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Memo

To: Representative Martha Heath, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations
From: Matt D'Agostino, Financial Director, Department of Corrections
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Subject: Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Questions

Representative Heath,

As a follow up to the Department of Corrections Budget Testimony on February 6, 2014, please find our responses to questions raised by the House Appropriations Committee:

- 1) What other states have implemented the same Offender Management System (OMS) as VT DOC?

A significant number of states have chosen the same system that the Vermont DOC is implementing. While Vermont is the first to use this OMS on a statewide level, a total of 21 other states have been successfully using this system in their county jails, some of which are larger than our entire system. The states currently using this OMS are:

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming

- 2) Rapid Intervention – what is the interaction between current funding of \$114,000 and \$60,000, as well as \$700,000 in additional funding requested?

The Rapid Intervention Community Court (RICC) budget for this project was \$114,000. In FY14, an additional \$60,000 was transferred from Corrections to the State's Attorneys and Sheriffs. This \$174,000 total was used for contracting services and staffing. At this point, Chittenden, Rutland, and Lamoille counties are on line.

The additional \$700,000 will be used for a statewide initiative and will include selecting contractors to plan and implement the expansion of the Rapid Intervention program into other counties. As indicated during the budget testimony, until the Request for Proposal process is completed, it is unknown what the exact costs for these services will be. However, the additional funding/services will not be duplicative of those already existing. Any variances from this project can be identified during the SFY15 budget adjustment process.

- 3) Receipt of the Community High School Annual Report – please let us know if you still have not received these, as they were sent out last week.

We are available for any additional follow-up questions related to the above information. Please contact me at 951-5032 or matt.dagostino@state.vt.us . Thank you.

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