

DATE: April 29, 2024
TO: Sheriffs
FROM: Linda Penner, BSCC Chair
SUBJECT: LAUNCH OF DATA COLLECTION: OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IN LOCAL DETENTION FACILITIES

In recent months, the BSCC has had several discussions about overdoses and the widespread concern about opioids in detention facilities. We are aware that local facilities have taken a variety of steps to respond to the many challenges connected to opioids in facilities.

This memorandum is to advise you of temporary, additional data the BSCC will be requesting from all county detention facilities (both adult and juvenile) to gather information related to drug overdoses within each local facility. The Opioid Antagonists in Local Detention Facilities survey was developed with input from the California State Sheriffs Association, the Chief Probations Officers of California, and other interested stakeholders. The adult facility version of the survey and detailed reporting instructions are attached.

We are requesting that each Sheriff take steps to ensure that a survey response is provided for each facility in operation. The survey will be administered twice, once in May with a response requested by June 10th and again in July with a response requested by July 31st. A summary report will be provided to the Board following the second administration. The Board will then consider additional steps including the possible need to continue the survey.

To gather survey responses, the BSCC research team will work directly with the data reporters who typically complete the Jail Profile Survey (JPS). If you would the BSCC to work with an alternative contact, please provide notification by email to research@bscc.ca.gov. The data reporters will be provided with information on how to complete and submit the survey. Additionally, BSCC will host a Q&A webinar in May 2024 to go over the survey instructions and answer any technical questions. Further information about the webinar will be provided to the data reporters.

I appreciate you providing this important information to aid in understanding the impact of the opioid crisis in local detention facilities. If you have questions, please contact Kasey Warmuth at Kasey.Warmuth@bscc.ca.gov.

Thank you for your time, effort, and continued support in assisting your agency's response to the survey.

Sincerely,



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Chair