

Problem Gambling Services Critical Program Updates – July 2014

Program Manager's Update from the desk of Greta Coe

The first fiscal year of the 2013-15 bi-ennium is coming to a close. By now, all program managers of county and direct contracts should have received their funding allocation for FY2014-15. If you did not, please let me know and we will resend the email to you.

I am going to take the opportunity in this newsletter to share some upcoming projects that are in the works or are being discussed for this next fiscal year. The Oregon Council on Problem Gambling is looking into the cost and coordination of conducting a prevalence study on disordered gambling among Oregon adults. The last study was conducted in 2006 and it is time to re-evaluate the Oregon gambling picture. We also hope to add some data collection questions around impacts of online gaming, and social media games, such as World of Warcraft, Bejeweled, and Candy Crush.

Additionally, we will be contracting with a Problem Gambling Consultant who will assist the program in creating a five- year strategic plan. The timing for this plan is crucial with all the changes within the healthcare system, and the new gaming technology that is emerging. The plan will help to direct efforts to increase treatment enrollments for problem gambling, increase system efficiency, and to increase quality of services to clients. Once we have hired the consultant, I will share more information with you on this effort.

These are the updates for now. I am looking forward to meeting and seeing you at a Regional Training.

Prevention Updates- Roxann Jones

Wow! Summer has arrived, the final school bell has rung, the pencils and notebooks are packed away, and the kids are ready to kick back, have fun, and enjoy free time.

I remember when I was a teenager. Summer was the highlight of the year – no responsibilities, sleeping in, and the sweet smell of independence. With less structure and adult supervision, the summer is ripe with opportunities for adolescents to fall into a bad crowd, experiment with drugs or alcohol, or get into other forms of mischief, including gambling.

I am curious to learn from all of you what prevention activities are planned in your communities during the summer, so please take a few moments and send me an e-mail or give me a call. My contacts are roxann.r.jones@state.or.us and 503-947-5548. I will compile the information and then make it available for our group.

On another note, with the fiscal year ending on June 30, the **annual reports** will be **due on August 15**. The report is a combined A&D and Problem Gambling Prevention report, with Attachment “D” relating specifically to PG Prevention. You should receive the electronic version of the report no later than July 1. If have not received the report by then, please contact me.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Regional Training in your area!

Treatment Updates - Simon Williams

There will be an emphasis on client finding outreach during the next few years, which will focus on system restructuring rather than provider accountability. Our state staff will be assisting in the local efforts through technical assistance.

The upcoming Regional Trainings this summer will have a focus on networking, outreach and partnership. The trainings will be exciting and insightful. Registration and information on these trainings have been sent to all Problem Gambling Service providers and so far we are seeing substantial registration numbers from prevention and treatment providers. We also hope for attendance from program management.

Reminders:

- Funding questions and pre-authorizations for outreach billing codes are to be sent to Greta Coe.
- The Problem Gambling Treatment Monthly Connect call, which is held on the first Wednesday of each month, has moved from 2 - 3 p.m. to **3 - 4 p.m., starting with the call on July 2.**

Have a great month and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Workforce Development/Training Opportunities:

PGS Regional Trainings- all trainings are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

July 08: Grants Pass, Oregon, Taprock Northwest Grill, 971 SE 6th St.

July 29: Bend, Oregon, DoubleTree Hotel, 300 NW Franklin

July 31: Baker City, Oregon, Best Western Sunridge Inn, One Sunridge Lane

August 5: Albany, Oregon, Phoenix Inn Suites, 3410 Spicer Rd.

For more information/registration and subsidy form, contact patricia.alderson@state.or.us

Oregon PGS Fall Conference

October 9 - 10, 2014

Hallmark Inn, Newport, Oregon

More information available mid-summer

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Prevention Coordinator's website: www.problemgamblingprevention.org

Staff changes? Please notify **Patricia** (above) ASAP so we can keep our records current.