

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Riverside County Department of Mental Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
November 29, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Department of Mental Health Plan to continue the Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM) anklet device program.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Department of Mental Health Plan to continue the Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM) anklet device program.

**BACKGROUND:** On November 27, 2012, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in an effort to continue the SCRAM anklet device program requested a report back on budget alternatives that could provide ongoing funding for this program. The Department of Mental Health is requesting approval to continue the SCRAM program as part of the Department's Substance Abuse Program budget funded with administrative DUI fees. Approval of this plan would allow SCRAM to continue its efforts in decreasing recidivism for repeat DUI offenders, changing drinking and driving behavior, enhancing public safety, providing significant cost savings when SCRAM is used in lieu of incarceration, and ensure those sentenced by the court are able to participate in SCRAM despite their ability to pay. SCRAM provides a safe alternative that is desperately needed with the current jail crowding and provides the clients an opportunity to address their alcoholism by practicing clean and sober behavior in their home community. The funding requirement for SCRAM is estimated at \$10,000 for the remainder of the current fiscal year. The department will closely monitor the SCRAM budget and if necessary submit a budget adjustment request in the third quarter. No County funds will be required.

for Departmental Concurrence

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*Jerry Wengerd*  
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Jerry Wengerd, Director  
Riverside County Department of Mental Health

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 10,000	In Current Year Budget:	YES
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2012/2013

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% Fees	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*  
Debra Cournoyer

**County Executive Office Signature**

Dept't Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor Jeff Stone

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** November 21, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM) alcohol monitoring anklet devices

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors supports and encourages the use of SCRAM and SCRAMx.

The SCRAM program is primarily funded by the offenders themselves. However, in 2009 each Supervisor contributed \$10,000 from their Community Improvement Designation to assist indigent offenders in obtaining devices as part of their sentence. The Department of Mental Health administers this fund and the balance is now below \$2200. I encourage my colleagues to allocate funds for use in their respective districts.

**BACKGROUND:** SCRAM is a tool that assists the Court and other public agencies when continuous monitoring of an alcohol defendant's behavior is required. SCRAM is one of many options that a judicial officer may elect to use in connection with the sentencing and/or probation of defendants convicted of an alcohol related offense. The Superior Court in the County of Riverside referred 374 offenders to SCRAM in 2011, and projects an increase of 15% (430 referrals) for this calendar year.

Riverside County's detention centers are extremely overcrowded and with AB 109 realignment the need for additional jail beds or alternative confinement options is evident. Both SCRAM and SCRAMx (home detention program) offer an alternative to incarcerating DUI and other alcohol related offenders who can affordably and effectively use this alcohol monitoring device to pay their debt to society and potentially rehabilitate themselves.

In 2011 a study was conducted by Leaders in Community Alternatives, Inc., of clients from 2009 who were released from the SCRAM program from Riverside County. This report indicated that over a 22-month period, an average of 93.5% of the SCRAM clients did NOT have any further DUIs.

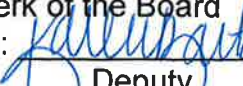
In its short term existence in Riverside County, the SCRAM program has already proven to be very successful in decreasing recidivism for repeat DUI offenders, changing drinking and driving behavior, enhancing public safety, and providing significant cost savings when SCRAM is used in lieu of incarceration.

  
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JEFF STONE  
Supervisor – Third District

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended with Executive Office to report back in two weeks with source of funding.

**Ayes:** Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Date:** November 27, 2012  
**xc:** Supvr. Stone, E.O., COB

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy