

**TO: Chairman and Members of the Board**

**DATE: July 26, 2012**

**SUBJECT: Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program**

**AGENDA ITEM: H  
ACTION:**

**RESOURCE PERSON: Colleen Stoner**

**INFORMATION: X**

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**Summary:** This informational agenda item serves to advise the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) regarding the submission of a grant application for the federally funded Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Program.

**Background:** The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-322) created the RSAT Program. By statute (42 U.S.C. § 3796ff-1(e)) the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) must award RSAT grants to the state office designated to administer the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Effective July 1, 2012 as part of the Governor's 2011 Public Safety Realignment, both programs transferred to the BSCC from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA). However, since the 2012 RSAT application due date to BJA was May 17, 2012, CalEMA submitted the application on behalf of the BSCC to meet the deadline. On June 27, 2012, the BJA informed the BSCC that they would not accept the application from CalEMA on behalf of the BSCC. They advised that BSCC staff wait until after the July 1, 2012 statutory creation of the BSCC to submit the application. Unlike the JAG program, there is no requirement for approval of the application by a governing body.

**Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners 2012 Award - \$824,123**

The RSAT Program (42 U.S.C. § 3796ff *et seq.*) assists states and local governments in developing and implementing substance abuse treatment programs in state, local, and tribal correctional and detention facilities, and supports efforts to create and maintain community-based aftercare services for offenders. The RSAT Program enhances the capability of agencies to provide treatment to incarcerated persons and prepare the offender for reintegration into their community by incorporating reentry planning and assistance in the delivery of community-based and other broad-based aftercare services. RSAT funds may be used to implement three types of programs: residential, jail-based, and aftercare. Awards are made in the federal fiscal year of the appropriation and may be expended during the following 3 years, for a total of 4 years. At least 10 percent of the state allocation shall be made available to local and tribal correctional and detention facilities for either residential substance abuse treatment programs or jail-based substance abuse treatment programs. In California, the RSAT program funds historically funded state and local detention facilities to provide in-custody treatment services with a minimal aftercare component requirement placed on the grantees.

The BSCC is submitting the 2012 RSAT application to BJA with general program language. Upon the BJA approval of the BSCC 2012 RSAT award, it is staff's intent to solicit input from a wide range of stakeholders and subject matter experts on how best to utilize the RSAT funds. It is anticipated that the BSCC will release a solicitation in early 2013 to provide funding through a competitive or direct allocation process for residential, jail based, in-custody and/or aftercare programs. We will look to this Board for continued support and direction in the future as the planning process takes shape.

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**Recommendation/Action Needed:**

Information only. No action required.

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