

Treatment Grantee Meetings Report by Denise Quirk

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A summary of the Gambling Grant Treatment Recipients who meet monthly on Wednesday mornings at 8:00am follows. Noteworthy is that the entire group of treatment providers have worked in concert with Andi Dassoupoulos and her team at UNLV over several meetings to address improvements and updates on the forms used for entering clients into the data entry system. That effort has led to a positive and dynamic set of intake forms which continue to be made better as we all discuss what is wanted and needed. A big thank-you to Andi and her team!

1. RPGC. Our intakes are increasing. We continue to do telehealth and it is received well by those who have travel restrictions. We continue to evaluate people with legal issues and they report gratitude for the support and guidance we offer. Others are returning in-person and glad to have the support. Two outreach meetings have resulted in potential once-a-week groups being held in different agencies to be conducted by RPGC counselors. We hope to increase our reach and referral base this way and it's going well.

2. New Frontier. The pandemic has produced another quarantine due to some residents testing positive and NFTC appropriately has put TV's, DVD players and tablets in each resident's room so they are still able to receive services.

3. Bristlecone. The new leadership at Bristlecone Family Resources come from employees who have worked at BFR for a long time. The Executive Director is now Peter Ott and the Clinical Director is Heather Milligan. Tina Marie Bisiaux has successfully completed her CPGC examinations and is seeing increases in the admissions for gambling at BFR.

4. PGC Las Vegas. The success of the Relapse Prevention Program has expanded to include creation of a casino program where PGC LV is working with industry leaders to bring the two together. July was slow as it has been for all treatment providers over the years, and August and September are showing increases in admissions.

5. MHCC. Treatment and research are going well and treatment intakes are increasing.