

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: County Human Services
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Gambling addiction treatment uses evidence-based practices in an outpatient setting to provide treatment to persons diagnosed with problem or pathological gambling. Annually the County's treatment providers enroll approximately 341 gamblers and 84 family members. The average successful completion rate in the county is 36%. Countywide data shows that problem gamblers seeking treatment can access services in less than five days.

Program Description

Multnomah County's problem Gambling Services are guided by a public health approach that takes into consideration biological, behavioral, economic, cultural, and policy determinants influencing gambling and health. It incorporates prevention, harm reduction and multiple levels of treatment by placing emphasis on quality of life issues, for the gambler, families, and communities. Based on industry norms (3% of problem gamblers seek treatment) 366 adults can be expected to access treatment each year in Multnomah County. In FY06 341 gamblers enrolled in treatment (93% of projection). Accordingly, this program emphasizes outreach. As noted, family participation is important and 84 family members enrolled in treatment.

Program Justification

Multnomah County has the highest lottery sales statewide (\$274,555,496) with 67% of the total coming from video poker. While 67% of Lottery sales are from video poker, 78% of the gamblers in treatment report video poker as their primary game of choice. Problem gambling treatment services are closely aligned to the County's Basic Living Needs priority by promoting healthy behaviors. The treatment focus is on relieving initial client stress and crisis, supporting the client and family members in treatment, and assisting the family to return to a level of healthy functioning. Problem gambling treatment assists the gambler and family in managing money/finances, rebuilding trust within the family, learning gambling prevention techniques, and maintaining recovery.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	Gamblers accessing treatment annually	341	425	456	456
Outcome	Successful completion rate	33.0%	34.0%	36.0%	36.0%
Outcome	Positive retention rate	56.0%	47.0%	56.0%	56.0%
Efficiency	Access wait time less than five busienss days	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Performance Measure - Description

Gamblers accessing treatment annually is the number of problem and/or pathological gamblers completing enrollment and entering treatment annually.

Successful completion rate is defined as the gambling client having completed a minimum of 75% of the short-term treatment goals, completion of a continued wellness plan, and lack of engagement in problem gambling behaviors for at least 30 days prior to discharge.

Positive retention rate is the percentage of gambling clients that enter treatment and remain for a minimum of 10 contact sessions.

Access wait times times less than five business days is calculated by determining the number of business days from the initial contact to the first available appointment opportunity. The state standard is a face-to-face client contact within five working days 90% of the time.

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Contracts	\$0	\$864,000	\$0	\$1,295,000
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$864,000	\$0	\$1,295,000
Administration	\$0	\$29,325	\$0	\$46,363
Program Support	\$0	\$42,689	\$0	\$28,491
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$72,014	\$0	\$74,854
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$936,014	\$0	\$1,369,854
Program Total:	\$936,014		\$1,369,854	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$864,000	\$0	\$1,295,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$72,014	\$0	\$74,854
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$936,014	\$0	\$1,369,854

Explanation of Revenues

\$1,295,000 from State Mental Health Grant Award - estimated 07-09 biennium contract

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25085, Gambling Addiction Treatment