

**Status Memo**  
**Report and Plan for Addressing Detoxification Needs**  
**of Substance Users**

February 1, 2008

1. **Drug and Alcohol Services Outpatient Detoxification Pilot Program:** Began January 28, 2008 and will run to June 30, 2008. Funded by Proposition 36 and Drug Court funding and is specific to those client populations. Three detoxification protocols are being implemented:

- Methamphetamine Medical Support
- Alcohol Detoxification Protocols
- Opiate Detoxification Protocols (estimated start date March 1, 2008)

The protocols include medical evaluation, medication management, and daily detoxification support groups (M-F). Medical Director is Dr. Rose Drago of Behavioral Health Services. Nurse Practitioner is Katie Dolezal.

Expected outcomes to be measured during the pilot program are:

- Number of participants (estimated need)
- Types of detoxification (primary drugs of choice)
- Success rate of outpatient detoxification protocols
- Cost of outpatient detoxification per client
- Follow-up rate into treatment

Report on outcomes and results of the Drug and Alcohol Services Outpatient Detoxification Pilot Program will be available in the Fall of 2008.

2. **Private based providers to create social model residential detoxification services:** There are currently four main projects in the works:

- Ocean View Rehabilitation in Morro Bay. Private, for-profit facility available with four beds, one bed for detoxification. Currently open.
- Project Amend in San Luis Obispo for men. Private, non-profit facility in process of licensure and certification. Will have four (4) beds for detoxification and 12 beds for residential treatment. Estimated timeline is 4 – 6 months.
- Good Samaritan, Inc. collaborating with the North County Homeless Services to include a six bed social model detoxification facility as part of the North County Homeless Shelter Campus. Currently fundraising and program planning. Estimated timeline is 2 years.
- New project in Atascadero potential. Private, for-profit, to include detoxification beds and residential treatment, in the permitting process.

3. **Collaborative partnership for social model residential detoxification beds:**

Drug and Alcohol Services has secured a facility through the Housing Authority located in San Luis Obispo. Currently to be used as transitional housing. If operating funding for detoxification staffing becomes available, possible to convert this facility to social model detoxification with four beds.