on the consent calendar are considered routine and non-controversial. All matters are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Board Member for discussion or separate action. At this time, any member of the public may ask the Board to be heard on any item on the Consent Calendar.*

A. Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) November 14, 2013 Meeting
Minutes. Requesting Approval

B. Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) January 7, 2014 Meeting
Minutes. Requesting Approval

C. Proposed Membership of the Executive Steering Committee for Assembly Bill 1050.
Requesting Approval.



- D. Proposed Membership of the Executive Steering Committee for Senate Bill 81 Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facility Construction Financing Program Round 2. Requesting Approval.
- E. Assembly Bill 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing Program Imperial County Scope Modification. Requesting Approval.
- F. Report Back by the California Department of Justice on the Use of Fiscal Year 2013 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) Penalty Funds. Information only.
- G. Delegate Authority to the California Department of Justice to Administer the Reallocation of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) Penalty Funds for a Three-Year Period Beginning in Fiscal Year 2014. Requesting Approval.

DISCUSSION ITEM: *There will be a Public Comment period prior to Board action on each item. Agenda items may be taken out of order.*

- H. Executive Steering Committee Proposed Senate Bill 1022 Construction Financing Program Conditional Awards Recommendations. Requesting Approval.
- I. Proposed Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Executive Steering Committee Funding Strategy for Fiscal Year 2014-2017. Requesting Approval.
- J. Assembly Bill 900 Phase II Los Angeles County Scope/Budget/Schedule Change. Requesting Approval.
- K. Redistribute Assembly Bill 900 Phase II Jail Construction Funds of \$36,295,000 to Yolo County. Requesting Approval.

PRESENTATION:

- L. Educational Programs in Prisons and Jails: Progress and Challenges.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *Public comment period on issues not on agenda.*

MEETING NOTES

- Ms. Penner thanks the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Leroy Baca for hosting the BSCC Board meeting. BSCC staff and Board Members toured a Los Angeles jail facility and were impressed with the educational programming.
- Video of the Board meeting is being live streamed.
- The BSCC has two new employees. William J. Crout is the Deputy Director for the Corrections Planning and Programs (CPP) division. Tracie Cone is the Director of Communications.
- Kara Ueda, of Best Best & Krieger, is present as outside counsel.



- BSCC Executive Director discusses BSCC funding in Governor Brown's FY2014-2015 in the budget. The BSCC is proposed to receive \$134 million, which is a 3.8% increase from the \$129 million allocation for 2013-14. The Governor proposes \$500 million for revenue-lease construction, with priority given to counties that use risk assessments. The budget also expands the use of split sentencing, caps long-term jail sentences, and provides \$410,000 for corrections training. The BSCC is pleased with the Governor's support.
- Ms. Penner thanks Mr. Baca for his service, given his resignation as Los Angeles County Sheriff.
 - Ms. Silbert expresses regret that Mr. Baca is leaving the Board.
 - Mr. Baca says it has been extraordinary to serve on the Board. The Board should focus on recidivism.
 - Mr. Budnick says Mr. Baca has transformed Los Angeles County jails into educational facilities.
- Mr. Steinhart asks if Senate Bill (SB) 1050, which is tasked with defining recidivism and other key terms, will focus on juvenile justice issues.
 - BSCC staff has met with Assemblymember Roger Dickinson and the legislative intent was to focus on adult corrections issues.
- Senate Bill 81 executive steering committee agenda item is pulled from the consent calendar.
- All Board Members approve the consent calendar, with the exception of Ms. Mauriello who recuses herself from the vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion Item H: Executive Steering Committee Proposed Senate Bill 1022 Construction Financing Program Conditional Awards Recommendations. Requesting Approval.

- Presentation by BSCC staff Robert Oates, Project Director III (Facilities Standards Operations & Construction).
- Senate Bill (SB) 1022 makes available \$500 million for county jail construction. 12 counties get full awards and three get partial awards.
- Ms. Howard provides background on SB 1022.
 - SB 1022 required preference for counties with authorized matching funds. The preference criteria includes:
 - Adequate county matching funds;
 - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance;
 - County real estate due diligence.
 - A handout lists the ESC point score with preference criteria.



- Ms. Howard and Gary Wion, Deputy Director (Facilities Standards Operations & Construction) had a briefing with the Department of Finance (DOF) to discuss county questions. The BSCC believes that DOF was fair and correct in this process. The BSCC recognizes that counties will have a different perspective. Counties have 30 days to appeal Board approval of the ESC recommendation.
- Mr. Steinhart says that SB 1022 had a program space component to the legislation, but staff makes no reference to this.
- Ms. Penner says the applications were scored by 10 ESC members. 10 numerical values were assigned. Programming was part of this scoring process.
 - Mr. Pounders asks if counties can correct outstanding issues before the Governor's proposed additional \$500 million in jail construction.
 - Ms Penner says SB 1022 is part of a different budget cycle.
 - Mr. Pounders says he does not understand the ESC rating process.
 - Ms. Howard says that ESC used a range of scoring categories, including project need, scope of work, and offender management/programming. The Board approved the SB 1022 RFP.

Public Comment:

- Stanislaus County Sheriff Adam Christianson is concerned that the BSCC will not fund Stanislaus County because of CEQA compliance issues. The county has completed their SB 81 project and is working through their AB 900 project. Reentry and programming is part of the planned facility. Stanislaus County was not asked about CEQA at the recent ESC meeting.
- Mr. Budnick asks for a response by BSCC staff.
 - Ms. Howard says that Stanislaus County did not clear CEQA until 10 days after the proposal submitted.
 - Ms. Silbert says that she would be alarmed if this happened to her organization, Delancey Street.
 - Ms. Howard says that not all applicants received questions from the Department of Finance. There is an appeal process.
 - Ms. Penner says that counties have 30 days to appeal this issue.
 - Mr. Budnick says he shares the Sheriff's concern about communications.
 - Mr. Baca says the state is not serious about programming. CEQA should not rate higher than the objective of funding.
- Mr. Pounders says he is not satisfied with the ESC process.
- Mr. Budnick asks if the appeal process is real.
 - Ms. Howard says there was an appeal for AB 900 funding. Mr. Wion says this appeal was not successful.



- Mr. Steinhart says he is disturbed by the lack of programming consideration during the scoring process and asks if the SB 1022 allocation can be moved to a subsequent Board meeting.
- Ms. Penner says the ESC is a long standing and successful process. If the Board does not approve SB 1022 funding, then the award will happen in March and the appeal process will be moved back. The BSCC cannot award funding until after the appeals process is complete.
- Mr. Pounders says the Board has a responsibility to review the ESC process; otherwise they are a “rubber stamp”.
- Mr. Growden says the ESC is different from the DOF process.
- Ms. Penner says that the ESC process had oversight on program preferences. The DOF made an assessment of county technical readiness. This readiness portion is inclusive in legislation
- Mr. Budnick asks how Board Members are chosen to review appeal
 - Ms. Howard says Ms. Penner chooses three members, with a fourth selected as an alternate.
- Tehama County Chief Administrator Bill Goodwin thanks Governor Jerry Brown for SB 1022 fund. He supports the additional \$500 million in the Governor’s FY 2014-15 Budget. Tehama County thanks the ESC for the recommended partial allocation and hopes a full allocation will be made. The county is asking the consultant for a scaled down project. Mr. Goodwin asks the BSCC to join CPOC, CSAC, and CSAA in funding all programs.
- Butte County Undersheriff Kory Honea says Butte County fully embraced AB 109 and developed programs to address recidivism. Butte County is disappointed it did not receive SB 1022 funding. This was a disorganized process and the DOF was not clear. He hopes counties will be included in the subsequent \$500 million proposed by Governor Brown.
- Mendocino County Sheriff Thomas D. Allman is dissatisfied with the process. The DOF made a decision that put the BSCC Board under the bus. DOF held fiscal authority, which hurts rural counties. The BSCC should go to the state legislature on the future \$500 million.
- Ms. Penner says the DOF and Governor Brown are responsible for this funding and she is not going to vilify them.
- Ms. Silbert says she does not think the Board was well informed by staff on this process.
- An individual from Pagney Consulting, representing Merced County, says the DOF is a tough group, but that is the process. He asks that the BSCC adjust list of awardees, given the Governor’s proposed additional \$500 million.
- Monterey County Deputy Chief Sheriff says their \$23 million request met three of the four criteria. There was no question from the ESC or DOF on the issue with one criteria area.



- Individual from Communities United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) asks the Board to not rubber stamp this process. Counties need to develop alternatives to incarceration as part of SB 1022. There needs to be a revision of sentencing for drug possession before funds are allocated. This is similar to the jail boom of the 1980s and 1990s. CURB does not want the BSCC to approve this funding and questions how funds are being used.
- Another individual from CURB begins to speak, but Ms. Penner asks if there will be more than one speaker from the organization.
 - Ms. Howard says there is a request for one only speaker from an organization.
- The prior speaker states they are from Critical Resistance and says that California needs to reduce its prison population. AB 109 could be spent with community service providers and wraparound services. The state is using lease revenue bonds for SB 1022 funding rather than putting it to a public vote.
 - Ms. Howard says the speaker needs to finish her comment, given they are trying to manage time.
 - Members of the public voice concern over this comment.
 - Ms. Penner says there needs to be respect from the room and individuals cannot shout. She asks if individuals can come up, state their name, and comment within 60 seconds.
- Mr. Budnick says he appreciates the passion of public comment, but he received 5,000 emails from their organization. This is the email address he uses to help youth. Their strategy is off.
- An individual from Los Angeles says that women are the fastest growing demographic of incarcerated persons and that another women's jail facility is not necessary.
- An individual from No More Jails LA says that normalizing education in prison is not a good thing.
- Reverend Jose Quan says California does not need more jails. The state should invest in mental health.
- Robert Gord from No More Jails LA says increasing incarceration is counterproductive.
- Tya Griffith says money should be used to fund reentry programs.
- A student from UC Berkeley says Board Members need to look at those giving public comment rather than check their phones. California is building more jails to put people in them. The state needs community-based programs.
 - Ms. Silbert says protesting does not change the situation. It is not helpful to yell at Mr. Baca and clog Mr. Budnick's email account. The Board can only follow the intent of the legislature. We should find a way to work together.
- An individual from All of Us or None says there is a need for drug treatment.
- Robbie Singer is an emergency medical doctor from Riverside who sees the negative effects of the prison industrial complex.
- Jerry Dietrich asks why Los Angeles County does not institute split sentencing.



- Trinity County Sheriff Bruce Haney thanks Mr. Baca for the \$100 million recommendation for small counties. He is looking forward to Board approval of the ESC recommendation.
- Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones thanks the Board for the partial funding allocation. Every county has tremendous unfulfilled need. The BSCC should not substitute their judgment to the DOF.
- Kings County Sheriff Dave Robinson says his county is fortunate to receive this award.
- Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy Terri McDonald says that Los Angeles County received 6,000 individuals because of AB 109, but only received \$100 million. Sheriff Baca is committed to programming. It would be a problem if the county increased split sentencing. She asks the Board to consider the unique nature of Los Angeles, with 1/3 of state prison commitments.
- Michael Richardson is a volunteer at a day reporting center. He says the system is broken. If the state does not change, we should just put minorities in jail and have the world run by middle aged white men.
- Tanesha Danard says building more jails is ridiculous. Individuals are incarcerated for minor crimes. The state does not need more jails, given they do not impact recidivism.
- Shasta Sheriff Tom Bosenko says SB 1022 is process driven and he encourages the BSCC to move forward with the process and approve the awards.
- Sheriff Baca says to the community members that he is in a leadership position with Fight Crime: Invest in Kids. Education is very important for addressing recidivism. You need balance and more community programming. Often law enforcement has the most contact with these individuals, even more than their families. He asks the public to get involved and make a difference with those in jail.
- Ms. Silbert says there must be interaction and education with the process, for the next round of jail construction funding. The Board needs staff to provide more information.
- Mr. Steinhart submits a motion to approve the funding for small and large counties and put medium counties on hold, given the appeals by Butte and Stanislaus County.
 - Ms. Penner says there has to be approval of funds for there to be a subsequent appeal. If the Board bifurcates this, it holds up the process.
 - Mr. Steinhart withdraws his motion.
- Ms. Brown makes a motion to approve SB 1022 funding for small counties.
 - Ms. Arnold and Ms. Silbert recuse themselves.
 - Mr. Pounders votes no. All other Board Members vote yes. The motion carries.
- Ms. Brown makes a motion to approve SB 1022 funding for medium counties.
 - Ms. Mauriello and Mr. Steinhart abstain.
 - Mr. Pounders votes no. All other Board Members vote yes. The motion carries.
- Ms. Mauriello addresses prior comments on CEQA compliance. Santa Cruz County previously submitted an application for SB 81. It took two years for environmental



compliance to move forward with the project. The DOF is only looking at the issues of readiness. DOF applies the rules consistently and is doing their job. For environmental diversity, we need the process to happen.

- Mr. Baca says that is not unreasonable. There is no provision of funds set aside for successful appeals. Could there be \$50 million in reserve for these appeals. If no valid appeals happen, then the \$50 million gets equally distributed to the small, medium, and large counties.
- Mr. Growden says the ESC did good work. SB 1022 represents a significant shift, given the focus on programming. The grading criteria were fair.
- Ms. Brown makes a motion to approve SB 1022 funding for large counties.
 - Mr. Maggard abstains.
 - Mr. Pounders votes no. All other Board Members vote yes. The motion carries.
- Ms. Mauriello makes a motion that the BSCC follow a process similar to AB 900 that allows counties to change the scope of a project, given a reduced need.
 - All Board Members vote yes. The motion carries.

[The meeting breaks for lunch]

Discussion Item I: Proposed Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Executive Steering Committee Funding Strategy for Fiscal Year 2014-2017. Requesting Approval.

- Presentation by BSCC staff Daryle McDaniel, Field Representative (Corrections Planning & Programs).
- The ESC convened to determine funding strategy around seven program purpose areas. In the last funding year for the previous funding, the BSCC decided to continue funding allocation from the year prior.
- At the March 2013 Board meeting, staff presented on the planning process. The Board approved one-year funding strategy at a September 2013 meeting. For the next three years, the state application will be released before the total available funds are known.
- An online survey was conducted in April for stakeholders to rate potential funding priorities. The BSCC also conducted three public comment sessions.
- Funding was allocated to the Cal-YOR program and Homeboy Industries, in addition to continued funding for prior grantees.
- An ESC met on November 4, 2013 to develop future recommendations.
 - California's first year of Jag funding will continue to support priorities in the previous cycle.
 - The subsequent strategy will support priorities of flexibility, collaboration, and innovation.
 - The ESC will develop the RFP for Board approval at the March 2014 Board meeting.



- Mr. Pounders asks if there will funding for education and prevention. He would hate to see the entire JAG funding go to multijurisdictional task forces, with no money to education.
- Mr. Steinhart says the ESC is excellent and represents a balanced approach.
- Mr. Budnick says they will honor the survey, specifically as relates to prevention and education.
- Mr. Steinhart says the ESC will not be able to have the RFP developed by the March Board meeting.
 - Ms. Brown says the funding should support problem solving courts and drug courts.
 - Ms. Mauriello says there has been limited money available for data collection.
 - Mr. Steinhart says the JAG funding has not been allocated yet, which will be decided by the ESC.
 - Ms. Mauriello said this data funding could be set aside.
- Ms. Penner says the RFP will go before the Board for approval.
- All members approve the staff recommendation.

Discussion Item J: Assembly Bill 900 Phase II Los Angeles County Scope/Budget/Schedule Change. Requesting Approval.

- Presentation by BSCC staff Robert Oates, Project Director III (Facilities Standards Operations & Construction).
- Los Angeles County is requesting a scope change for their jail project funded through AB 900. Staff recommends the Board approve this scope change. Given the change in scope, Los Angeles County is increasing their spending on this project.

Public Comment:

- Diana Zuñiga (Californians United for a Responsible Budget) says funding needs to be restored to the Health and Human Services Network. Los Angeles County does not need another jail. The county has not done a proper jail needs assessment and failed to utilize split sentencing. There needs to be a greater focus on community-based programs. CURB would like to be part of the RFP process for the subsequent \$500 million jail facility construction proposed by Governor Brown in his FY14-15 budget proposal.
- An individual with CURB asks the Board to not approve money for the Los Angeles County Women's Village Project. There is a significant rate of torture and sexual violence against women. This would not address human rights violations. There is institutional violence endemic to the Sheriff's department.
- An individual with CURB says another jail is not necessary and there are other alternatives.



- Mary Sutton (Critical Resistance) asks the Board to not approve the AB 900 funding for Los Angeles County. The county needs to invest in community and restore the social safety net.
- An individual with CURB is opposed to Women's Village. A new county analysis is needed. Sentencing in the United States is too punitive.
- Jerry Dietrich (CURB) says there is no reason for this jail. LA County has a high pretrial population and there is a greater need for split sentencing.
- Mr. Budnick says that Los Angeles County is behind on implementing pretrial release and hopes the Board of Supervisors will give greater power to the Sheriff.
- All members approve the staff recommendation.

Consent Calendar Item D "Proposed Membership of the Executive Steering Committee for Senate Bill 81 Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facility Construction Financing Program Round 2" is pulled from the agenda and will be discussed at a subsequent Board meeting.

Discussion Item K: Redistribute Assembly Bill 900 Phase II Jail Construction Funds of \$36,295,000 to Yolo County. Requesting Approval.

- Presentation by BSCC staff Robert Oates, Project Director III (Facilities Standards Operations & Construction).
- The BSCC has been requested to allocate a conditional award of \$36,295,000 to Yolo County for jail construction. Yolo County has previously applied in 2011 for \$42,225,000 in AB 900 Phase II funds. The county did not receive an award due to limited funds. Additional money has become available, given San Joaquin County returned their AB 900 \$80 million funding allocation.
- BSCC staff recommends the Board approve the conditional award.
- All members approve the staff recommendation.

PRESENTATION:

Discussion Item L: Educational Programs in Prisons and Jails: Progress and Challenges.

- Panel presentation by Millicent Tidwell Director of Rehabilitation Programs (A) (California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation), Jennifer Winistorfer, (Office of Correctional Education, CDCR), Warden Randy Grounds (Salinas Valley Prison), Warden Dave Long (Ironwood State Prison), Dr. Brantley Choate, Director of Jail Programs (Los Angeles Sheriff's Office).
- Ms. Tidwell and Ms. Winistorfer present a PowerPoint slideshow on the Office of Correctional Education (OCE).
 - OCE has the responsibility of budget and policy for the following program areas:
 - Adult basic education (ABE), high school, GED, college access, career technical education (CTE), recreation, library services, and law library.



- Each CDCR institution has an accredited adult school with credentialed teachers. OCE has budget authority for 1,451 positions (e.g. teachers, clerical, and administration).
- The academic education programs include assignment and voluntary work. There is a standardized curriculum. The assessments include TABE, and CASAS.
- There are 645 academic teacher positions statewide, with 553 classroom teachers. 36,076 inmates are assigned or enrolled. 12 percent have verified HS diploma or GED. 3,500 inmates earn their GED annually. Over 5,000 inmates participate in college programs each year.
- OCE has 283 credentialed CTE teacher positions for 17 different trades. CTE programs are at every CDCR institution. These include building maintenance, carpentry, electrical works, welding, computer literacy, small engine repair, and others.
- CTE program criteria includes, but it is not limited to broad-based industry standard curriculum, livable entry level wage, strong job market outlook, and recognized industry certification. In response to federal and state apprenticeship standards, OCE began implementing a Green Technology component to a majority of the CTE curricula (e.g. construction and manufacturing methods).
 - 5,110 inmates are assigned to a CTE program. In 2013, 1,907 inmates completed a trade. 3,049 CTE certifications were awarded.
- Strategic goals include increased technology in the classroom, enhanced relationships with community colleges, enhanced quality/accountability of programs, enhanced access and use of school performance data, and increased recruitment of qualified staff.
- Ms. Tidwell says the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is expanding education.
- Ms. Winistorfer says we need to increase efforts around recruitment and staff.
- Ms. Tildwell says they have limitations in terms of technology. Challenges are comparable to the 58 counties in terms of hiring.
 - Mr. Baca asks if corrections officers teach in the facility. Prison guards could teach life skills classes. This can be an opportunity.
 - Mr. Budnick asks if there is a place to pilot with high school diploma programs. Are there opportunities to bring in contract and charter schools?
- Ms. Winistorfer says they can issue high school credits through the California Department of Education. They do have an approved textbook for each of the subject topics. They are trying to secure e-readers and are working to meet with community college partners.



- Mr. Long is the warden for Ironwood State Prison, which has 3,000 prisoners. The facility offers courses and certification in electronics, masonry, auto repair, and computer services.
- They have a reentry hub, which started in September 2013 and are trying to establish a transition program. In January 2001, the prison established a partnership with a university in Blythe. Tuition is paid through Board of Governors bond waiver. Lectures are broadcast through facility wide television.
- They offer correspondence college courses and an online pilot program. This is funded by a secure grant from the California Endowment.
- Mr. Budnick says it is important to have young people surrounded by those on the right track. Young people are very impressionable and it is important to show that it is cool to graduate. The department has done a brilliant thing in starting these reentry hubs to surround inmates with those who want to program.
- Mr. Grounds says the state needs to bring hope and influence the culture of facilities. Education has improved and training and inspections are important. The facility lost their initial vocation program because of violence. In 2011, the facility had 1,200 incidents, but in 2013 there approximately 900 incidents. The average age of inmates is 36-years-old.
- The facility reaches out to local groups, such as Barrios Unidos. However, they face challenges with drug interdiction.
- Mr. Maggard says he wishes some of the speakers from earlier in the day could be here to hear this presentation. If they were here to listen to the experts, he thinks they would be impressed. He really appreciates Sheriff Baca's tenacity in getting this on the Board agenda.
- Mr. Budnick asks about the drop in violence.
 - Brown says staff has effectively used religious programs.
 - Mr. Long says education can remove racial tension and violence.
- Ms. Penner says she sometimes travels with Governor Brown when he talks to criminal justice professionals. Governor Brown went to Kern County and a number of the inmates chose to stay 60 days longer for education programs.
- Mr. Choate says Los Angeles County underwent significant transformation. Mr. Baca established education-based incarceration (EBI). EBI has allowed the Sheriff's Dept to be in charge of education. The department still works with contractors, but the Sheriff oversees this.
- Public Safety Realignment is an opportunity to have individuals in a facility longer and deepen the educational impact. The department is limited by resources. One of the best resources is using staff and deputies to teach classes. This will quadruple the teaching capacity.



- The Merit Program has 75 merit masters throughout the county. They teach life-skill courses, with others working as trustees or clerks for the deputies. They can have a stronger impact than staff and they help vet the inmates. Some inmates have written their own courses in business, economics, and finance.
- The facility had few programs and lost their partnership with the school district. High school programs are easier to offer than GED programs, given many are close to completing their degree. This is less challenging than taking a GED test.
- The facility has a dormitory for younger inmates, aged 18-24 year olds. When boys get off the bus, they immediately enter into a program (e.g. life skills and high school).
- The facility is working to partner with College of the Canyons and Los Angeles Mission College.
- The Last Mile Project has been brought in, was originally from San Quentin. There are also gender-responsive programs for women. The Department is speaking to defense attorneys to market the program.
- In their programs, they had a 2 percent inmate-on-inmate violence rate compare to 12 percent for the general population.
- A challenge is getting the staff to fully accept these changes. There is money in education, but resources are also needed for reentry. This includes employment and housing.
- They teach classes anywhere, but it would good to have more classroom space. They are looking to make sure that programs are evidence-based.
- The Fast Track program of case management and reentry has been implemented to see if recidivism declines when they do everything the research suggests, rather than pieces of it. They want to expand programs to the evening shift.
- Ms. Howard says the BSCC staff and Board had an excellent tour of Los Angeles facilities, specifically at Twin Towers Correctional Facility. There is great inmate instruction.
- Mr. Budnick says it would be great to identify when merit masters leave jail for prison. Prison reception centers should recognize their excellent later work even if they were initially resistant to programs.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Brian Goldstein, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, says he appreciates the work of the Byrne-JAG ESC to develop a more balanced funding strategy that incorporates public input. Does this recommendation relate to specific funding of programs?
- Mr. McDaniel says the recommendation relates only to funding program purpose areas, rather than specific programs. The ESC still needs to develop the RFP, which may not be ready by the March Board meeting.

[END NOTES]