Important: revised training/meeting calendar on p.4

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.*

From the desk of Paul D. Potter:

I was struck the other day when I heard the term "OBE" (Overcome by Events) and wondered just what does that mean, especially since it seemed to define my world recently. A quick Google search uncovered the following definition: "when a situation changes so rapidly that any proposed courses of action are no longer useful." Now that seems even more relevant when applying it to our current budget situation. In order to bring our current budget more in line with projected revenue we are preparing for a reduction to be implemented in early spring. We are listening to each local provider network as to where the reductions should be applied and what the local implications will be. You will be receiving more specific information as soon as final decisions are made. Meanwhile, our task will be to not be overtaken by these events and keep moving forward in the best way possible. Let's work together to find the creative ways we can keep our system intact and ready for when we come out of the down economic cycle.

Now for some Good News! Jackie is back in the office from Family Leave so join me in welcoming her back. You can now direct your clinical questions to her 503-945-7815 or jackie.fabrick@state.or.us

We have presented Part One of two parts in a webinar to share with you the results of an Outreach Study. A number of exciting recommendations have emerged from this Study. Part Two of the Outreach Webinar is scheduled for Jan. 6 (see revised and update workforce development calendar which was attached to this email) and will focus on the recommendations and new definitions of client identification and engagement. Don't miss this opportunity.

The work to restructure the ACC program is now complete. The new name for former ACC is Program Development Consultant (PDC). Their task will be to provide technical support for the purpose of increasing efficacy and efficiency to contracted agencies within the Problem Gambling system. We will be sending you specific information regarding how to access this assistance including detail on what kinds of assistance will now be available. I am excited about this restructuring of this important work and hope that all of you will find the assistance helpful to your programs. Look for the details in your inbox soon.

Prevention Tip Sheet

Oregon Featured in Korean Documentary on Problem Gambling

Yvonne Kays (speaker up front in right of the picture) talks to middle school kids about problem gambling and other risky behaviors; cameraman on the left is part of a crew from Korea who were in Oregon filming a documentary on problem gambling

New Youth Survey Includes Problem Gambling

Mental Health and Addiction Services will be doing a new student wellness survey starting this year and it will include a few questions on youth gambling. The survey will be done in years when Oregon Healthy Teens isnt' done, so they don't compete with each other. For more information go to http://www.dhs.state.or.us/dhs/ph/chs/youthsurvey/index.shtml.

Need problem gambling prevention resources? **http://lanecounty.org/prevention/pgs/**

Check our problem gambling coordinator's website first…it's got tons of great information and materials for you. The site is sponsored by PGS and hosted by Lane County….bookmark and check it often! New addition: two high school level problem gambling awareness activities developed by a local high school teacher, Trisha Ebbs.

Put in a proposal for the National Problem Gambling Conference (June 9-12 in Portland)

Many of you are doing work that leads the nation …so why not put in a proposal to do a presentation at this summer's national conference? It's a great way to showcase your efforts and share what you've learned with your colleagues from around the country. The call for presentations was emailed out to everyone recently and is also available at http://www.ncpgambling.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3824

New State Data Source Includes Problem Gambling

Check it out at http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/mentalhealth/data/sew/main.shtml

Counselor Job Opportunity

Bridgeway Recovery Services in Salem, Oregon, is seeking an Outpatient Problem Gambling Counselor and a Residential Problem Gambling Counselor. For more information, please contact Anna Cimaglio at acimaglio@bridgewayrecovery.com or 503-363-2021 x 123 or go to http://www.accbo.com/jobs.php

Note: we have made changes to the PGS workforce development and meeting schedule—please see next page and save a copy so you don't miss out on upcoming opportunities.

Oregon Problem Gambling Services Meeting/Training Schedule 2010-11

Updated 11/23/09

Note: mark your calendars and share this info with others in your agency who may need to know…..additional information and call/log in instructions or registration info will be sent in advance of each of these events.

PGS All Providers Quarterly Meetings (via go-to-meeting) **9 – 10:30 am**

Feb 11, 2010

May 13, 2010

future dates tba

PGS Workforce Development

2010

GPMS forms training (new forms will be used starting in July 2010 so appropriate agency staff should plan to participate in one of the following webinars):

1/25, 2/25, 3/25, 4/22, 5/27 all sessions are from 3-4:30 pm

JAN 6 (1-3pm)	PGS Webinar—Client-finding Outreach pt 2 (2 CEU)
FEB 9 (1-3pm)	PGS Webinar: Family Treatment pt 1 (2 CEU)
MAR 13th	30 Hr Counselor Certification Class via Lewis and Clark College (weekly through May 15; 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m; first and last session on campus, others online)
MAR 24 (1-3pm)	PGS Webinar: Family Treatment pt 2 (2 CEU)
MAY 5 (1-3pm)	PGS Prevention Webinar: Working with Schools (2 CEU)
JUNE 9-12	2010 National Problem Gambling Conference in Portland (serves as the PGS annual conference for this year)
JULY 21-23	NW Institute of Addiction Studies www.nwias.org
JULY 29 (1-3pm)	PGS Webinar: Financial Issues and PG (2 CEU)
SEPT 21 (2-4pm)	PGS Webinar: Ethics/Supervision/Consultation (2 CEU)
NOV 17 (10am-12)	PGS Webinar: Leadership (2 CEU)
DEC 2 (1-3pm)	PGS Webinar: Client-Finding Outreach (2 CEU)

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FEB 3 (1-3pm)	PGS Webinar:topic tba (2 CEU)
MAR 5	30 Hr Counselor Certification Class at Lewis and Clark College March 5 & 19th, April 2 & 16th 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
APR	PGS Webinar: Suicide (2 CEU)
MAY 12,13	PGS Annual Conference: location tba (12-14 CEU)

FYI: State Furlough Dates 2010

Friday, March 19, 2010**,** Friday, April 16, 2010**,** Friday, June 18, 2010**,** Friday, August 20, 2010

Friday, September 17, 2010, Friday, November 26, 2010

Questions? Call or email Wendy Hausotter wendy.hausotter@state.or.us 503-945-9703

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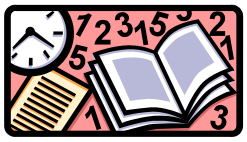

If you'd like to see past issues of this newsletter, go to: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/gambling.shtml scroll down to "Problem Gambling Services Announcements"

Problem Gambling Services Staff **Helpline website: 1877mylimit.org**

DHS Problem Gambling Services web site: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/gambling.shtml

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