

Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling Treatment Provider Workgroup Update

The Gambling Treatment Provider meetings have been held regularly during COVID-19 by telephone. The providers have been consistently providing treatment, and in the past few months were increasing their face-to-face visits with clients along with offering telehealth by services like ZoomPro or by phone according to the client's needs and abilities. Providers already taking Medicaid clients report the admissions have been down, most likely due to many impacts of the pandemic. One new Medicaid provider, Dr. Rory Reid, will continue to report about the kind of reception his new Medicaid status has in the Henderson area. At this time, he has not yet seen a Medicaid client, and as he commented, the numbers are likely to be few for a time due to marketing efforts and other reasons likely due to COVID-19. While some providers are still having low attendance numbers (in-person or telehealth), some are beginning to see increases back to pre-COVID attendance in the months of September and October. The Provider Meeting will continue monthly as a support for the grantees. It has been beneficial as a forum to review and discuss issues important to the treatment providers.