

**Information /Action Item**

***CAL-SOAP Advisory Committee***

***CSAC Staff Report***

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Attached is a summary of highlights in the administration of Cal-SOAP. Commission Staff will provide a supplemental oral update to the Committee on activities in Cal-SOAP.

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## **Cal-SOAP UPDATE**

The California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) continues to provide services, including tutoring, academic advising and financial aid information to students and families in 16 regions throughout the state.

### Advisory Committee Meeting dates

The next Cal-SOAP Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2007. Staff may need to schedule an additional meeting before September, depending on state budget decisions regarding funding of the program.

### Project Update

We are closely monitoring the Solano University and Community College Educational Support Services (SUCCESS) Cal-SOAP Consortium which operates in the Dixon/Solano area. The Solano County Office of Education can no longer serve as fiscal agent after the current fiscal year. As a result, the consortium has proposed a new fiscal agent. Staff will follow-up and request documentation that verifies the fiscal and administrative capability of the proposed fiscal agent. SUCCESS is one of the original Cal-SOAP projects and we want to see services continue in its uniquely rural/urban service area. Commission staff will work with the consortium representatives and report back to the CSAC executive director as this process develops.

### Cash for College participation

The San Diego and East Bay Cal-SOAP consortia again served as regional coordinators for the Commission's Cash for College program. Throughout the state, all of the Cal-SOAP consortia have participated in the Cash for College effort. Cal-SOAP projects provide staffing, resources, and training for the Cash for College efforts in their regions.

### Statewide Marketing Plan

As part of the Commission's Statewide Marketing Plan, staff will work with the project directors to develop strategies to enhance the Cal-SOAP name recognition and promote Cal-SOAP services and activities. Through increased partnership with other Commission outreach programs and development of publicity vehicles, the Commission will enhance the cohesion of all its statewide outreach efforts.