

Attachment Five (5)

Committee on Domestic Violence Agenda
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Contents: DV Treatment Efficacy Project



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To: All Nevada Certified Programs for the Treatment of Domestic Violence

From: Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance – Programs for the Treatment of Domestic Violence Certification Unit

Regarding: Domestic Violence Treatment Programs Required to Submit Data to the University of Nevada, Reno, for Efficacy Study of Programs for the Treatment of Domestic Violence

Nevada currently ranks in the top five for domestic violence in regard to reports and female homicide victims by male perpetrators. At present, any provider of services used by Nevada courts to send perpetrators of domestic violence, must be certified by the state of Nevada, however, the tools being disseminated to citizens and the evaluation of such programs is wide ranging and quite disparate. There is currently no systematic evaluation of the curricula or tools being taught or worked with and there is very little evidence of participant outcomes. This presents a problem in that while the state has endorsed and provides certification of these trainings, there is little knowledge about the impact that these programs are having on reducing the rates of intimate partner and family violence in Nevada.

To help address this issue the Division of Public and Behavioral Health's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance has entered into a contractual agreement with the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) to conduct an efficacy study.

Pursuant to NAC 228.198 programs for the treatment of domestic violence must submit to UNR, as the Division's contractor, any data or other information necessary to measure the effectiveness of a program, including, without limitation, social security numbers of offenders who participated in the program, information concerning outcomes for such offenders, dropout rates, reinstatement rates, treatment methods and input from staff and clients.

All data submitted to UNR, including information marked as confidential by the domestic violence treatment program, that is protected as confidential in accordance with Nevada and federal laws and regulations, will only be disclosed in accordance with any applicable Nevada and federal laws and regulations. This does not preclude UNR from publishing data in a study or other format if the data is in aggregate or is otherwise releasable in accordance with Nevada and federal state laws and regulations.

Any personal protected information or information that falls under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act will be collected in a secured manner as determined by UNR.

The lead for this study will be Dr. Pamela B. Payne, Assistant Professor, at UNR. She will be contacting each of your programs in order to gather the necessary data for the efficacy study. Pursuant to NAC 228.198 your program must submit the necessary data requested by Dr. Payne so that she and her team may conduct the program for the treatment of domestic violence efficacy study. If you have any questions regarding the study, you may contact Dr. Payne using the contact information provided below.

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References

NAC 228.198 Methods and measures to evaluate outcomes of program; submission of data and information to Division to measure effectiveness of program. (NRS 439.258) The Division or an independent contractor thereof may require a program to:

1. Use methods and measures prescribed by the Division to evaluate the outcomes of the program; and
2. Submit to the Division or contractor thereof, as part of the annual reports required by [NAC 228.115](#) or at any other time required by the Division or contractor thereof, any data or other information necessary to measure the effectiveness of a program, including, without limitation, social security numbers of offenders who participated in the program, information concerning outcomes for such offenders, dropout rates, reinstatement rates, treatment methods and input from staff and clients.

(Added to NAC by Div. of Pub. & Behavioral Health by R159-17, eff. 8-30-2018)