

Gambling Addiction Treatment (GAT) MEETING

December 2, 2005

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Salem

Attendees: Kristin Bezdek, KADA/Klamath County; Andy Cartmill, Washington County; Amber Chytka, Polk County; Greta Coe, OMHAS; Fred Doolin, Deschutes County; Arlenia Elmore-Jeggli, OMHAS; Ron Fisher, OMHAS; Byron Fujita; Marilyn Heins, Lincoln County; Julie Hynes, Lane County; Dick Johnson, Cascadia BHC; Kent Kanipe, Kanipe Counseling; Delese Kendrick, Center for Living; Bonnie Knapp, Cascadia BHC; Thad Labhart, Harney Behavioral Health; Yvonne Lawver, Marion County; Jeff Marotta, OMHAS; Marlee Martin, Tillamook County; Tom Moore, Herbert & Louis; Jeff Peters, Washington County; Karen Rutherford, Polk County; Barbara Slott, CCMH; Dan Strasser, ADAPT; Michele Tantriella-Modell, Emergence; Hon Hu; Marcy Nichols, Linn-Benton County; Dave Fenner, ADAPT; Stephanie House, Linn-Benton County; Wanda Scott, Clackamas County; Herman Bryant, Lifeworks.

Introductions

Jeff Marotta opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

Announcements & In the News

- Tillamook County now has 2 GA meetings.
- Marcy Nichols is the new counselor for the Linn-Benton Region.
- Deschutes County now has GA meetings.
- GEAR started services at Columbia River Correctional Facility
- Bridgeway Cascadia won the bid for the Residential Gambling Treatment Program, which will open early February.

Manager's Update

Legislative/Budget Update

No new changes. Jeff reminded county administrators that they can access increased funding for prevention & treatment enhancement projects with revised implementation plans.

Additional DHS Gambling Unit Staff

OMHAS completed interviews for a Public Health and Gambling Coordinator who will focus on prevention and workforce development efforts. Interviews for a Gambling Treatment Technician will take place mid-December. This new position

will focus on site audits and technical assistance. We hope to have both positions filled by the 2nd week in January.

Workforce Development

The next Advanced Clinical Training is scheduled for March 2-3, 2006 in Grants Pass or Medford OR. Dr. Jason Luoma is in essence auditioning to be the presenter for the Spring 2-day training by offering this afternoon's 2-hour training. If today's participants positively evaluate the training and recommend a 2-day expanded training then Dr. Luoma will be invited to be our presenter. He will be speaking on using counseling techniques based on acceptance, mindfulness, and values.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prevention: Andy Cartmill

- The prevention committee recently started using a new survey designed to collect information from kids about their gambling behaviors, attitudes, and beliefs. Some of the early information gathered is surprising some is not. For example, fewer kids reported purchasing lottery tickets from vending machines than was suspected.
- The committee is working on by-laws for the committee.
- In a month the committee will be meeting with a teacher who has an interest in gambling issues. The group will discuss ideas on how to incorporate a discussion of gambling issues into school classrooms and review gambling issues curriculum that has been developed for classroom use.
- OPGAW is coming up the week of March 6-12, 2006 and the 2006 OPGAW resource packet is done, and is exceptional (thank you Julie Hynes for all your hard work). There is a new section on poker and kids. There is also county specific information on how much is spent for lottery products.
- Posters have been printed from the winners of the 2005 poster contest. We are starting a fund to help purchase prizes for the winners of the 2006 contest.

Policy: Jeff Marotta

Refer to subcommittee minutes.

Certification: Dick Johnson

- The OMHAS Gambling Unit established a contract with ACCBO to subsidize the operational costs for administering a gambling addiction certification process and to support improved ACCBO services to counselors interested in gaining certification as a gambling addiction counselor.

- ACCBO is striving to increase the number of Oregon counselors who are certified as gambling treatment specialists.
- Contact Dick Johnson with ACCBO Gambling Certification questions at Richard_Johnson@accbo.com
- ACCBO is looking for volunteers for the Certification Board Committee. Interested person were encouraged to contact Dick.

FIELD REPORTS

Helpline: Michele Tantriella-Modell

The Helpline received 370 calls in August, 473 in September, 487 in October, and 456 in November. They are not seeing a significant jump in the # of calls as a result of the new lottery ad targeting young-adults compared to the spike in call volume that resulted from the first airing of the women's targeted ad.

Herbert & Louis: Tom Moore

Some people have been wondering where their reports are, they have not been done yet, because of a delay in executing a new State contract. Tom has been working out of dedication to the gambling program as for the past 5 months he has not received a check from the State. Once reports start back, please be sure to review them and use them as a tool that can help you focus your efforts.

Foundation: Tom Moore

There is a new prevalence study to be released in January.

Lottery: Jeff Marotta

Showed the new lottery ads.

- “Normal” – Focuses on getting women into treatment.
- “Big” –Sends message to keep gambling in perspective and set limits.
- “Safety” – Focuses on taking precautions to keep you safe while gambling.
- “Paint” – Focuses on the younger population (21-35) who are either problem gamblers or affected by problem gambling; how gambling impacts friends, and significant others.

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, February 10, 2006

9:00 – 10:00 am Subcommittee meetings

10:00 – 12:00 am GAT meeting

12:00 – 1:00 pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 – 3:30 pm Tentative 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.

GAT POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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Introductions and Announcements

Introductions – no announcements

Policy Initiatives

This group previously discussed Policy Initiatives (policy package). Jeff explained how policy initiatives work through OMHAS – (Work Group, DHS Cabinet, it is decided which initiatives to move forward, Governor's Office). We generally start with a few hundred and end with less than 10. We are currently at the beginning of the process for these initiatives.

Concept #1 – Stabilizes lottery funds. This concept will clarify that the 1% is to go to prevention. As it is now it is very ambiguous. Adding new verbiage will make it more restrictive that the money for gambling prevention.

Concept #2 – Imposes age restrictions on social gaming. This will have an effect on communities and their social gaming age restrictions. Some places already have restrictions or guidelines for age on gaming.

Concept #3 – Balanced Gambling Policy. This changes verbiage relating harm of gambling to public.

Concept #4 – Use of Lottery Funds. When things are sent forward they are often abbreviated, therefore removing some important information, this adds back some valid points and ideas. Also, need to change gambling addiction to problem gambling.

All of these revisions make no changes to plans or policy, they clarify the language and add back missing points and ideas.

Workforce Development Plan

We will be working on our workforce development plan because when new staff joins OMHAS there will likely be changes in the plan.

Strategic Planning

OMHAS Problem Gambling Unit has been interviewing for additional staff: public health coordinator who will focus on problem gambling prevention and policy efforts. We will be interviewing next week for gambling treatment technician (RAD) who will focus on site audits and technical assistance. We hope to have both positions offered by the 2nd week in January.

Dick Johnson with Cascadia spoke about ACCBO and how they will be affecting gambling, some of the differences in CADCI vs CADCI, and CGACI (entry level) vs CGACII (more advanced). Dick will be gathering information together for what the requirements for CDACs and the CGACs, and will be bring that information to our next meeting.

Giving kudos to Tom Moore of Herbert & Louis. Thank you Tom for your dedication to the gambling department and continuation of providing data to county programs even when your contract is not in effect yet. There have been some hoops to get through with Tom's contract. His willingness to work for free to provide us with much needed information speaks to his kindness and dedication to the program. Thanks again Tom.

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