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December 31, 2013

The Honorable Dianne Primavera, Chair
Public Health Care and Human Services Committee
200 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 271
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Primavera:

Enclosed please find a legislative report to the House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee from the Department of Human Services on the Problem Gambling/Gambling Addiction grant program.

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If you require further information or have additional questions, please contact the Department's Legislative Liaison, Sarah Sills, at Sarah.Sills@state.co.us or 303-866-3019.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Representative Dave Young, Vice Chair, Public Health Care and Human Services Committee
Representative Beth McCann, Public Health Care and Human Services Committee
Representative Sue Schafer, Public Health Care and Human Services Committee
Representative Jonathan Singer, Public Health Care and Human Services Committee
Representative Max Tyler, Public Health Care and Human Services Committee
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Representative Kathleen Conti, Public Health Care and Human Services Committee
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Health and Human Services Committee
200 E. Colfax Avenue, Room 346
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Cc: Senator Linda Newell, Vice-Chair, Health and Human Services Committee
Senator Jeanne Nicholson, Health and Human Services Committee
Senator John Kefalas, Health and Human Services Committee
Senator Owen Hill, Health and Human Services Committee
Senator Kevin Lundberg, Health and Human Services Committee
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Problem Gambling/Gambling Addiction Grant Report (C.R.S. §12-47.1-1601)

January 1, 2014



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Introduction

The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health submits the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2012-2013 Report entitled, *Problem Gambling/Gambling Addiction Grant Report* to the to the General Assembly House and Senate Committees on Health and Human Services in compliance with:

12-47.1-1601 (4) (a.5) C.R.S. 2013

(II) By January 1, 2009, and by each January 1 thereafter, the department of human services shall submit a report to the health and human services committees of the senate and house of representatives, or their successor committees, regarding the grant program. The report shall detail the following information for the fiscal year in which the report is submitted:

(A) The amount of moneys allocated to the gambling addiction account pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section;

(B) The number of grant applications received and the total amount of grant moneys requested by grant applicants;

(C) The total amount of moneys in the gambling addiction account that was awarded as grants to applicants; and

(D) The entities or programs that received grants and the amount of grant moneys each grant recipient received.

Problem Gambling/Gambling Addiction Grant Program

The intent of House Bill 08-1314 and Senate Bill 13-173 is to address the issue of problem gambling and gambling addiction in Colorado. This is completed through a process of awarding grants to state or local public or private entities or programs that provide gambling addiction counseling services and that have or are seeking nationally accredited gambling addiction counselors. Additionally, grants are awarded to addiction counselors who are actively pursuing national accreditation as gambling addiction counselors and have completed at least half of the counseling hours required for national accreditation.

The Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health determined that the most efficient and effective method to achieve the legislative intent was to subcontract the administration of the program. The Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health issued a "Request for Proposal" to create a community-based Center of Excellence, through which counselors receive free training and supervision in problem gambling counseling. Once trained, counselors can apply for grant dollars to be reimbursed for delivered treatment services.

Reporting requirements 12-47.1-1601 (4) (a.5) (II) C.R.S. 2013

(A) The amount of moneys allocated to the gambling addictions account.

SFY 2012-13: The amount of moneys allocated to the gambling addiction account was \$64,169.

(B) The number of grant applications received and the total amount of grant moneys requested by grant applicants.

SFY 2012-13: One grant, in the amount of \$57,021, was awarded to the Center of Excellence in the Problem Gambling Treatment and Research Center at the University of Denver after a competitive bid process. The Department's contract with the Center of Excellence required the Center to provide:

- 1) 30 hours of no cost (free) training to meet the content required for trainees to become approved gambling counselors;

- 2) A statewide annual, no cost (free) conference that focuses on topics relevant to problem gambling in Colorado to meet the continuing education requirement for counselors;
- 3) Supervision of counselors in training by providing twice monthly supervision sessions;
- 4) Gambling counseling services through reimbursement to problem gambling service providers; and
- 5) A database that tracks all program requirements.

According to the University of Denver, Center of Excellence in the Problem Gambling Treatment and Research Center's annual report for SYF 2012-13 online training was provided to 15 counselors. Of these five trainees received a designation of Colorado Approved Problem Gambling Counselor, and direct counseling services were provided to 39 problem gamblers or their family members.

(C) The total amount of moneys in the gambling addiction account that was awarded as grants to applicants.

SFY 2012-13: The total amount awarded to the Center of Excellence in the Problem Gambling Treatment and Research Center at the University of Denver was \$57,021.

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SFY 2012-13: One grant in the amount of \$57,021 was contracted to the Center of Excellence in the Problem Gambling Treatment and Research Center at the University of Denver.

Next Steps/Recommendation

The Legislature reauthorized the program before the repeal date with the passage of Senate Bill 13-173. This bill granted the Department the authority to issue a rebid of the program. The Department has pursued new bids through the documented quote process for services to be contracted for SFY 2013-14. A documented quote was released in July 2013 to solicit a contractor to manage the grant award process. Bids were received in August 2013 and a contract was awarded to the Center for Governmental Training as the organization selected to be a fiscal agent for the Gambling Addiction grant award process in September 2013. The Center for Governmental Training will award grants during SFY 2013-14 to behavioral health professionals or addiction counselors who are applying for funds to pursue their national certification as a gambling counselor and have completed at least half of the counseling hours required for national accreditation.

