

Priority: Basic Needs

Lead Agency: County Human Services

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating

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Related Programs:

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Gambling addiction treatment uses evidence-based treatment practices in an outpatient setting to provide treatment to persons diagnosed with problem or pathological gambling. Annually the County's treatment providers treat approximately 540 gamblers and 102 family members for a total of 646 persons annually. 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 factors 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 community norms (3% of problem gamblers seek treatment) 436 adults can be expected to access treatment each year in Multnomah County. In FY 06/07 525 gamblers enrolled in treatment (120% of projection). As noted, family participation is important and 84 family members enrolled in treatment in FY 06-07.

Program Justification

Multnomah County has the highest lottery sales statewide (\$318,403,209) with 71% of the total coming from video poker. While 71% 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 (FY06-07)	Current Year Purchased (FY07-08)	Current Year Estimate (FY07-08)	Next Year Offer (FY08-09)
Output	Gamblers accessing treatment annually	541	456	550	545
Outcome	Successful Completion Rate	39.0%	36.0%	38.0%	39.0%
Outcome	Positive Retention Rate	46.0%	56.0%	46.0%	46.0%
Efficiency	Access Wait Time Less Than Five Business Days	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Performance Measure - Description

'Gamblers accessing treatment annually' means 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 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	2008	2008	2009	2009
Contracts	\$0	\$1,295,000	\$0	\$852,190
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$1,295,000	\$0	\$852,190
Administration	\$0	\$46,363	\$0	\$22,464
Program Support	\$0	\$28,491	\$0	\$9,655
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$74,854	\$0	\$32,119
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$1,369,854	\$0	\$884,309
Program Total:	\$1,369,854		\$884,309	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,295,000	\$0	\$852,190
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$74,854	\$0	\$32,119
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$1,369,854	\$0	\$884,309

Explanation of Revenues

State Mental Health Grant - \$852,190

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25085, Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention