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State Parole Board Awarded Federal Grant to Combat Opioid Addiction in Ocean County

TRENTON – The State Parole Board along with the New Jersey Reentry Corporation has been awarded a three-year \$600,000 grant from the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance to help combat opioid addiction in Ocean County. This grant will provide opioid-involved New Jersey parolees with services to help manage their underlying addictions. Provided services will include a combination of behavioral therapy and medication assisted treatment (MAT) to divert parolees from relapse and a return to prison.

“We will continue to work with Governor Christie to combat the opioid epidemic in New Jersey. The Parole Board, with the responsibility of supervising released offenders with a history of drug addiction, will continue to provide treatment for those under supervision to avoid relapse and return to prison, while ensuring public safety,” said James Plousis, Chairman, State Parole Board.

The New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC), which has worked with reentry clients in other jurisdictions, will provide a program coordinator and credentialed recovery coaches to support parolees in the program. NJRC will take immediate proactive treatment steps and will facilitate voluntary enrollment in MAT.

The grant team will work closely with the Bureau of Justice Assistance to provide support to parole officers managing cases of newly released Ocean County offenders with recorded substance abuse history, as well as those currently on supervision exhibiting compulsive behaviors indicative of relapse.