

Problem Gambling Services (PGS) Meeting

February 10, 2006

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Salem

Attendees: Sandra Assasnik, Marion County; Matt Azar, Clackamas County M.H.; Arella Brooks, Mid-Columbia; Andy Cartmill, Washington County; Scott Christie, Columbia Comm. M.H.; Greta Coe, OMHAS; Fred Doolin, Deschutes County; Arlenia Elmore-Jeggli, OMHAS; Hubert Evens, Lifeworks NW PCR; Dave Fenner, ADAPT; Byron Fujita; Victor Harwood, Lifeways; Wendy Hausotter, OMHAS; Marilyn Heins, Lincoln County; Stephanie House, Linn/Benton County; Julie Hynes, Lane County; Dick Johnson, Cascadia BHC; Marilane Jorgenson; Joesphine County; Kent Kanipe, Kanipe Counseling; Delese Kendrick, Center for Living; Susan Klein, Polk County; Jeff Marotta, OMHAS; Marlee Martin, Tillamook County; Tom Moore, Herbert & Louis; Ruben Mosqueda, Mid-Columbia; Marcy Nichols, Linn/Benton County; Joe Reisman, Lifeworks NW; Karen Rutherford, Polk County; Wanda Scott, Clackamas County C.H.; Dan Strasser, ADAPT; Michele Tantriella-Modell, Emergence; Peter Walsh, Cascadia BHC.

Introductions

Jeff Marotta opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

Announcements & In the News

New lottery materials are in; new brochures and posters from the young adult & women campaign are now available from the resource center. Business cards with the helpline number will be available 3/1. Additionally, there will be new plastic display cases available after 3/1/06. Attached is the order form to request the fore mentioned problem gambling materials.

Washington State tried to raise the legal age limit of gambling to 21, however it does not appear to have the needed support to pass.

There will be new treatment locations opening in the Central Oregon region. Satellite offices are tentatively scheduled to open in Madras May 1st and Prineville May 5th.

Featured Research

This is a new addition to the meeting. There will be information accompanying the minutes that reflect this section of each meeting.

Nalmefene (a new drug) is in a 16-week trial study in Portland. For more information on the drug trial call 503-276-6224 or for more information on research related to the use of Nalmefene to treat pathological gambling go to: http://www.basisonline.org/backissues/2006/vol11pdf/wager11_01.pdf

Manager's Update

Jeff offers kudos to his staff, and welcomes Wendy Hausotter back to OMHAS Problem Gambling Services.

We are getting close to hiring a candidate for the new Gambling Treatment Coordinator position, and should have that position filled by the beginning of April.

Committee Reports

Prevention: Andy Cartmill

- Oregon Problem Gambling Advisory Committee is official; Andy distributed by-laws and invited anyone interested to join the group.
- A statewide press release regarding the poster contest will be released around OPGAW.

Policy: Jeff Marotta

Refer to subcommittee minutes.

Certification: Dick Johnson

- At the last meeting there were discussions about the difference between CGACI & CGACII, also what it takes to get certified. The main difference between I & II is the education requirements. Also, there is some discussion about adding supervisory time for certification.

Workforce Development

Wendy Hausotter asked for everyone to fill out a needs assessment survey. Please fill it out and fax (503-378-8467) or email (wendy.hausotter@state.or.us) it back by February 28th. Wendy will form the workforce development plan around survey responses.

Tom Ten Eyck announced a 30-hour basic gambling counselor class at Lewis & Clark College; there are 25 spots available. This is a great course for counseling professionals interested in getting certified as a problem gambling counselor. If you are interested in more information about this class go to www.lclark.edu/dept/ccps class title *Problem Gambling Counseling for the 21st Century* or phone continuing education at Lewis & Clark College at 503-768-6040.

The deadline for the Medford Conference is February 17th. Bend has been chosen for the October 5-6th 2006 fall training (at The Riverhouse Hotel).

We are starting a college problem gambling awareness program. Greta and Wendy are working on ideas on how we can get into colleges and different tools we could provide them to help raise awareness in colleges to the problems of gambling. A draft of the plan will be sent to everyone on the OPGS email group list with a request for feedback.

FIELD REPORTS

Helpline: Michele Tantriella-Modell

The volume of calls to the Helpline is remaining stable. There has not been the usual spike in calls as a result of the new lottery ads.

If you are treatment counselor or administrator then be sure to verify your #'s for the helpline and to provide the helpline with any changes in contact information.

Herbert & Louis: Tom Moore

Report cards are coming out very soon; they are distributed every 6 months. If anyone wants their data electronically let Tom know. Tom needs cooperation from programs in timely and accurate reporting in order for the report cards to correctly reflect program performance.

Notes from Jeff Marotta -- report cards are used to check a program's compliance to contractual performance standards. If a report card indicates "less than average" performance on any measure then an improvement plan is required. Not providing an improvement plan within 60 days of notification of not meeting a performance standard is a contract violation that could result in a loss of funding.

Foundation: Tom Moore

Award nominations were due weeks ago.

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, April 7, 2006

9:00 – 10:00 am Subcommittee meetings

10:00 – 11:30 am PGS meeting

11:30 – 12:30 pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 – 3:30 pm CEU opportunity

Location: North Salem CHS, 3420 Cherry Avenue NE, Suite 110, Salem. **Enter through the meeting room door**, located on the end of the building closest to the driveway. **Please do not use the parking spaces in the first two rows near the building - they are reserved for clients.**

- Coming from the north take Salem Parkway Exit 260A off I-5. Follow the Parkway to Cherry Avenue (second signal) and turn right onto Cherry Avenue. Take the first driveway on the right; first building in on the left.
- Coming from the south take the Chemawa Road/Keizer Exit 260. Turn left at signal. Turn left at the next signal and merge **right** onto the Salem Parkway. Follow the Parkway to Cherry Avenue (second signal) and turn right onto Cherry Avenue. Take the first driveway on the right; first building on the left.

PGS POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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Introductions and Announcements

Introductions – no announcements

Update

Policy Initiatives are still under review.

DHS Problem Gambling Services Budget

The budget is 9.3 million for the biennium. Data from the first 5 months of the biennium is showing that there has not been an increase in treatment even though more funds are available. Jeff asked program representatives to comment and several committee members reported that their growth had been flat but has picked-up recently. It has taken some time for programs to gear up and some are still in need of bringing in more counselors. Jeff reminded program administrators that if there is a demonstrated need to increase program staffing levels then a special funding request can be made. Jeff can add funds to a programs budget but the program will have to bill up to the allocation or unused monies will be re-collected at the end of the biennium. Jeff will be talking to directors about how to request more funds.

If treatment encounter billing does not increase above the projected 15% growth rate by May then funds allocated for treatment will be transferred into programs to support problem gambling prevention for the 2006-07 fiscal year. Wendy Hausotter will be working with counties on this project.

Workforce Development Plan

Wendy will be working to greatly expand the workforce development plan. She is looking to contact counties to get feedback as to what they are looking for from the state regarding any help we can offer.

We are working on a college awareness program. We are hoping to work with a few colleges to help create increased awareness of the risks associated with excessive gambling.

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