It was 9:00 a.m. on a recent Saturday morning that I met David Marlon, President of Solutions Recovery, Inc., a drug treatment and rehabilitation center located in Las Vegas. David introduced himself as a Substance Abuse Counselor and requested that my visit to his facility begin with a short drive to drop off one of his clients to a residential treatment apartment nearby. As we drove Mr. Marlon answered phone inquiries about his company’s drug treatment and rehabilitation services and I learned about the various types of services offered by Solutions Recovery, Inc. After my visit I came to the conclusion that Solutions Recovery, Inc. provides services adequate for the treatment and rehabilitation of addicts through their effective use of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria in treating substance abuse individuals, the variety of drug treatment programs and services offered, their ability to offer services at an affordable rate, and a staff highly qualified and compassionate in helping those with substance abuse addictions.

Mr. Marlon explained quickly that there is no fixed treatment for every addict. Instead, when an addict comes to their facility for treatment, the first thing that is used is a set of criteria put forth by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). The criteria is used as a guideline in the treatment of addictive behaviors and “designed to help clinicians and payers use and fund levels of care in a rational and individualized treatment manner (Mee-Lee pg. 1).
Basically, there is no “fixed” program for treatment instead this facility is “assessment based and clinically driven” and once the criteria is used, a method of treatment is then determined (Mee-Lee pg. 1). This explains why there are a variety of services offered at this facility.

Solutions Recovery, Inc. offers many services in dealing with addictive behaviors. Mr. Marlon explained that a main focus of their center deals with Cognitive Behavior Treatment and licensed Cognitive Behavior Therapists qualified to treat addictive behaviors are employed at the facility. In addition, this facility offers the following programs: residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, chronic pain management, medication assisted treatment, and rapid opiate detox. They also have transitional housing for recovering addicts in various apartment facilities nearby. Another method of treatment explained by Mr. Marlon was “motivational interviewing” which is used with individuals ambivalent about changing their addictive behaviors. This type of therapy was covered in our textbook as motivational enhancement therapy and the “idea is that targeting the abuser’s degree of motivation to quit substance use could enhance the effectiveness of treatment (Hart pg. 432).” In addition, Solutions Recovery, Inc. believes addiction is a family problem and feels it necessary to treat the whole family when at all possible so they offer family counseling sessions in addition to individual counseling sessions. According to a study commissioned by the U.S. General Accounting Services (GAO), “drug treatment programs consistently show that they are beneficial in reducing drug use and crime rates (Lillie-Blanton pg. 9).” Although many addicts are often thought of leaving a rehabilitation facility before finishing treatment, it is wonderful to know that some progress is made in lowering many addicts use of drugs and rate of crimes.
It is interesting to note that Solutions Recovery, Inc. offers treatment that is covered by most insurance plans. Mr. Marlon informed me that a counseling session costs approximately $100.00 and an eight week treatment would cost about $2400.00. Many of their services can be done through out-patient services but a lot this depends on the motivational level of the addict.

Employees are highly qualified to treat patients at this facility. All their employees are licensed by a state run program for drug treatment counselors. Mr. Marlon pointed out that all of their substance abuse counselors have their master’s degree. As I watched the interaction between Mr. Marlon and Albert (a patient at the facility), I could tell that he was very passionate about his work and treated Albert in a compassionate manner. Mr. Marlon came off very genuine and caring about Albert’s progress in the program.

In conclusion, Solutions Recovery, Inc. offers an effective drug abuse treatment program to treat various addictions at different levels of treatment. This facility utilities ASAM’s criteria to determine treatment, offers various services to deal with many types of addiction, is covered by almost all insurance plans and employs highly qualified and compassionate individuals. If I or one of my family members ever needed treatment to deal with addictive behaviors, I would feel very comfortable utilizing the treatment offered by this facility.
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