

**Provider Meeting
August 5, 2009**

Meeting Highlights

Treatment Provider Plans

There are four components of the NiaTx Plan and Betty asked providers on Dennis' behalf to submit their plans on all four. Plans do not need to be lengthy. We are requesting that providers make sure they remain respectful to each other's program, especially when dollars are getting smaller. Contact Substance Abuse Services if having problems facilitating transfer of clients.

Also, the Board of Supervisors is not allowing auto renewals of contracts but will expect an outcome report before renewing a contract 90 days before contract expires.

Automated Billing

Testing has been going well. Tower was the test program and billing has been working very well. We are asking providers to not bill until August 10th which is the scheduled live date, but may need to test further before the live date. Steve Hirasuna gave some feedback and stated that they had been testing for 5 months and the only problem they encountered was generating reports.

Cost Report

Forms went out. If programs have someone different that will be doing the cost report, to contact Jim Irwin to send out. Cost Reports are due back by 8/21/09.