

Problem Gambling Services Critical Program Updates

June 2011

*This is our primary communication tool to provide state-funded Program Gambling Services providers with **Critical Program Updates**. Please take time to ensure that you are up to date on clarifications and changes to our system that will appear here.*

Interim Manager's Message

Funding Updates

Allocation notices have gone out to state-funded prevention and treatment providers. They were sent by email to program managers so if you want more information, please check with your program manager.

Prevention Implementation Plans due by June 30!

Notices have gone out about implementation plans—if you are a state-funded **prevention** provider and missed the notice or need a blank template form please email wendy.hausotter@state.or.us. Some things you might want to consider adding to your plan:

- Improving your pg web presence
- Infusing problem gambling into existing prevention efforts
- Working with a new or different target group...like workplace, for example—cool free materials are available at <http://www.problemgamblingprevention.org/workplace.htm>
- Sharing your county's student wellness survey data on problem gambling with community members, professional colleagues, etc.

Outreach Billing Codes

Now's the time to use up unspent funds on increased client-finding outreach—before June 30. If you aren't sure what's covered, go to <http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/addiction/gambling.shtml> (scroll down to Service Elements/Oregon Admin. Rules and click on “Client Finding Outreach Billing Guidelines SE 81”). You can bill for clinician time spent on a variety of client-finding outreach activities at the same hourly rate as treatment provision, within the guidelines provided. You can also use the funds to pay for media air time if the message is specific to treatment.

Conference Feedback

For those of you who attended the May conference in Salem, it's not too late to give us feedback—go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/876BWBY> and answer the very brief questions....many thanks! Also, the conference powerpoints are available at: <http://www.problemgamblingprevention.org/2011-spring-conference.htm> .

NIATx Pilot Project

We are looking for a problem gambling program to participate in our NIATx pilot project. The goals of the project are to reduce paperwork and increase enrollments. Cascadia BHC in Multnomah County participated in the first round of the pilot and reduced paperwork by over 50 percent and significantly decreased wait time between first and second appointment. If you are interested in participating in this exciting opportunity or would like more information, please contact Jackie Fabrick at Jackie.fabrick@state.or.us

Upcoming CEU Opportunities

NW Institute of Addiction Studies includes two problem gambling workshops

For conference details and registration information go to: www.nwias.com

July 21 Working with Problem Gamblers and Their Loved Ones

Pathological gamblers affect the lives of at least 8-10 other people. Involving a significant other in the treatment of a problem/pathological gambler significantly increases treatment success rates and retention (Ingle et al., 2008). Addiction and social service agencies are faced with the necessity of providing services to systems of people affected by problem gambling regardless of their understanding and training in problem gambling. This interactive workshop is designed to offer social service professionals an opportunity to become educated about the social effects of problem gambling on individuals, with a specific emphasis on families and support systems, offering practical tools, skills and interventions. Presenter: Oblio Stroyman, M.Ed., MFT

July 22 High On Anticipation: Neuro-Economics and the Gambler's Brain

What does money mean to us as meaning-making creatures? How does money become fuel for addictive behavior? Why do compulsive gamblers choose to lose? In addition to answering these questions – and through presentation and experiential approaches - this workshop explores our relationship with money, how neuro-economics is helping to explain thinking and behavior patterns, and how we can use this knowledge to understand and treat compulsive gamblers and other behavioral addictions. Presenters: Mark Douglass MA, CGAC-II, CADC-I and Joe Reisman LPC, NCGC-II/BACC, CADC-I.

JULY 13 1-3 pm PGS Webinar: Suicide (2CEU)

Question, Persuade, Refer, or QPR is a three-step program to learn to recognize the warning signs of suicide, and how to question, persuade and refer an individual. The training will look at our own emotional reactions to suicide, warning signs and how to ask about suicidality. Through this webinar, you will be trained for certification in QPR. **Registration info will be sent out early in July so for now mark your calendar if you are interested in participating.**

Residential Program Update

Bridgeway Recovery Services will have openings over the next few weeks. Please contact Ryan LaCasse: phone (503)540-5579 or email rlacasse@bridgewayrecovery.com for referral packet and further information regarding residential placement.

Bridgeway Recovery Services Residential Problem Gambling Program is interested in meeting with outpatient providers to identify areas, which we as a system, can increase continuity of care. This would be the first of a series of meetings to better serve Oregon residents. If you would like to participate please email rhatchell@bridgewayrecovery.com.

Problem Gambling Job Opportunities

Bridgeway Recovery Services of Salem is hiring a full time Problem Gambling Counselor for their Outpatient Problem Gambling program. For more information, position description, benefit/salary information, and how to apply please visit Bridgeway's website at www.bridgewayrecovery.com. If you have any questions regarding this opening, please contact Anna Cimaglio, HR Director via e-mail at acimaglio@bridgewayrecovery.com or phone at (503) 540-5558.

The **Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling** in Olympia, WA has an opening for a Community Outreach and Education Specialist. More information is available at <http://www.evergreencpg.org/pages/about-ecpg/job-and-volunteer-opportunities.php> and deadline for application is July 1. Pay is in the 32-39K range.

Recommended Resource

Harvard Medical School's Division on Addictions publishes a FREE and informative newsletter featuring the latest on problem gambling research--it's called The WAGER--check out the current issue by going to this website: http://www.basisonline.org/the_wager/. You can click on the subscribe button if you'd like to receive the newsletter regularly.

Problem Gambling Services StaffHelpline website: 1877mylimit.org**DHS Problem Gambling Services web site:
<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/gambling.shtml>**

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