

Gambling Addiction Treatment (GAT) MEETING

July 8, 2005

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Salem

Attendees: Kristin Bezdek, KADA; Andy Cartmill, Washington County; Amber Chytka, Polk County; Greta Coe, OMHAS; Jeanne Cory, Washington County; Fred Doolin, Deschutes County; Julie Earnest, OMHAS; Hubert Evans, LifeWorks NW; Ron Fisher, OMHAS; Byron Fujita, Clackamas County and Bridgeway; Jennifer Gustafson, Josephine County; Victor Harwood, Lifeways; Marilyn Heins, Lincoln County; Virginia Howard, OHSU; Ray Hughey, Linn-Benton County; Julie Hynes, Lane County; Dick Johnson, Cascadia BHC; Roxann Jones, Jackson County; Delese Kendrick, Center for Living; Thad Labhart, Harney Behavioral Health; Yvonne Lawver, Marion County; Jeff Marotta, OMHAS; Marlee Martin, Tillamook County; Tom Moore, Herbert & Louis; John Pearson, Multnomah County; Jeff Peters, Washington County; Karen Rutherford, Polk County; Michele Tantriella-Modell, Emergence; Peter Walsh, Cascadia BHC; Sharon Williams, Cascadia BHC.

Introductions

Jeff Marotta opened the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

Announcements & In the News

- Vic Harwood is now working in Malheur County for Lifeways and providing services in Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler counties.
- Thad Labhart is working for Harney Behavioral Health and providing services in Grant, Harney and Lake counties.
- Proposed expansion of GEAR program in Powder River, Snake River and Columbia River Correctional facilities. The Department of Corrections plans to add gambling questions to their central intake document.
- Jeff reviewed media stories on gambling from the last two months and reviewed proposed legislation this session. Few pieces of gambling legislation passed and most appear dead. One that has momentum is HB2671 which increases VLT terminals at race meet premises to 30.
- The casino planned for the Columbia Gorge has been delayed due to requirement that land be part of Warm Springs tribal land.

Manager's Update

Budget

The budget is looking good – the DHS “reshoot” indicates 9.3 m for problem gambling services. We reviewed the concepts discussed and supported by the advisory committee to utilize additional funds:

- Increase reimbursement rate to match MH rates, 7-8% increase.
- Increase flex funds by 30%
- Increase funding for Corrections GEAR program to expand into male prisons
- Double capacity for the crisis/respice program
- Increase frequency of quality improvement reports
- Increase funding for workforce development – possibly outsource
- Expand treatment options to include inpatient care

Allotments are based on standardized projections; counties can request a change after we have a final budget and adjustments can be implemented.

OMHAS Problem Gambling unit plans to add additional staff this biennium, 2.0 new FTE. One new staff will focus on improved treatment oversight and on-site technical assistance and another new staff will focus on public health activities including prevention and improved collaboration with stakeholders.

Policy Initiatives

DHS is preparing policy and program initiatives for the 07-09 biennium. Let Jeff know if you have a suggestion. One from today’s meeting: age limitation for social gaming.

Workforce Development

NWIAS, July 28-30, 2005 – flyer distributed.

October 6-7, 2005, Best Western Hood River Inn – “Money, Money, Money – Financial Realities and Therapeutic Strategies for Gambling Treatment.”

Registration information will be distributed in early August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy: Jeff Marotta

Refer to subcommittee minutes

Certification: Dick Johnson

Up to 30 counselors are working toward national certification. Counselors can test through ACCBO or the National Council – ACCBO may be less expensive.

Prevention: Andy Cartmill

Andy Cartmill provided an update on prevention committee efforts.

- Social gaming – age limit

- Instant Ticket Vending Machine (ITVM) placement in establishments – access to minors. Consider availability only behind the counter.
- On-line statewide/regional survey. Survey has been drafted.
- OPGAW 2006 and poster contest
- Julie Hynes and Andy Cartmill presented in Tom Ten Eyck’s class at Lewis and Clark College.

FIELD REPORTS

Helpline: Michele Tantriella-Modell

The Helpline received 536 calls in April, 540 in May and 378 in June.

Herbert & Louis: Tom Moore

The encounter data for the biennium needs to be submitted as soon as possible. The books are being closed on the 2005-07 biennium August 31st. If data is not submitted soon programs will not have the opportunity to review and make corrections prior to the final report to the State. Even if a variance is approved, if your agency has already spent your contract allotment, no additional funds will be provided.

Foundation: Tom Moore

Funding looks secure so Foundation is focusing on replication study for line games. Funding provided by Lottery and Spirit Mountain and it will be field tested soon.

Lottery: Jeff Marotta

- Machines now display a clock and dollar amount rather than credits.
- Considering retailer education.
- Revamping website – considering a different helpline number – something other than “STOP NOW.”
- New campaign will feature ads recognizing some risk and providing behavior guides (i.e., set a time limit, set a budget). These ads will run consecutively with promotional ads. Jeff described the concepts being considered.
 - Over-size theme / keep it in perspective – committee thought too much humor might trivialize or overshadow the message. Need to include seriousness of issue within message.
 - Safety items / take precautions – hardhat, etc.

How can we measure the effectiveness of these ads? We could add a question to the on-line survey being developed by prevention committee.

Recommended Reading List

Greta distributed a draft recommended reading list for committee review and feedback. The list will be available through the Resource Center and website.

National Conference on Problem Gambling

Jeff provided an overview of June conference in New Orleans, including highlights from PowerPoint presentations from conference workshops.

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, August 19, 2005

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.**

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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.

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