

# Appendix E

**Summary  
BJA Subcommittee  
Report to SAB  
January 20, 2012**

## A. Meetings and Activities:

1. Newest subcommittee – recently appointed since the last SAB meeting
2. Members: Al Blumstein  
Ed Mulvey  
Mark Lipsey  
Bill Bratton  
Faye Taxman  
Cynthia Lum  
Tim Bynum  
Ed Latessa  
(Encourage comments from other subcommittee members)
3. Met for a phone conversation prior to the SAB meeting  
Explained role and goals of SAB  
Discussion of scope of activities of Subcommittee  
Impressions of BJA as an agency with  
ongoing collaborative activities  
considerable potential for applied research
4. Al and I had dinner with Denise O’Donnell, Ed Banks (research to programs), and Betsi Griffith (strategic planning).  
Ongoing efforts and programs  
Openness to collaboration
5. Meeting yesterday with presentations from BJA staff  
Topics presented  
Evidence Integration  
Smart Policing  
Second Chance/Justice Reinvestment  
Drug Courts

## B. General Impressions re: BJA to Date:

1. Considerable potential to promote research in ongoing activities  
11,000 open grants; \$5 billion awarded and managed yearly  
Some ongoing efforts – highlighted some of these -  
Collaborative environment

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2. Limited resources to integrate data collection into activities. There is always a push to devote resources to getting practice done and programs into the field
3. Have a base of activities and environment that could be built upon

### C. Consistent themes regarding development of research portfolio at BJA

1. Role of Collaboration with other OJP agencies
  - NIJ, BJS, and OJJDP as collaborators (HOPE as example)
  - Possible method for expanding capacities
2. Translation of research in terms applicable to practitioners (approach has been translation tools)
3. Building practitioner capacity to collect and interpret data
4. Increase qualifications and pool of competent people to do evaluations and data collection
5. Technical Assistance function doesn't have a real science foundation

### D. Open Issues

1. Role of systems-based research (implementation science)
2. Potential to build projects off of the JAG money distributed by the agency (over 40% of budget disbursed as block grants to states)
3. Reasonable and tractable evaluation requirements for programs
  - Poor quality of most required evaluations
  - Need to focus research and evaluation efforts to produce relevant information
  - Efforts to move toward development and assessment of principles of effective interventions in different areas

### E. Challenge of supporting their efforts and helping them shape their future efforts