

**MEETING DATE:** February 10,2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** E

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Minimum Standards for Local Juvenile Detention Facilities, Title 15, and Title 24: Launch of the Regulation Revision Process, Solicitation of Community Input and Interest in Executive Steering Committee Membership: **Requesting Approval**

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## Summary

BSCC staff is requesting approval to launch the 2022 revision process for the juvenile Titles 15 and 24 Regulations, pursuant to the California Welfare and Institutions Code. The initial process will begin with a 90-day community input period, a community listening session, and a request on the BSCC website to request statements of interest from people who are interested in serving on the Executive Steering Committee that will help inform the process, which is expected to last through early 2023.

## 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 most recent version of the Titles 15 and 24 Minimum Standards for Local Juvenile Detention Facilities became effective in 2019. 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 has also been directed by Senate Bill 92 (Chapter 18, Statutes of 2021) to review existing juvenile detention facility standards and modify or add standards for the new county Secure Youth Treatment Facilities. These standards must be developed with the coordination and concurrence of the newly established Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) and must be completed by July 1, 2023. (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 875, subd. (g).) OYCR Director Katherine Lucero has already agreed to participate on the Executive Steering Committee.

The BSCC's practice is to develop regulations and propose revisions with community input and public participation to ensure that minimum standards reflect best practices and broad input from subject matter experts. Substantial revisions were made during the previous revision process and regulations were strengthened to ensure gender equity, trauma-

informed care, and safety in high-risk areas such as use of force and room confinement, among other significant improvements.

With Board approval, BSCC staff will begin seeking comments for potential revisions during a 90-day community input period that will be open from February 11 through May 11, 2022. A survey for submitting regulation revisions will be available on the BSCC website. Interested persons may also submit any comments for revisions to [regulations@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:regulations@bscc.ca.gov). BSCC staff will also convene a community listening session during the 90-day community input period and compile all comments received for consideration by staff and the ESC during the regulations revision process. Meaningful and continuous community input throughout the process will contribute to better standards.

For the ESC, staff will look for people who represent a range of experience and expertise, especially those with lived experience. The ESC will provide leadership in determining current topics to be considered during revision, will promote and ensure community participation, and will approve draft regulation revisions for Board approval.

BSCC staff will present a proposed ESC slate to the BSCC Board for approval at the April 2022 meeting. The ESC will meet after public comment has been compiled by BSCC staff. People interested in serving as an ESC Member should visit the BSCC website: [https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s\\_bsccexecutivesteeringcommittees/](https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bsccexecutivesteeringcommittees/)

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

1. Staff requests that the Board approve the launch of the local juvenile detention facilities regulation review and revision process.