

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2026**AGENDA ITEM:** E**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members**FROM:** Jessica Fernandez, Field Representative,
Jessica.Fernandez@bscc.ca.gov**SUBJECT:** Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program: Appointment of Chair and Establishment of an Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests approval to appoint a Chair and establish an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to oversee the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the fourth cohort of funding of the federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program.

Background

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is the Designated State Administering Agency for the RSAT Program, federally funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The RSAT Program assists state 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. Historically, the California RSAT Program has funded local detention facilities to provide in-custody treatment services with an aftercare component requirement placed on the grantees. Since 2018, the BSCC has administered three cohorts of RSAT funding, at approximately \$6-7 million per cohort.

For this next cohort, approximately \$5 million in RSAT funding will be available to award to subrecipients through a competitive RFP process. Staff are recommending the Board initiate an ESC process because it has been more than five years since one was last convened in December 2020. Since that time, there have been significant developments in the field of residential substance use disorder treatment and community aftercare that should be reflected in the next iteration of BSCC's RSAT Program.

Proposed Activities

In consultation with the appointed Chair, staff will establish and convene an ESC of relevant subject matter experts representing both the public and private sectors and a membership representing diverse professional and lived experience, geographic regions, and demographics. The BSCC will reach out to known experts and invite any interested person to submit a statement of interest to serve on the ESC through the BSCC's website.

The ESC will meet to develop the RFP in accordance with federal requirements, read and rate proposals, and develop funding recommendations for the Board's approval. The proposed

activities and a corresponding tentative timeline for the development of the RSAT Program is shown in the following table:

Tentative Timeline	Activity
September 17, 2026	Appoint Chair and request ESC formation
September-October 2026	Establish the RSAT Program ESC membership
October-November 2026	RFP development by ESC
November 19, 2026	Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval
November 20, 2026	Release the RFP to the field
Late January 2027	Prospective Applicant Grant Information Session
March 2027	Proposals due to BSCC
March 2027	ESC Rater Training
May 2027	ESC rating of proposals complete
June 17, 2027	Present funding recommendations to the BSCC Board
July 1, 2027	Grants begin

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Appoint a BSCC Board Member as Chair of the RSAT Program Executive Steering Committee (ESC).
2. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish a diverse ESC membership with relevant subject-matter expertise and to modify membership, if needed.
3. Authorize the ESC to oversee development of the RSAT Program Request for Proposals, according to the tentative timeline listed above.