San Bernardino County Probation Department

Participation in Medical Research (Title 15, Section 1454; NCCHC)

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519.1 PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines surrounding the Department's participation in Medical Research.

519.2 GUIDELINES:

- A. The Probation Department embraces evidence-based practices in our programs, Juvenile Detention and Assessment Centers (JDACs), and Treatment Facilities (TFs).
- B. The Department seeks programs that have been proven effective through research methods and assessment.
- C. Generally, the Department does not participate in medical research because it is subordinate to the safety and security of our detention centers and treatment facilities, staff, youth, and the community, which we have a responsibility to protect and serve.
- D. The Probation Department will endeavor to support the continuation of community-led research, experimental, or clinical trial programs, provided that the youth is presently the subject of such program, proper authorization and consents are obtained, and the level of offense and flight risk permits such accommodation. Continued participation in such programs must be carefully considered when it is deemed significantly impactful to the well-being of the youth. The Department's role will be limited to facilitating visits by providing offsite clearance, scheduling appointments, and arranging transportation, but will not actively participate in the program.