

# ICPG NEWSLETTER



Hello all,

As mentioned below, Jennifer Fillmore is moving to a new and challenging position at FSSA-DMHA. We all have a good deal to thank her for the many very positive changes that have been implemented at DMHA due to her efforts that will and do help problem gamblers and their families in Indiana. Please join us in thanking her.

We have covered a number of topics in this newsletter but we are always looking for problem gambling information that we can include in future issues. If you have any information or suggestions, please send them to us.

Thanks,

Jerry L. at the Indiana Council

## Changes with DMHA Problem Gambling Treatment Providers

One of our long term criticisms of the state funded problem treatment has been the fact that many of the twenty-two providers never seem to provide services to problem gamblers. Problem Gambling Help Line and other referrals to many of the providers do not result in the enrolment of these gamblers.

In January, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction sent out a letter to its PG treatment providers requiring those providers who had failed to enroll more than five gamblers in state fiscal years 2011 (ended 6/30/11) and thus far in SFY12 to submit a letter of intent to DMHA in order to continue to be part of the state problem gambling treatment network. Failure to respond to that letter by January 15 results in the removal of any such provider at the end of SFY12 (June 30, 2012) going forward.

This action by DMHA will allow staff to seek new providers in underserved areas of the state which will be more active in helping our state's problem gamblers. This is a very positive change. This comes on the heels of the recent change (July 1, 2011) that pays providers only for the actual services provided to gamblers rather than a lump sum at enrolment.

## Jennifer Fillmore at DMHA

Most of you know Jennifer who has been the DMHA staff person assigned to improve all things problem gambling in state government. It would be difficult to list all of her outreach efforts and internal DMHA positive changes she has been able to implement in her time at DMHA.

Jennifer has been promoted to a new position, Alternative Funding Project Manager at DMHA. I think that everyone who knows Jennifer knew that she would be promoted sooner rather than later. She will continue in her old position until her replacement is in place and she will be involved in selecting her replacement.

We all owe Jennifer a big thank you for all of her efforts at DMHA which have benefited all problem gamblers so much in Indiana.

## Charitable Gaming Study

In November the Legislative Study Committee on Charitable Gaming released its report. Areas studied were:

- (1) The requirements for obtaining a charity gaming license.
- (2) Whether qualified organizations should be

permitted to use charity gaming proceeds to pay the salary and benefits of the qualified organization's employees.

- (3) The reporting requirements for conducting charity gaming events.
- (4) Whether qualified organizations should be permitted to conduct charity gaming events more frequently.
- (5) The hours in which charity gaming events may be conducted.
- (6) Issues related to licensing and regulating national organizations and their affiliates.
- (7) The Committee's recommendations:
  - (1) That the Indiana Gaming Commission identify ways that the Commission can streamline the licensing reporting requirements of charity gaming administratively.
  - (2) That the Indiana General Assembly amend IC4-32.2

**ICPG Mission Statement**

*The Indiana Council on Problem Gambling strives to generate awareness, promote education, and be an advocate for quality treatment of problem gamblers in the State of Indiana.*

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-2-24 to reduce the number of years that an organization must exist in Indiana before becoming eligible to engage in charity gaming from five years to three years.

- (3) That the Indiana Gaming Commission continue to communicate with interested parties to identify other ways to improve charity gaming.
- (4) That for purposes of purposes of charity fund-raising under Indiana Code 4-32.2, should not be construed to permit the introduction of a machine or device which has similar characteristics of an electronic gaming device permitted under the river-boat gambling statute.

Senate Bill 315 addresses these recommendations and is now working its way through the Indiana legislative process.

There currently are more than 3100 organizations/locations at which charity gaming is now available.

In 2010, the most recent annual report available, these organizations had gross receipts of more than \$497,000,000. Of this the organizations retained more than \$73,000,000 (15%).

**National Problem Gambling Awareness Week**

March 4-10 is 2012 National Problem Gambling Awareness Week. The National Council on

Problem Gambling has designated the first full week of March as NPGAW in each of the last 9 years. The goal of this campaign is to educate the general public and health care professionals about the warning signs of problem gambling and raise awareness about the help that is available both locally and nationally. Problem gambling is often called the hidden addiction and 2% to 3% of Hoosiers will have a gambling problem in any year.

Problem gambling materials and information for various demographic groups can be found on line at: [www.npgaw.org](http://www.npgaw.org).

The Indiana Council on Problem Gambling is sponsoring 12 community NPGAW events around Indiana during week the week of March 4-10. The 12 mini-grants are under written by monies from the Indiana Problem Gamblers' Fund from via the Indiana Family Social Services Administration-Division of Mental Health and Addiction with the help of the Indiana Prevention Resource Center at Bloomington.

This year the mini-grants to the following organizations:

- Amethyst House                      Bloomington
- Erskin Inc.                              South Bend
- Lifespring                                Jeffersonville
- Centerstone                              Richmond
- Aspire Indiana                          Noblesville
- Southwestern Behavior Healthcare    Evansville
- Ottis R. Bowen Center                  Plymouth
- Fort Wayne
- Warsaw
- Four County Counseling Center        Logansport

**Motivating Women Ministry**  
Gary  
Regional Mental Health Center  
East Chicago

**Voluntary Casino Self Exclusion**

Since the Indiana Gaming Commission's Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP) began in 2004, 5304 individuals have excluded themselves from the Indiana casinos. Almost 54% are women and almost 38% choice to exclude themselves permanently. The VEP members are from:

- Indiana 1846
- Illinois 1970
- Michigan 89
- Ohio 674
- Kentucky 673
- Other States 52

Individuals can join the VEP by contacting the IGC at (317) 234-3600 or by contacting a security staff member at any of the casinos.

**House Bill 1149 Smoking Ban**

The Indiana House of Representatives, HB 1149 state smoking ban, as currently written, would exempt gambling areas at the casinos, race tracks and off track betting parlors from the proposed ban. Charity bingo sites would most likely be exempt. Possible amendments would allow smoking in other areas of the gaming venue. Bars and taverns would have 18 months before going smoke free. Local anti-smoking laws would be pre-empted by this legislation should it be passed.

**Illegal Gambling?**

On December 21, Indiana Gaming Commission agents confiscated 51 "sweepstakes machines" and cash at 2 locations in Northeast Indiana. For \$5, the user of the machines received 1 hour on the internet use plus an entry in a sweepstakes. Like other contests the user could also request a free sweepstakes ticket so as to comply with laws governing such contests. Think Publishers' Clearing House and McDonald's annual Monopoly game. A lawsuit has been filed by the machines' owner in federal court at Fort Wayne. Gaming Commission staff were alerted to the presence of the machines by the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission staff 2 days before the raids at the Lincoln Plaza Internet Sensations in New Haven and the Wrigley Field Bar and Grill at Fort Wayne.

**Brochures Available on the AGA Website**

The American Gaming Association, the casino industry's trade organization, has a brochure about slot machines titled "Taking the Mystery out of the Machine, a guide to understanding slot machines." This brochure is available at the AGA website:

[www.americangaming.org](http://www.americangaming.org).

Also available is a brochure titled, "The House Advantage, A guide to understanding the odds." Together, these two brochures go a long way toward helping patrons to understand the various games.

**"Talking with Children about Gambling"**

This brochure is available at the National Center for Responsible Gaming website in English as well as Spanish, [www.ncrg.org](http://www.ncrg.org). The NCRG funds research that helps increase

expand pathological and youth gambling knowledge and find effective methods of treatment for the disorder and is the American Gaming Association's charity organization.

Among the NCRG's activities are their annual conference on October 2-4 at Las Vegas, various training sessions and webinar's for pathological gambling treatment staff. The next webinar is on March, 6 2-3 EST and is titled: "Science vs. Myth: Research on Internet Gambling." The presenter is Sarah Nelson, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychiatry, Harvard Medical School. You can register for the free webinars on this website. Previous sessions are also archived on this website. New information and opportunities are available on this website.

**Hulen's Hope**

Hulen's Hope is a program of the Women's Red Tent. The WRT was developed to help women impacted by problem gambling. Gambling addiction is a growing problem and its effects are felt not only the life of the gambler, but also in the lives of the gambler's loved ones. Hulen's Hope opened in May 2011 and focuses specifically on helping female gamblers in recovery. It combines a sober, safe living home with an innovative treatment program that includes outpatient mental health counseling, financial counseling, spiritual counseling, vocational assistance and many other services. HH is named in memory of Don Hulen, founder of the Arizona Council on Compulsive Gambling, who encouraged women gamblers to find their voice and express their individual needs. Renee Siegel is the executive director of the WRT and has more than 30 years of counseling experience.

The Women's Red Tent and Hulen's Hope can be found on the web at:

[www.womensredtent.org/programs/hulens-hope](http://www.womensredtent.org/programs/hulens-hope). The programs are located at Scottsdale Arizona and can be reached at: (888) 254-2687 or [hulenshope@aol.com](mailto:hulenshope@aol.com).

**Indiana Gaming Commission**

The Indiana Gaming Commission now has an informational email updating the reader on all things gaming relevant to the per view of the IGC. You can sign up at: [www.in.gov/igc/2339.htm](http://www.in.gov/igc/2339.htm).

**MidCentral Alliance on Problem Gambling Conference**

Again in 2012 the MidCentral Alliance on Problem Gambling Conference will be held in conjunction with the Indiana Annual Recovery Month Symposium (INARMS) in September. Watch for information at: [www.inarms.org](http://www.inarms.org), in our newsletter and on our website.

**DMHA Problem Gambling Training Opportunities**

Online registration site:

[www.ipgap.indiana.edu/treatment/trainings](http://www.ipgap.indiana.edu/treatment/trainings)

All training are at the Indiana Government Center South at Indianapolis

**March 20** Motivational Interviewing for Problem Gamblers  
George Brenner, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

**March 21** SBIRT  
George Brenner, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

**March 21** Co-occurring Issues  
George Brenner, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC

**April 18** Women and Problem Gambling  
Reverend Janet Jacobs

**April 18** Spirituality and Spiritual Issues for Problem Gamblers  
Reverend Janet Jacobs

**May 15** Group Practices  
Judy Herriff, MA, LLP, NCGC II, BACC

**May 15** 12 Step Facilitation Model  
Tom Cox

## Around Our Borders

Here are updates concerning expanding casino gaming in our adjacent states.

### Illinois

Lawmakers are closing in on a breakthrough agreement that could allow expanded gambling and the creation of five casinos. Representatives of Gov. Pat Quinn, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, the existing casinos and the horse racing industry have met to work toward a compromise that could become law during the spring legislative session. The new casinos would operate in Chicago, Danville, Rockford, Lake County and south Cook County.

### Kentucky

The proposed casino gambling legislative amendment for Kentucky may need to be simplified in order to pass. Gov. Steve Beshear appears ready to do what it takes to give the proposal a fighting chance. "We're getting a lot of useful suggestions, and I'm going to be talking with a number of folks in the legislature... and seeing what changes, if any, we ought to make in the wording of the amendment to give it a better chance of passage," Beshear said.

### Ohio

The Casino Control Commission has granted "first Ohio casino" status to the Horseshoe Casino Cleveland. The \$350 million casino will be allowed to open for business as early as May 14. The \$300 million Hollywood Casino Toledo can open the week of Memorial Day, but not on the holiday itself. Latest timetables show the Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati opening at Broadway Commons in spring 2013, a year after a Horseshoe Casino opens in Cleveland. Hollywood Casinos will open in Toledo in the first half of 2013 and in Columbus in the latter half of that year. Both Ohio casino operators currently have Indiana Casinos at Hammond, Elizabeth and Lawrenceburg.

### Newsletter and Printed Materials

Please share the *ICPG Newsletter* with others who you think would be interested in the information that it contains. If you need any of our printed materials, please let us know by emailing us at:

[jllong@indianaproblemgambling.org](mailto:jllong@indianaproblemgambling.org)

## Upcoming Problem Gambling Conferences

**National Conference on Problem Gambling**  
July 13-14 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Indiana Addictions Recovery Month Symposium & MidCentral PG Alliance Conference**  
September 2012  
Indiana Government Center South  
Indianapolis Indiana

**NCRG 12th Annual Conference October 2 & 4**  
Las Vegas, Nevada

## Helpful Contact Information

Indiana Problem Gambling Help Line: 1-800-994-8448  
Indiana Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP): 1-317-234-3600  
National Problem Gambling Help Line: 1-800-522-4700  
Indiana Gamblers Anonymous Hot Line: 1-866-442-8621  
Indiana Council on Problem Gambling: 1-866-699-4274  
Gamblers Anonymous: [www.gamblersanonymous.org](http://www.gamblersanonymous.org)  
Gam-Anon: [www.gam-anon.org](http://www.gam-anon.org)  
Indianapolis Gamblers Anonymous: [www.indyga.org](http://www.indyga.org)  
Female Gamblers: [www.femalegamblers.info](http://www.femalegamblers.info)  
[recoveringgambler.com](http://recoveringgambler.com)  
Gambling Recovery Ministries UMC: [grmumc.org](http://grmumc.org)  
Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition:  
[www.indianarecovery.org](http://www.indianarecovery.org)  
Indiana Council on Problem Gambling:  
[www.indianaproblemgambling.org](http://www.indianaproblemgambling.org)

## Support the ICPG Through Your Annual Membership

Individual Membership of the ICPG (\$50)  
Joint Individual Membership of the ICPG & National Council on Problem Gambling (\$85) (NCPG Membership is \$75).  
Joint membership saves you \$40  
Sponsor (Businesses with up to 10 employees) (\$125)  
Sponsor (Businesses with up to 500 employees) (\$250)  
Sponsor (Businesses with more than 500 employees) (\$500)  
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