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Ms. Laughlin,

The 4th Judicial District Court Adult Drug Court Program currently has two (2) participants living at the Lyfe Recovery House at 1683 Winchester Drive, Elko, NV. Our first participant moved into the house on October 19, 2017. We have had a total of three (3) participants live at this residence and two (2) new participants are scheduled to move in Friday, January 12th.

When our new participants are released from jail or discharged from residential treatment, they often find themselves homeless or making the decision to return to the environment that stimulated their use of controlled substances. Vitality Unlimited provides sober living but my understanding is it is only available for clients of Vitality Unlimited. If our participants are released from jail to start the program or receive residential treatment from another facility, they are not eligible for Vitality Unlimited's housing.

We were advised Lyfe Recovery was a sober living residence and were thrilled we were getting one without the restrictions of specific treatment providers. It has since come to our attention that this is not the case and that people who are not in recovery are living in the residence. This is not a deal breaker for the drug court program. Our participants still need a place to live. Of course, we would prefer the residence be sober living with an emphasis on recovery.

Finding a place for our participants to live, especially when they are new to recovery, is very difficult in Elko. The two participants that are going to Lyfe Recovery this Friday are not from Elko and have no family or friends in the area. They have chosen to transfer to Elko in order to distance themselves from the people, places and things that fostered their addiction, which is one of the cornerstones to recovery. Until we have unrestricted, sober, recovery housing options in Elko, we need the people and places in Elko willing to open their doors and accept our participants. We have been thankful for Lyfe Recovery providing an additional option for our participants. We look forward to them fulfilling their original concept of a sober, recovery living residence in Elko in the near future as they have done in Reno, Sparks and Carson City.

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