

Gambling Addiction Treatment (GAT) MEETING

August 19, 2005

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Salem

Attendees: Andy Cartmill, Washington County; Amber Chytka, Polk County; Greta Coe, OMHAS; Jeanne Cory, Washington County; Julie Earnest, OMHAS; Ron Fisher, OMHAS; Jennifer Gustafson, Josephine County; Marilyn Heins, Lincoln County; Virginia Howard, OHSU; Ray Hughey, Linn-Benton County; Julie Hynes, Lane County; Dick Johnson, Cascadia BHC; Marilane Jorgenson, Josephine County; Bonnie Knapp, Cascadia BHC; Jean Linck, Josephine County; Jeff Marotta, OMHAS; Marlee Martin, Tillamook County; Tom Moore, Herbert & Louis; Marcy Nichols, Emergence; Leon Rohrer-Heyerly, Clackamas County; Karen Rutherford, Polk County; Tantalayo Saenz, ADAPT; Dan Strasser, ADAPT; 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

- Marilyn Heins tested for certification in July.
- Tillamook now has a GA meeting.
- Ray Hughey will be returning to the A&D position in the Linn County program. Linn County will be recruiting for gambling treatment specialist position.
- Marcy Nichols presented her workbook to group. It is available for \$25 at the following website: no-dice.com

Jeff reviewed recent articles related to problem gambling treatment and prevention. Included success of new line games in generating revenue, link between Parkinson meds and problem gambling, new ordinances allowing poker tournaments.

Manager's Update

Legislative/Budget Update

Six of the twenty bills OMHAS tracked related to gambling passed this session.

Jeff reviewed the budget in respect to the passage of SB1101 and SB5520.

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- Increase reimbursement rate to match mental health rates, 7-8% increase
- Increase flex funds for more comprehensive prevention and treatment enhancement services
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- Increase funding for workforce development
- Develop and pilot residential treatment

Residential Gambling Treatment Program

Request for Information (RFI) was distributed and we received four proposals; three met the requirements for consideration. The three applicable proposals were from programs located in Salem, Medford, and Eugene. A selection committee will conduct on-site review of the three programs and will select one as a pilot (email Jeff if you are interested in participating on the committee).

Additional DHS Gambling Unit Staff

OMHAS Problem Gambling Unit will be recruiting for additional staff: public health coordinator who will focus on prevention and policy efforts, gambling treatment technician (RAD) who will focus on site audits and technical assistance, and additional support staff.

Adjusted Allocations to Counties

New allocation formula described. New plans will be requested as a result of new allocations. See Policy Subcommittee minutes for more detail.

Workforce Development

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

Registration deadline: September 22.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy: Jeff Marotta

Refer to subcommittee minutes

Certification: Dick Johnson

Currently working on merging with national certification.

There will be an ACCBO board meeting at noon on October 7 at the Best Western Hood River Inn (at the close of the training event).

Prevention: Andy Cartmill

Andy Cartmill provided an update on prevention committee efforts.

- Social gaming – age limit – letter drafted to Attorney General
- Instant Ticket Vending Machine (ITVM) placement in establishments – access to minors. Advocating for removal from establishments that provide adolescents access to machines.
- On-line statewide/regional survey. Survey has been drafted.
- School Casino Nights. Letter will be sent to schools in September offering prevention staff as a resource.

FIELD REPORTS

Helpline: Michele Tantriella-Modell

The Helpline received 378 calls in June, 339 in July. Question raised and discussion following regarding decision to stop faxing referral to program.

Herbert & Louis: Tom Moore

Budget adjustments and report cards coming soon.

Foundation: Tom Moore

Foundation is focusing on replication study for line games. Funding provided by Lottery and Spirit Mountain. The random telephone survey of over 1500 Oregonian adults has been completed and they are currently analyzing data.

Lottery: Jeff Marotta

The women-targeted ads will run for three weeks in September. This campaign has been very successful. The Lottery is working on print materials to accompany these TV ads.

Two new campaigns under development:

- “Prevention” messages – raise awareness of keeping gambling perspective and to use strategies to avoid problems (will not feature the Helpline#).
- Outreach targeted at young adults (18-34) will feature Helpline#. Send suggestions for language or strategy to Jeff.

Next Meeting:

Date: Friday, December 2, 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.**

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.

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Introductions and Announcements

Introductions waived - no announcements.

Budget

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Jeff if you are interested in participating on the committee). The program will have a 7-bed maximum and referrals will come from regional outpatient programs.

Selection criteria suggestions from committee:

- Physical site
- Curriculum
- Dual diagnosis abilities – need to address MH issues and addiction at the same time for successful treatment.
- Aftercare/transition planning
- Continuum of care services
- Current processes – look at track record and evaluate current practices
- Financial Plan
- Staffing

Allocation Formula

Jeff described the new allocation formula that provides all regions with an increase in “flex funds” with emphasis on providing greater support to rural service regions. The “flex funds” is the funding pool used to support allocations to counties for problem gambling prevention services (AD80) and problem gambling treatment enhancement services (AD83). The new formula combines a base allocation of \$10,000 per region with a tiered per capita allocation based on population per square mile. The tiered structure for population per square mile is as follows: 500+=\$.125 pp; 250-499=\$.15 pp; 100-249=\$.175 pp; 50-99=\$.20; 5-49=\$.225 pp; <5=\$.45 pp.

Adjusted Allocations to Counties

The revised allocation will necessitate revised problem gambling implementation plans. A notice with the new allocations and planning guidelines will be released within the next two weeks.

New treatment allocations (AD81) will also go out. The AD81 allocation adjustment will use the actual billing from FY 04-05 to forecast FY 05-06 budget needs. Counties will have the opportunity to ask for budgets outside of the forecast if there is a good rationale provided such as they are expanding treatment staff or adding a new treatment agency.

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