**BJA Policy on Use of Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (HRPDMP) Funding to Support Interstate Data Sharing Activities**

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Supporting data sharing efforts among state Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP) is a critical aspect of the HRPDMP funding program. In order to provide consistency and enable interoperability of information sharing solutions nationwide, BJA, the Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs (ASPMP), and their partners collaborated to establish the Prescription Drug Monitoring Information Exchange (PMIX) Architecture. Requiring conformance to the architecture (and the PMIX Specifications before it) has been a consistent goal of BJA, and will remain so in the future.

Previously, the requirement to conform withthe PMIX Architecture under the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (HRPDMP) limited grantees to use of the RxCheck reference hub implementation for interstate data sharing, meaning that grantees were not able to leverage funds for alternative solutions without risk of violating their grant requirements. At this point in time, BJA has received formal commitment on the part of other hub operators to adhere to the architecture, signaling a shift in allowable uses of funding in accordance with this policy. Based on a commitment from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) to come into compliance with the PMIX Architecture, and in order to facilitate rapid adoption of the architecture on a national basis, BJA will immediately permit HRPDMP grant funding to be utilized for implementation of NABP's PMP Interconnect solution for those states that require it. However, the PMIX Architecture notwithstanding, all HRPDMP grantees are required to meet the individual obligations and requirements set forth within their grant documentation. If a grantee wishes to change the scope, duration, activities, or other significant purpose areas of the grant, BJA must provide prior approval in the form of a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) before such changes can be acted upon. Specific guidance on this issue can be found in the OJP Financial Guide.
(http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/financialguide/PDFs/OCFO_2011FinancialGuide.pdf)

NABP has committed to an implementation plan for the completion of the needed enhancements to PMP Interconnect (PMPi). In August, 2012, BJA anticipates that the IJIS Springboard certification program will be operational, at which time all state PDMP systems and/or hubs can be definitively certified as conformant to the architecture. Upon the implementation of a formal certification process, BJA will compile an authoritative list of PMIX Architecture-conformant hub solutionsto maintain full transparency regarding which solutions conform, and which do not. As appropriate and necessary, BJA will exercise its discretion to update its policy around the acceptable use of HRPDMP grant funds as the PMIX Architecture evolves to meet states' future needs.

If you have any questions about your grant requirements or other questions pertaining to this BJA Policy or the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, please contact Danica Szarvas-Kidd at the Bureau of Justice Assistance at (202) 305-7418 or Danica.Szarvas-Kidd@usdoj.gov.