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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: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

BSCC staff is requesting that the BSCC Board appoint co-chairs to the Juvenile Titles 15 and 24 Regulations Revision Executive Steering Committee.

In addition, BSCC staff will provide an update on the Juvenile Regulations Revision initial planning process, which will include launch of a community input period, additional opportunities for community listening sessions and participation, and selection of ESC members who bring a variety of experience and subject-matter expertise.

Background

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. As part of this responsibility, the BSCC regularly reviews and revises the minimum standards for the operation and design of local juvenile detention facilities. The BSCC's practice is to develop regulations and propose revisions with input from subject-matter experts, community members, and through public participation to ensure that minimum standards are developed that reflect best practices.

A vital, early step in the revision process is forming an ESC that represents the broad interest that exists in developing regulations for juvenile detention facilities that are aligned with national best practices and that provide the youth with safe and stable facilities.

Board Members Kirk Haynes and Miguel Garcia have agreed to serve as co-chairs of the Juvenile Regulations Revision ESC. Upon Board approval, BSCC staff will work with the co-chairs to select ESC members that represent experience and subject-matter expertise in a variety of areas, including lived experience, impact on community, facility management, advocacy, adolescent health care, adolescent behavioral health care, trauma-informed care, nutrition, and education. Katherine Lucero, recently appointed director of the Office of Youth and Community Restoration, has agreed to participate on the ESC to assist with the development of standards for Secure Youth Treatment Facilities.

Staff has received several statements of interest from people who are willing to serve on the ESC. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to submit a statement of interest no later than April 15, 2022 by using the following link: <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Juv-Regs-Revision-ESC-Recruit-2.10.22.pdf>

As the ESC is being formed, BSCC staff will begin a community input period that will include many and varied opportunities for feedback. Interested people may submit specific recommendations for revision through a short survey on the BSCC website that will be open for a 90-day period April 8, 2022, and close July 7, 2022. In addition, the BSCC will also host listening sessions grouped by subject-matter areas. The BSCC is also actively working to fund community listening sessions and surveys of youth and community members impacted by detention. We will provide more detail on the BSCC website and to the Board as it becomes available.

The BSCC is committed to receiving meaningful feedback about Titles 15 and 24 regulations for juvenile detention facilities as early in the process as possible. As feedback is received, BSCC staff will be analyzing feedback for alignment with best practices and for potential incorporation into regulations. BSCC staff plan to provide the ESC with a framework for development of regulations revision grounded in meaningful feedback.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Approve the appointment of Board Members Kirk Haynes and Miguel Garcia as co-chairs of the Juvenile Regulations Revision ESC and launch the public input process as described above.