

NOTES FROM WILEY

Greetings: I hope this new year brings good will and positive intentions.

As usual, there are many training opportunities and awareness programs on the calendar. OAPCG and ODMHSAS continue to co-sponsor training in Problem Gambling and all of those are detailed in this newsletter. One of the highlights will be the annual OAPCG conference which is March 9, 2012, in Tulsa at the Northside Tulsa Community College campus. We have Jan Grant, M.D. and Debra Haskins, Ph.D. as presenters this year. Dr. Grant will speak about research and medication for Pathological Gamblers and the co-occurring disorders. Dr. Haskins will lead two sessions on multicultural issues and Pathological Gambling. This is an exciting line-up of speakers so I hope you will join us in Tulsa.

For several years, it

has seemed that gambling has reached the saturation point in our state. Despite how it appears, gaming continues to expand. Several casinos are expanding, some have or are building new hotels and there are at least two new casinos under construction. For years to come we will need more money, more certified counselors, and total cooperation of all stake holders to treat Pathological Gamblers and their families.

All money for problem gambling goes to ODMHSAS and is used for treatment and awareness. The amount of money for problem gambling will likely not increase for many years. This means we have to hope and emphasize the strength of Gamblers Anonymous groups, tribal mental health and substance abuse centers, faith-based support groups and counseling centers, and private practitioners. Our certified centers that receive state funding are doing a great job but only a unified and wholistic approach can span the need that exists for the problem gambler.

Groups in Idabel and Miami have already scheduled community awareness programs in the month of February. Please join us at these meetings and consider hosting an awareness meeting in your community. Please contact me about this opportunity.

Take Care,

Wiley



NEW BOOKS:

Numb No More, Kim Pottle.

Contemplative Science, B. Alan Wallace.

Six to Five Against, Burt Dragan.

A Failure of Nerve, Edwin Friedman

Websites to add to your "Favorites" list:

www.youthgambling.org

www.collegegambling.org

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Oklahoma Problem Gambling Helpline

(800) 522-4700

Gamblers Anonymous

NATIONAL HOTLINE

(888)424-3577

National Council on Problem Gambling

202.547.9204

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Ongoing Consultation Groups for Problem Gambling Counseling:

Dan Smith & Charles Vorkoper are the consultants for all Oklahoma problem gambling counselors. All counselors are encouraged to call in to get help with your difficult cases & it is to be utilized by all counselors seeking certification. I look forward to hearing you on your call. **If you wish to join a group, call 405-801-3329 in order to get the phone number and instructions for connecting to the call.**

“Promoting Healthy Living through the Reduction of Addiction and the Increase in Health and Wellness for All “

STILLWATER, OK October 1 2011 – Gateway to Prevention and Recovery, Inc. began providing services for Compulsive and Problem Gambling in Stillwater and the surrounding areas. Gateway to Prevention and Recovery, Inc. has moved into the former Payne County Counseling Centers office building and is providing an array of services for addictions and mental health disorders.

Persons with gambling problems, including family members seeking help will be served in our new office. Services are affordable for all; clients need only contact our office for information on how to begin getting help 405-372-0198

Cindy Satterfield LPC, LADC NCGC11 (Nationally Certified Compulsive Gambling Counselor 11) will provide assessments, group, individual and family therapy. Cindy has been providing services for problem gamblers and their families for over 4 years. More counselors will be added as the program grows.

The gambling treatment program at the Shawnee site has served many families and seen significant improvement and success with treatment.

Compulsive Gambling is a treatable disorder. Families do not have to continue down the devastating path of gambling addiction. Help is a phone call away. Please call 405-372-0198 for information. All calls and contacts are completely confidential.

More about Gateway to Prevention and Recovery

Gateway to Prevention and Recovery is dedicated to provide community based behavioral health services that assist individuals and families with their emotional, behavioral, physical, and spiritual well-being.

Our Philosophy:

Gateway understands how devastating and progressive addiction and mental health disorders are to an individual, a family and ultimately the community as a whole. When left untreated, these illnesses have the potential to adversely affect every area of our lives.

Gateway is committed to provide services that will not only enrich and enhance lives but will save lives; reduce barriers to healthy choices; and provide education and support for everyone in our community.

We believe every life matters. Expect hope!

Basic Training—30 hours:

Toward Certification as a Problem Gambling Counselor

April 5-6, 2012—7.5 hours/day

April 26-27

At Tulsa Tech Peoria Campus
8:00-4:30 p.m.

www.odmhsas.org to register

OAPCG STATE CONFERENCE:

March 9, Friday 8:30-4:30
North Tulsa Community College

To register: www.odmhsas.org

Lunch included.

Presenters: Jan Grant, M.D., and Debra Haskins, Ph.D.

Advanced Training:

Pathological Gambling & Co-Occurring Disorder

w/Joanna Franklin (presenter)

Friday May 18, 2012—8:30-4:30 p.m.

Tulsa Tech Peoria Campus

To register: www.odmhsas.org

PROBLEM & COMPULSIVE GAMBLING Training for Counselors



MARK YOUR

CALENDARS:

NCPG Annual Conference

July 13-14, 2012

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Register at:

Ncpgambling.org



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OAPCG MISSION:

- ▶ Increase the general public's awareness of problem & compulsive gambling.
- ▶ Enhance the availability & quality of treatment services for problem gamblers & their families.
- ▶ Insure the quality of education & prevention programs for all citizens of Oklahoma
- ▶ Serve as the designated Oklahoma affiliate of the National Council on Problem Gambling.

Mark your calendars:

MCPGSA 9th Annual Conference
June 6-8, 2012
Intercontinental Kansas City at the Plaza. Register at:
888betsoff.org/links/
Midwest_conference.shtm

**Oklahoma Department of Mental Health
and Substance Abuse Services**

PUBLICLY FUNDED PROBLEM GAMBLING

TREATMENT PROVIDERS

- CHICKASHA—SW Youth & Family Services, Inc. (405) 247-5437
- LAWTON—Taliaferro Community Mental Health (580) 248-5780
- NORMAN—Norman Alcohol Information Center (405)321-0022
- OKLAHOMA CITY—A Chance to Change (405) 840-9000
- PONCA CITY—Bridgeway, Inc. (580) 762-1462
- SHAWNEE—Gateway to Prevention & Recovery (405)273-1170
- STILLWATER—Gateway to Prevention & Recovery (405)372-0198
- TULSA—Center for Therapeutic Interventions (918)384-0002
- TULSA—Family & Children's Services (918) 712-4301

