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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Minimum Standards For Local Juvenile Detention Facilities, Title 15 and Title 24: Begin Regulation Revision Process, Appoint Co-Chairs, and Approve Expertise Areas for Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

The Board is authorized to develop regulations for the operation of local juvenile detention facilities pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code sections 210 and 885.

BSCC staff is requesting approval to establish an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to begin the regulation revision process. Staff is also requesting that the Board approve the appointment of Board Members Michelle Scray Brown and David Steinhart as Co-Chairs.

This establishment will begin the BSCC's process for regulations revision, which involves participation and feedback from local juvenile detention facility and juvenile justice partners and related subject-matter experts. The Board will approve any proposed regulation revisions before public review begins in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (APA).

Background

The most recent revision of Minimum Standards for Local Juvenile Detention Facilities, California Code of Regulations, Titles 15 (Operational) and 24 (Design and Construction) became effective in April 2014 and January 2014, respectively. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 210 and 885, the BSCC is required to adopt minimum standards for the operation and maintenance of juvenile facilities.

The BSCC works to include on its ESCs stakeholders with a variety of professional backgrounds and subject-matter expertise. This method of regulation development has resulted in meaningful and attainable minimum standards and ensures that regulations are rooted in evidence-based and best practices.

Upon Board approval, staff plans to meet with the appointed Co-Chairs to identify members with needed areas of subject-matter expertise, develop a strategy for the upcoming regulations revision process, and propose a timeline. Staff will also be soliciting suggestions for regulation revision and will solicit interested parties for ESC membership through the BSCC website (Attachment M-1).

Staff anticipates that the ESC will convene in early 2017. The ESC will identify critical issues for the regulations revisions, review feedback received from partners, stakeholders and community members, and begin proposing revisions. Based upon strategies identified by

the ESC, one or more working groups may be convened to research critical issues and develop meaningful proposed regulations for review and approval by the ESC.

Once the ESC has developed final proposed regulation revisions, BSCC staff will present them to the Board for approval before beginning a 45-day public comment period in accordance with the APA. After the comprehensive public review process, the Board will direct staff to submit the Title 15 Regulations to the Office of Administrative Law and the Title 24 Regulations to the Building Standards Commission for adoption.

Recommendation/Action Needed

1. Create the Minimum Standards for Local Juvenile Detention Facilities Executive Steering Committee and appoint Michelle Scray Brown and David Steinhart as Co-Chairs.
2. Delegate authority to the Co-Chairs of the ESC to select additional members of the ESC and to develop a proposed timeline in consultation with BSCC staff.
3. Direct the ESC to develop recommendations for revisions to the minimum standards for local juvenile detention facilities in Title 15 and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations and present those recommendations to the full Board.

Attachments

M-1: Proposed ESC Membership by Subject Matter Expertise