

Problem Gambling Services Critical Program Updates

July 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

Good news for the start of the fiscal year

Starting the new fiscal year off right, the previously posted **PG Manager position has now been re-posted and will close on July 14**. The position has been recategorized as a Program Analyst, rather than manager, due to changes brought about during this past legislative session. The Problem Gambling unit will continue to work as a cohesive group, with the new Program Analyst as the key person, under the direction of Karen Wheeler, AMH Addiction Programs Administrator. We will keep you posted as the hiring process proceeds. The announcement and job description are attached along with instructions on how to apply.

Problem Gambling Prevention Annual Reports

It's almost time to take a look back at and report on your problem gambling prevention efforts this past year. If you receive AD 80 (pg prevention) funds, you'll soon receive a blank template report to fill out and return by August 31, 2011. The form is being reviewed and streamlined, so you should receive it by mid-July. It will be sent to the pg prevention coordinator of record and to the overall program manager. Thanks for your cooperation in completing these forms--we review them every year for the statewide annual report and for overall program planning purposes, so they are useful!

HIPAA Compliance Study

Tom Moore of Herbert & Louis, our data collection/analysis contractor, has just completed a study on the degree to which our data submission is HIPAA compliant. There are several different ways in which programs provide data to Tom, and the good news is that most programs are HIPAA compliant. However, there are some that are not, so in the next couple of weeks we will be contacting the Managers of programs whose compliance is in need of improvement to offer suggestions and work out a plan for compliance. We will also be sending out some overall guidelines and reminders to all programs in the coming weeks--we thank you for your efforts in this regard.



Outreach Billing Code Update

The Outreach Billing Codes allow problem gambling counselors to bill for client finding outreach: <http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/addiction/gambling/2009/outreach-guidelines.pdf>. Clinicians are reimbursed at the same hourly rate as for an hour of individual counseling. Jackie and Wendy have been providing trainings on the Outreach Billing Codes. If you are interested in training or have any questions about using the codes, please contact Jackie.

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO GPMS CODES:

In order to track clients coming in to treatment as a result of your outreach efforts, please use code “OR” for *referral directly attributed to outreach activity by the provider* on the GPMS Enrollment Form for Access Source in Box 2.

Helpline Update

The Helpline is **reinstating the GEAR program**. For those of you new to the gambling field the GEAR program is a phone counseling program for folks who cannot or will not enter traditional treatment services. GEAR stands for Gambling Evaluation and Reduction Program. It is a program designed for brief intervention, 4-6 weeks of individual weekly phone counseling sessions and a workbook for the clients to work through. Due to our budget cuts last year the Helpline had to suspend the GEAR program and this year we are happy to be able to reinstate it. We have hired Jayson Peterson a MFCC graduate from the University of Oregon for the position of GEAR counselor. We are planning to start the program the week of July 11th.

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.

Exciting news from the Crisis Resolution Center!

We are once again able to admit individuals from your programs that are in need of crisis stabilization. The CRC is a 24/7 secure, short-term, crisis stabilization program. We have a multi-disciplinary team that consists of psychiatry, nursing, qualified mental health professionals, qualified mental health associates, CGAC and CADC certified staff. The CRC is able to provide biopsychosocial assessments and offer individuals psychiatric consults that may include medication management.

For further information on our program and the referral process please contact us at 541-472-9983 jlinck@optionsonline.org or mjorgenson@optionsonline.org

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

Meetings and Trainings

- **August 11 from 9 – 10:30 am PGS All Provider Quarterly Meeting** webinar—watch for registration emails later this month—you will need to sign up ahead of time to participate since this is a webinar and not a gotomeeting.
- **August 23 from 1- 2 pm Problem Gambling Treatment “101” What Counselors And Others Need to Know** Here is an opportunity to invite your colleagues who need to know more about problem gambling to join us for an overview of problem gambling and how it can be treated successfully. More details will follow early in August, but you might share the date and time you’re your colleagues now and then share the registration announcement, once it comes out. We did this once before and it was very helpful to those who participated—the more your colleagues know about this issue, the better able they will be to help identify and refer clients. A similar webinar on problem gambling prevention is scheduled in September and will be covered in the next PG newsletter.

The overall meeting and training schedule is posted at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/addiction/gambling.shtml#schedule>

New study on parental attitudes towards youth gambling

A Canadian study on whether parents are concerned about youth gambling reveals similar findings to our own here in Oregon--too many parents don't see gambling as a risky behavior for youth. The report can be found at: <http://www.responsiblegambling.org/articles/June%2024.pdf>. This is another reason why sharing the gambling statistics from the latest Oregon Student Wellness Survey is so important--there is compelling evidence in those data that parents need to pay attention to this issue. If you don't already have them, you can request copies of the powerpoint slides which illustrate the rates and risks of youth gambling by emailing wendy.hausotter@state.or.us.

Oregon Problem Gambling Prevention Coordinator’s Website is a GREAT Resource: check it out at www.problemgamblingprevention.org.

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

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