

Memorandum

TO: AOD delegates
FROM: John
DATE: February 24, 2011
RE: **Update on research questions**

1. Non-SRC Residential treatment

a. Questions

- (1) How many non-SRC residential beds exist in the County now? Where are these beds? Assuming these beds are currently at full capacity, what would the start-up time be for 12 new beds?
- (2) Assuming these beds are currently at full capacity, what would the start-up time be for 12 new beds?
- (3) What's the estimated cost for these 12 new beds?

b. Answers to date

- (1) Staff called four centers: Nirvana, New Hope, Solidarity, and The Living Center.
- (2) They are still trying to clarify the information we received from the Centers.
- (3) What we think we know:
 - (a) There are at least 70 beds in the County across the four centers.
 - (b) It appears that at least 10 of these beds may be currently available, suggesting that start-up time would be minimal.
 - (c) Center staff contacted were not willing to discuss cost information over the phone.

2. Community-based Intensive Outpatient Services and Day Treatment

a. Questions

- (1) What are the requirements for certification?
- (2) What's the timeframe for certification?
- (3) What are the advantages of certification? Put differently, what can certified programs do that non-certified programs cannot do?

b. Answers

- (1) First it's important to distinguish between staff certification and site certification.
- (2) Only certified **staff members** (or staff who are in the process of being certified) can provide Alcohol and Other Drug **treatment**—outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment, day treatment, etc.
- (3) Certified staff members can provide treatment services in sites that are not certified.
- (4) If a site is certified, the program can bill for Drug Medi-Cal funds. Non-certified sites cannot bill for Drug Medi-Cal funds.
- (5) There are multiple programs that provide staff member certification.
- (6) More details about staff and site certification can be found at:
<http://adp.ca.gov/Licensing/index.shtml>