

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: G

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Suitability and Corrective Action Plan Process: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is required by Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivision (d) to make a determination of suitability of any juvenile detention facility that is not in compliance with one or more of the minimum standards for juvenile facilities adopted by the BSCC. Subdivision (d) also sets forth a process to file an “approved corrective action plan” within 60 days after receiving notice of noncompliance. At the May 2023 board meeting, the BSCC Board directed staff to outline a process for receipt and approval of corrective action plans (CAPs) from affected probation departments, to include final review and approval by the Facilities Standards and Operations (FSO) Deputy Director. This report and attachment summarize a proposed process.

Background

Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 209, subdivision (d) requires the BSCC to determine if a juvenile detention facility is suitable to confine juveniles if the facility is found noncompliant with Title 15 minimum standards and fails to meet the requirements outlined in this statute.

Section 209, subdivision (d), provides:

Except as provided in subdivision (e), a juvenile hall, special purpose juvenile hall, camp, ranch, secure youth treatment facility, law enforcement facility, or jail shall be unsuitable for the confinement of juveniles if it is not in compliance with one or more of the minimum standards for juvenile facilities adopted by the Board of State and Community Corrections under Section 210, 210.2, 875, or 885, and if, within 60 days of having received notice of noncompliance from the board or the judge of the juvenile court, the juvenile hall, special purpose juvenile hall, camp, ranch, secure youth treatment facility, law enforcement facility, or jail has failed to file an approved corrective action plan with the Board of State and Community Corrections to correct the condition or conditions of noncompliance of which it has been notified. The corrective action plan shall outline how the juvenile hall, special purpose juvenile hall, camp, ranch, secure youth treatment facility, law enforcement facility, or jail plans to correct the issue of noncompliance and give a reasonable timeframe, not to exceed 90 days, for resolution, that the board shall either approve or deny. In the event the juvenile hall, special purpose juvenile hall, camp, ranch, secure youth treatment facility, law enforcement facility, or jail fails to meet its commitment to resolve

noncompliance issues outlined in its corrective action plan, the board shall make a determination of suitability at its next scheduled meeting.

Section 209(d) does not describe a process for receipt and approval of a CAP; to provide consistency in receipt and approval, the BSCC Board first delegated approval of CAPs to the FSO Deputy Director and directed staff to outline a process for receipt and approval of CAPs.

The draft process is found in Attachment G-1.

Recommendation/Action Needed

BSCC Staff recommend that the Board approve the process set forth in Attachment G-1.

Attachments

G-1: Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivision (d) Corrective Action Plan Review and Approval Process