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**AGENDA ITEM:** H

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Opioids in Local Detention Facilities - Review of Survey: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This report requests final approval for the Opioids in Local Detention Survey as described below and set forth in Attachment H-1.

### Background

At the June 15, 2023 BSCC Meeting, Board members discussed the increasing incidence of overdoses in both adult and juvenile local detention facilities. The Board requested that BSCC staff develop a survey to assess the impact of overdoses in adult and juvenile local detention facilities. The Board reviewed a draft at the November 2023 meeting that focused on the availability of opioid antagonists and the incidences of opioid antagonist use. After extensive public input and Board discussion, the Board directed staff to revise the draft to address the public comment and Board input.

In response to the Board's request, BSCC staff have conducted follow up meetings with Board Members Chavez, Zaragoza, and Dicus as well as correctional health consultants and advocates. Staff have also requested input from the California State Sheriffs Association and the Chief Probations Officers of California.

A substantially revised survey is now proposed to collect a broader scope of information about drugs and drug overdoses within local detention facilities, both adult and juvenile (H-1 and H-2, respectively). The survey uses opioid antagonists as a proxy for the occurrence of drug overdoses within local detention facilities. In addition, the survey now proposes questions about training of facility staff, substance use-related practices, and how opioids are introduced into facilities. This additional content reflects the focus of the significant discussion and input received in response to the prior draft. The *Survey Overview* (H-3) provides detailed instructions for respondents including key definitions.

BSCC staff proposes to administer the survey twice. The first administration will be in May 2024 and will request information related to the use of opioid antagonists for January, February, and March 2024 and information on how opioids are introduced into facilities. It will also request information about the training of facility staff and substance use-related practices. The second administration will be in July 2024, and will request information related to the use of opioid antagonists for April, May, and June 2024 and information on how opioids are introduced into facilities.

A summary report will be provided to the BSCC Board following the second administration. The Board may then consider additional steps, including the possibility of directing BSCC staff to collect more information about opioids in facilities through on-site interviews and visits.

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**Recommendation/Action Needed**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Survey of Opioid Antagonists in Local Detention Facilities and direct staff to begin collecting information in May 2024.

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**Attachments**

- H-1: Draft Survey of Opioid Antagonists in Local Adult Detention Facilities
- H-2: Draft Survey of Opioid Antagonists in Local Juvenile Detention Facilities
- H-3: Survey Overview: Opioid Antagonists in Local Detention Facilities