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The Fifteenth Annual Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference was a huge success!

The Fifteenth Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was a huge success with 122 people attending the two day conference. Our first conference was held in 1999 and there were 77 participants in attendance.

This year's conference was held March 20th and 21st at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Attendees came from all areas of Wisconsin as well as Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota to attend the conference.

Speakers included:

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| Sheryl Anderson (Minnesota) | LeAnne Holden (Wisconsin) |
| Jerry Bauerkemper (Nebraska) | Doug LaBelle (Wisconsin) |
| Peter Bradley (Illinois) | Candace Peters (Iowa) |
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| Deb Hammond (Nebraska) | Kathryn Speck (Nebraska) |
| Jim Harrison (Wisconsin) | Ken Winters (Minnesota) |

Topics included:

Leading through Communication: Clinical Supervision; Involving Significant Others in Finances for Recovery; Resolving Ethical Dilemmas; The Healing Power of Humor; The Effects of Problem Gambling on the Children; Military Experience and Risk Factors for Gambling Disorders; Helping Create Change for Compulsive Gamblers; Engaging the Family in Gambling Treatment; What's Motivation Got To Do With It? Use of Brief Interventions with Drug Involved Youth; My Gambling Brain—An Outside/Inside View; 50 Shades of Developing Grey: Adolescence, Marijuana and Other Addictions; Recurrence of Acuity: Toward a New (Medical) Definition of Relapse; Not Just About the Money: Advanced Training on Problem Gambling; Conflicted-ism: The Addicts' Real Dilemma; Rope Burn: The Phenomena of Letting Go; Drum Circles: An Alternative and Holistic Approach To Treatment—Part 1 & 2; Navigating the Criminal Justice System— a Panel Discussion with a defense attorney, a prosecutor and a judge.

WE NEED YOUR HELP !!

We are always looking at ways to improve our annual conference and we need your help! It would be greatly appreciated if you could answer the following questions for us.

- Would you prefer the conference be held in March or April?
- What is your preference for the timeline of the conference?
 - Pre-conference on Wednesday, Conference starts on Thursday at 8am and ending on Friday at 4pm (this is our current format).
 - Pre-conference on Wednesday morning. Conference starts at 1pm on Wednesday, all day Thursday and ends at 12 noon on Friday.
- What topics would be of interest to you?

Please e-mail us at wcpgamble5@new.rr.com, fax 920-437-8995 or call us at 1-800-426-2535 with your response.

Thank you so much for taking time from your busy schedule to help us with this!

Rose Gruber

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The Wisconsin Council On Problem Gambling, Inc. provides resources, public awareness and education on problem and pathological gambling disorders while maintaining strict neutrality on the issue of legalized gambling.

Our goals are to:

- Promote public education and awareness of pathological and problem gambling disorders.
- Maintain a toll-free statewide Helpline where pathological and problem gamblers and their families can call for immediate and continuing assistance in dealing with the addiction.
- Advocate quality assistance for all individuals affected by gambling problems.
- Identify "high risk" individuals and groups of problem and pathological gamblers and provide prevention activities and information.
- Provide expert training to professional counselors in the treatment of pathological and problem gamblers.
- Compile and maintain a database of statistical information concerning problem and pathological gambling in Wisconsin.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT:

The WCPG is currently accepting volunteers. Anyone interested in donating their skills and time to the organization by helping with administrative projects is encouraged to contact us at (920)437-8888.

RESOURCE LIBRARY

The WCPG has both books and videos in our lending library. Materials can be loaned out on a two week basis. These materials can also be mailed to you. For more information, call Cheri at (920)437-8888 or e-mail her at: wcpgamble5-cheri@new.rr.com

Major Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Annual Sponsor

Potawatomi Bingo Casino Sponsorship

The WCPG would like to extend a big thank you to the Potawatomi Bingo Casino for the 2014 Sponsorship it has provided. Through the generosity of the Potawatomi Bingo Casino Sponsorship we will be able to provide Phase 1-4 trainings in the Milwaukee area. Sponsorship was provided for the Fifteenth Annual Conference and 15 scholarships were awarded. The sponsorship also provides assistance for the operation of the 24-Hour Helpline and fundraising consultation. We are continually grateful for the on-going support we receive from Potawatomi. Their partnership gives us the opportunity to continue and expand resources for problem gamblers and their families.

Award Recipients

Awards were given to the following individuals who have gone above and beyond in helping the Council achieve its mission of education and promoting public awareness of problem gambling and the disorder of compulsive gambling.

Nancy Baker Award:
Diana Abelt

This award is named after Nancy Baker. Nancy was a long term supporter and friend of the WCPG. There was nothing Nancy wouldn't do to help a compulsive gambler. This award is presented to an individual who has been instrumental in the growth of the Council. This recipient shows long term devotion and unending support of the Council and is given in honor of their outstanding contribution and excellence in support of WCPG.

Special Recognition Award:
Pat Ustianowski

This award is in appreciation of the support and friendship that an individual or organization has given the Council in perpetuating the Council's goals and mission.

Special Recognition Award:
Susan Hengst

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Special Recognition of Nancy Baker:
Nikki Giese and Krissy O'Connor

In memory of Nancy Baker—posthumously—Nancy Baker Award.

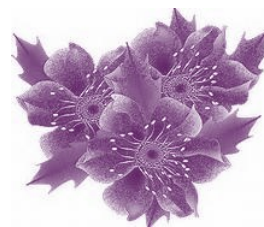
Volunteer Recognition:
Andrea Rath sack

This award is to recognize a volunteer who has shown dedication and support to the Council by unselfishly giving up their time with no expectation or personal gain for the purpose of helping those individuals in need.

Leadership Award:
Robert McGuigan

This award is given with sincere gratitude for outstanding leadership, support and friendship in helping problem gamblers and their families in Wisconsin.

A special thank you to Robert for all that he has done to help educate teens and college students about problem gambling disorders.



This conference brings together leaders in prevention, education, treatment, responsible gambling, research and recovery to present the latest developments in their fields. The conference features high-quality content designed for a multitude of participants – from professionals who work with people experiencing problems with gambling to newcomers experiencing gambling issues.

July 11-12, 2014 in Orlando, Florida.

For more information check online at: ncpgambling.org/Conference

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling would like to thank the following for their generous contributions to the Fifteenth Annual WCPG Statewide Conference:

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**Sixteenth Annual Wisconsin
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Elkhart Lake, WI

March 12-13, 2015

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Thank You

The Fifteenth Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was held on March 20th and 21st, 2014. We appreciate all the support the WCPG receives for the conference and throughout the year.

The staff and Board of Directors of the WCPG would like to offer a huge "Thank you" to the State of Wisconsin for making the conference possible. A big thanks goes to all of the other conference sponsors who helped to make our Fifteenth Annual Statewide Conference a great success. We are also thankful for everyone who provided scholarships to the conference. Scholarships help to provide opportunities for people to attend who might otherwise not be able to do so.

We are so grateful to all of our volunteers who helped us before and during the conference. Our volunteers provide countless hours and help in hundreds of ways. Another thank you goes to conference presenters, exhibitors, and participants for their part in making this conference a success.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone that helped in any way to make our Fifteenth Annual Conference a success. Your participation continues to help compulsive gamblers and their families find the assistance they need as they deal with this debilitating problem.

Just a reminder- planning has begun for next year's conference, which will be held March 12th and 13th, 2015 at The Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI. Save the dates!

A million thanks to all of you,



Rose Gruber
WCPG Executive Director



Many Thanks

Many thanks to all of you who helped make this year's conference a success; your effort and expertise are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Cheri Braley, Jane Kozlik, Frieda Turos, Peggy Schlapman, Chris Gruber, Mark Wesenberg, Cathy Allen-Schneider, Kathy Diny, Judy Ramsey, Maynard & Carolyn Zima, James Bolek, Diana Abelt, Susan Hengst, Carolyn Bickel, Andrea Rathsack, and Mollie Massart.

Thank you to Sheryl Anderson, Jerry Bauerkemper, Peter Bradley, Bill Ginsberg, Michael Goldman, Linda Graves, Deb Hammond, Jim Harrison, LeAnne Holden, Doug LaBelle, Candace Peters, Ed Ramsey, Stuart Robertshaw, Daniel Smith, Kathryn Speck, and Ken Winters for sharing your knowledge with us. Thank you to everyone who contributed so much heart, soul and elbow grease to the conference. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you for "Cruising into the Future" with us!

Rose

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- Sign up for Phase 1 and 2 or Phase 3 and 4 at the same time and receive a \$50.00 discount off each Phase!
- Sign up for all 4 Phases and receive an additional \$50.00 discount!
- Get 3 people from the same agency to attend and receive a 25% discount off the total!

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2014-2015 TRAINING SCHEDULE

Phase 1

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
September 25-26, 2014	Comfort Suites, 300 Division St., Stevens Point	September 18, 2014

Phase 2

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
October 23-24, 2014	Comfort Suites, 300 Division St., Stevens Point	October 16, 2014

Phase 3

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
January 22-23, 2015	Comfort Suites, 300 Division St., Stevens Point	January 15, 2015

Phase 4

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
February 12-13, 2015	Comfort Suites, 300 Division St., Stevens Point	February 5, 2015

TOTAL COST:	Phases taken separately	Phase 1 & 2	Phase 3 & 4	All 4 Phase Trainings
	\$150 each	\$200	\$200	\$350

The Thirtieth Annual National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Conference

This unique rural alcohol and drug abuse conference provides participants the opportunity to personally interact with other rural alcohol and drug abuse professionals, federal agency representatives and nationally known institute faculty and resource individuals while accessing the latest in evidence-based practices for the improvement of rural services.

June 8-12, 2014 at UW-Stout
www.uwstout.edu/profed/nri

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!!

Please check out our new website (wi.problemgamblers.org). We have received favorable feedback—that the website is easy to navigate and that there is great information available. We can make real-time additions, deletions and corrections, so know that the information is as up-to-date as possible. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter also!