



COLORADO

Office of Behavioral Health

Department of Human Services

Problem Gambling/Gambling Addiction Grant Report (12-47.1-1601 (4) (a.5) (II), C.R.S. 2014)

**Report to the General Assembly
Colorado House Public Health Care and Human
Services Committee and Senate Health and
Human Services Committee**

January 1, 2015

Introduction

The Colorado Department of Human Services Office of Behavioral Health respectfully submits the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014 Report entitled, Problem Gambling/Gambling Addiction Grant Report to the to the Colorado House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee and Senate Health and Human Services Committee in compliance with:

12-47.1-1601 (4) (a.5), (II) C.R.S. 2014

(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 12-47.1-1601 (4) (a.5) C.R.S. 2014 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 has, or is seeking, nationally accredited gambling addiction counselors. Grants are awarded to behavioral health professionals and 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 determined that the most efficient and effective method to achieve the legislative intent was to subcontract the administration of the program. The Department has pursued bids through the documented quote process for services in FY 2013-14. A documented quote was released in July 2013. An award was made to the Center for Governmental Training which was chosen as a fiscal agent for the grant award process. The Center for Governmental Training awards grants to behavioral health professionals and addiction counselors pursuing national certification as gambling counselors, who have completed at least half of the counseling hours required for national accreditation.

Reporting requirements 12-47.1-1601 (4) (a.5) (II) C.R.S. 2014

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

FY 2013-14:

Gambling Addiction Account Amount Allocated
\$100,000

Contractor Administration/Marketing \$55,420

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

FY 2013-2014:

Applicants	Grant Amount Requested
19	\$24,462

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

FY 2013-2014:

Applicants	Grant Amount Requested
17	\$21,864

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

FY 2013-2014:

Grant to Training Organization	Total Amount
The North American Training Institute/University of Minnesota - Duluth - Certificate in Gambling Addiction	\$18,754
The Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling Certificate in Problem and Compulsive Gambling Training	\$2,000

Grant to Certification Organization	Total Amount
The American Compulsive Gambling Counselor Certification Board (ACGCCB)	\$120
The International Gambling Counselor Certification Board - National Certified Gambling Counselor I	\$990

Three individuals received national certification and one individual received national recertification.

FY 2013-14: The following table lists the grant awards by individual and the amount granted.

Grantees FY 2013 - 2014	Amount granted
B. Florey	\$1,399
T. Pope	\$1,399
J. White	\$1,399
V. Sprague	\$1,399
P. Bender-Lloyd	\$1,399
A. Kahn	\$1,399
J. Jones	\$1,295
L. Hayes	\$120
J. Smith	\$1,295
M. Goodwin	\$1,295
D. Creager	\$1,295
J. Heeter	\$1,295
A. Henderson	\$1,295
A. Johnson	\$1,295
M. Taylor	\$1,295
R. Smith	\$1,495
G. McCune	\$1,495
Total Grants	\$21,864

Contractor marketing and outreach activities

1. Emailing to Community Mental Health Centers and presentation to the clinicians group from the Colorado Behavioral Health Council. Contractor provided a flyer and a grant application for people to complete.
2. Discussions with and email to substance use disorder treatment providers through trade associations and business practices.
3. Exhibit at conferences with the flyer and application.
4. Word of mouth through treatment professionals including nationally certified counselors in Colorado.
5. Contact with therapists, who list themselves as "Gambling Therapists" through the Psychology Today website for Colorado.
6. Outreach through the Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado (PGCC) website, which includes flyers and application.

The contractor anticipates the addition of Problem Gambling to the list of Addictive Disorders in the new Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 5, will add to interest in training and certification.