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Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH)

Problem Gambling Services Critical Program Updates

*This is our primary communication tool to provide state-funded Program Gambling Services providers with **Critical Program Updates**. Please take time to ensure that you are up to date on clarifications and changes to our system that will appear here.*

Problem Gambling Services Manager Position Update

The Problem Gambling Services Manager position has posted and applications will be accepted until February 15, 2011 at 11:59pm. Announcement is attached to the newsletter email (note that the announcement has an incorrect title—it has been changed to Problem Gambling Services Manager).

Problem Gambling Awareness Week: March 6 – 12, 2011

Take advantage of this national observance week to spread the word about problem gambling in your area; for ideas on what's been done in the past, go to:
<http://www.problemgamblingprevention.org/opgaw.htm>

NIATx Pilot Project

Oregon Problem Gambling Services has launched a NIATx pilot project with the aims of reducing paperwork and increasing enrollments. Cascadia Behavioral Health Care's Problem Gambling Treatment Program is the pilot program for this project. A walk-through is scheduled for early February and project completion is slated for early April.

Problem Gambling Services (PGS) collects numerous data points. Enrollment paperwork required by PGS is often duplicated in agency paperwork. By applying the NIATx model to this predicament, the goal is to reduce the amount of paperwork and the time it takes to complete the enrollment paperwork. We hope to offer this option to others after this pilot effort so watch this newsletter in future for more opportunities.

Outreach Billing Technical Assistance

Wendy and Jackie conducted a webinar in December on the new outreach billing codes. We invited anyone interested to request technical assistance. As of this date, we have completed a number of technical assistance visits, via phone and in person and have a few more scheduled. Please let us know if you are interested in scheduling outreach TA.

NCPG Conference Call for Papers

It's that time of year! The National Council on Problem Gambling annual conference is in Boston, MA this year (June 30-July 2). Let's represent that great things are happening in problem gambling treatment, prevention and outreach! Put together those proposals and submit by the February 16, 2011 deadline! For more information, go to:

http://www.ncpgambling.org/files/conf/2011%20Conf/2011_Call_%20For_Presenations.pdf

Residential Program Update

The residential Problem Gambling Treatment Program in Salem, OR, has open beds. Please refer any individuals that you feel would be appropriate for residential treatment to Ryan LaCasse at 503-540-5579.

Meetings and Trainings

Feb. 17, 2011 from 9:00 – 10:30 am: *PGS All-Providers Mtg/Webinar.* We'll cover the latest info on budget, legislation, the new PGS data booklet, refilling the manager's position and more, so mark your calendars and watch for the registration info early in February.

Feb. 23, 2011 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm: *Using New Technology Webinar.* Learn about using Facebook and other new technology and earn 2 CEUs.

May 12 (9 – 4) and 13 (8 – noon), 2011: *PGS Conference in Salem, Oregon.* Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for one of our all-too-infrequent chances to get together *in person!* Learn what's new in problem gambling treatment and prevention, do some networking, pick up some new resources, meet new colleagues, have your questions answered and share your ideas with PGS staff...and more! Full announcement and program agenda will be sent to you soon.

Oregon Health Policy Board Seeks Input

Governor Kitzhaber has asked the Health Policy Board to take on an additional and urgent mission: create a team to redesign Oregon's health delivery system, starting with Medicaid. The urgency comes from the budget situation in which rising caseloads, reduced revenues and the loss of one-

time federal funds mean that the Oregon Health Plan is facing serious reductions. The Health System Transformation Team was chartered by the Oregon Health Policy Board to develop a common vision and guidance for planning a new, integrated health delivery system for Oregon's Medicaid programs. The plan will better coordinate all benefits for Medicaid clients - including physical health, mental health and addiction services, oral health, long-term care and social support services - through more integrated care. The team includes policymakers, stakeholders, community partners and consumer advocates from across the state. It will begin work in early February and will conclude with recommendations for this new model to the Oregon Health Policy Board and Governor by April 4, 2011. The work plan, roster, and schedule will be posted on the Health System Transformation Team's website (<http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/health-system-transformation.shtml>). The meetings will be open to the public and the materials will be available online. You can provide input online throughout the process by signing up for e-mail updates (https://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=ORDHS_283) or through Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/OregonHealthAuthority>) or Twitter (<http://twitter.com/ohaoregon>).

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