

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

June 30, 2012

1. **Drug and Alcohol Services Outpatient Detoxification Program:** Began January 28, 2008 and continues to run through June 30, 2012. Funded by Proposition 36, Drug Court, and other County and grant funding. Three detoxification protocols are implemented:
  - Methamphetamine Medical Support
  - Alcohol Detoxification Protocols
  - Opiate Detoxification Protocols

The protocols include medical evaluation, medication management, and daily detoxification support. Medical Director is Dr. Daisy Ilano of Behavioral Health Department. Nurse Practitioner is Katie Dolezal of Drug and Alcohol Services Division.

Clients pay the medication fee for the Opiate Detoxification program, which is \$200 as of July 1, 2012. The medication, Suboxone, is used on an outpatient basis to reduce opiate cravings and assist in the detoxification (see attached flyer).

Expected outcomes to be measured 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

2. **Private based providers to create social model residential detoxification services:** There is one potential project in the works:
  - North County Detoxification: A combined effort with ECHO and others to bring a detoxification center to the County.

Outpatient Detoxification Statistics:

January 2008 – June 30, 2009

Total number of detoxifications started	71
Total number of unduplicated individuals (10 were repeats)	61
Percentage of client successfully completed detoxification and referred to alternative provider or continued in treatment	Not available
Percentage of clients who started detoxification but failed to complete	28%
Percentage of clients medically unable to complete and were referred elsewhere	Not available