

Problem Gambling Services Critical Program Updates

September 2011

Interim Managers Report

REMINDER: our next All-Provider Quarterly GoToMeeting/Webinar is scheduled for **Sept 22** from 9 – 10 am. The meeting registration will be sent out mid-September via email, so watch for it and be sure to register if you plan to participate.

State Economic Forecast

As you may have heard, the latest State economic forecast came out recently and showed the Lottery revenues are not expected to be quite as high as the previous forecast indicated. The good news is that, since the Legislature changed our allocation to a flat amount for this biennium, our funds should not be impacted. The contracts that are now in place should be able to remain intact, barring any unforeseen additional circumstances.

Health Systems Transformation Update

As you know if you read the last newsletter, Problem Gambling and all other services are involved in a massive health care systems change project. We have representation at all levels in the process, and much work is being done very quickly. The best way to keep up with these efforts is to go to this website: <http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/mentalhealth/system-change/index.shtml>

Outreach Billing Reminder

As you use your outreach billing codes, please remember that billings should be submitted in 15 minute units. If you have any questions about outreach billing, please contact Jackie at jackie.fabrick@state.or.us.

Semi-Annual Quality Improvement Reports

The Semi-Annual Quality Improvement Reports are sent to your program twice a year. The reports provide a summary of contractual and non-contractual performance measures for your agency. The Semi-Annual Quality Improvement Reports are a great asset to your programs and should be used in your agencies Quality Improvement process. The reports will be sent to clinical directors and/or program managers within the next two weeks. If you have any questions about your programs performance or are interested in how to improve in contractual areas, please contact Jackie at jackie.fabrick@state.or.us.

Prevention Updates

- Problem gambling **prevention (AD 80) annual reports** were due 8/31: Most of you have sent your reports in, and thanks for that. If you haven't submitted a report we will be contacting you via email. If you need an extension of time please let us know—email wendy.hausotter@state.or.us. In the next newsletter we will summarize some of the major

accomplishments and challenges faced by those of you doing problem gambling prevention— thanks for all of the great work you are doing!

- **2012 Art search flyers** were distributed and a copy is also attached to this email. We look forward each year to the great art that is submitted! If you need any help with this please contact wendy.hausotter@state.or.us. It's a great way to get a foot in the door with middle school aged kids!
- **2012 problem gambling awareness calendar** is in production – speaking of the art search, next year's calendar is well underway and looking good! You'll receive a shipment of them in November, so plan now to include their dissemination in your activities before the end of the year!
- Note from Julie Hynes, Lane County Problem Gambling Prevention: Problem Gamblers Awareness Day is a one-day annual event started by Lane County resident Ronda Hatefi in honor of her brother, a problem gambler who committed suicide in 1995. This year it will be held at 10:00 am on September 29 in Salem on the Capitol steps. Any and all are welcome to attend. More information about Problem Gamblers Awareness Day is available at www.preventionlane.org/gambling/pgad.htm.

Upcoming meetings and trainings

Financial training, September 21 from 1pm to 3pm with Joe Reisman - This introductory training is offered to present the "basics" of financial counseling with problem gamblers and their significant others: immediate actions to take when the gambler enters treatment, the gambler's relationship with money, utilizing financial goals in the treatment plan, conducting a basic financial session, and some thoughts on the psychological aspects of money. **Registration information will be emailed soon.**

Problem Gambling Counselor Precertification Class: Lewis and Clark College's only offering of this course for this year will be start on Saturday, October 8 and end on Saturday, December 10. This is a hybrid course meets from 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m with eight modules to be completed online between the two classroom sessions. For more information or to register, go to: <http://graduate.lclark.edu/live/news/3131-gambling-specialist-precertification>

Coming in Spring 2012: Advanced Problem Gambling Counselor Class: We are working on a more advanced course for problem gambling counselors. A survey monkey will be emailed to all problem gambling program managers and clinical supervisors to assess the advanced training needs of counselors in the field. The results of the survey will help inform the content of the course. Please be on the lookout for the survey.

Important PG Conference item: we need your input by 9/15!

The Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling in Washington has approached us again about the possibility of collaborating on a regional PG conference. As you may remember, we participated in a joint conference a couple of years ago in Vancouver, WA. They are looking at an April 26 and 27 conference, also in Vancouver (the following year they would locate the conference in OR, probably in Portland.) with an Oregon breakfast get together on the early morning of the 26th. If we collaborated on the April event, it would be in lieu of the May conference we currently have on our PG calendar. There are pros and cons to this idea and we are completely neutral on it, so we need your input. **Please respond to these two questions ASAP and no later than Sept 15 by sending a email to wendy.hausotter@state.or.us):**

1. Are you interested in a joint WA/OR conference or do you prefer an OR only event?
2. Are there any travel restrictions for you...i.e. can you travel to Vancouver, WA?
3. This option would provide more speakers but would probably cost an additional \$70-100 over what it would cost for an Oregon-only event...is that affordable?

Recommended Resources

Gambling and the Brain: this report provides an interesting overview of what’s known about gambling and the brain based on current research. The report was compiled and published by the National Center for Responsible Gaming. A pdf version is attached to this email and the report can also be downloaded for free from the NCRG website:

<http://www.ncrg.org/assets/files/monographs/NCRGMonograph6final.PDF>

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Staff changes? Please notify **Patricia** ASAP so we can keep our records current!

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