



# WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS: Potawatomi Casino Hotel

## “Hats Off to 25 Years Through Awareness, Education, and Prevention”

### 25th Annual Problem Gambling Awareness Conference

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was a huge success. This year’s conference was held March 14th and 15th, 2024 at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha, Wisconsin

#### Speakers Included:

Jerry Bauerkemper (Texas)  
Gayle Bigsby (Wisconsin)  
Scott Caldwell (Wisconsin)  
Dr. Heather Chapman (Virginia)  
Michael Goldman (Illinois)  
Patricia Jirovetz (Wisconsin)

Doug LaBelle (Wisconsin)  
Saul Malek (Texas)  
Mark Sanders (Illinois)  
Andrew Schreier (Wisconsin)  
Dr. James Schreier (Wisconsin)  
Jeanne Wagner (Illinois)

#### Topics Included:

- ◆ Ethics and Boundaries in a World of Technology
- ◆ Assessing Suicide Risk and Treating Depression for Compulsive Gamblers
- ◆ How to Supervise Gambling Counselors for Improved Outcomes
- ◆ What Kind of Gamblers are Presenting for Treatment: Comparing 1990 to 2024 and the Research that Drives Treatment Today
- ◆ Take Me Out to the Inning
- ◆ Rules of Engagement: Engaging Military and Veteran Clients into your Clinical Practice
- ◆ The 10 Smartest Things Counselors and Programs Can Do to Promote Recovery
- ◆ Spoken Into Existence: Effective and Engaging Youth Gambling Education
- ◆ The Link Between Problem Gambling and Trauma: Clinical Implications
- ◆ The Hidden Addiction, What That Really Means to Families
- ◆ Effectively Addressing Teen Gambling: Screening and Brief Intervention
- ◆ Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction
- ◆ The Power of EMDR in Problem Gambling Treatment
- ◆ Reducing Expenses for Addiction Clients—Some Budgeting Tips for Those in Recovery
- ◆ Money, That’s What I (Don’t) Want to Talk About
- ◆ Random Odds: Futuring Skills for Problem Gambling Insights
- ◆ Effective Co-Occurring Disorders Treatment

2024  SPRING  Newsletter

## SPONSORSHIPS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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

### Major Sponsors:

- ◆ Horicon Bank
- ◆ Lake of the Torches Resort Casino
- ◆ Oneida Nation
- ◆ Potawatomi Casino Hotel
- ◆ Wisconsin Lottery
- ◆ Susan Hengst Scholarship
- ◆ Richard Stanchfield Scholarship

### Other Contributors:

Bankers Advertising \* Creative Promotions \* Discovery World Milwaukee \* Green Bay Rockers \* Green Bay Gamblers \* Green Bay Packers \* Hawkins Ash CPAs \* Milwaukee World Fest/Summerfest \* Milwaukee Zoo \* Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of NEW \* Prime Time Printing \* Schreiber Foods \* Seroogy's Chocolates \* Starbucks Coffee \* Usinger's Famous Sausage \* Wisconsin Timber Rattlers \*

## 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 disorders.

**Outstanding Volunteer ~ Judy Ramsey** ~ This award is given to an individual who has shown long-term devotion and unending support of the Council and has volunteered uncountable hours toward helping the mission of the WCPG.

**Special Recognition Award ~ Gayle Bigsby** ~ 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.

**Leadership Award ~ Michael Goldman** ~ This award is given to a person or organization that has shown outstanding leadership in the compulsive gambling field.

**Cornerstone Award ~ Patricia Jirovetz** ~ This award is named after the first recipient, The Cornerstone Foundation. It is presented to a person or organization that has been instrumental in the growth of the Council. The recipient must show strong support and dedication to the expansion of the WCPG and its mission.



*The WCPG is in the process of planning for the 2025 Conference.  
Please watch our website for coming information!*

*Website: [wi-problemgamblers.org](http://wi-problemgamblers.org)*

We Can Help: 1-800-426-2535

~TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES~

Webinars

Sports Gambling: A Risky Game for Teenagers

Date: September 11, 2024 ~ 10:00am - 11:30am

What Happens When Gambling Leads to Criminal Behavior?

October 9, 2024 ~ 10:00am - 11:30am

Cost: \$20 per Webinar - 1.5 CEUs

**JUST IN TIME TO SIGN UP!!!**  
**FROM GAMBLING TO GAMBLING DISORDER—SESSION 1-4 TRAINING**  
**BEGINNING APRIL 25-26 at the HOLIDAY INN PEWAUKEE**  
**SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO**

CEU certifications applied for through NAADAC, EACC, WAMFT, NASW, and IGCCB

Please see our website for more information: [www.wi-problemgamblers.org](http://www.wi-problemgamblers.org)



*“Celebrating Recovery, Hope, and Support” 5K Run/Walk*

**When:**  
September 14, 2024  
9:00am – 12:00pm

**Location:**  
Brown County WI Barkhausen  
Waterfowl Preserve  
2024 Lakeview Dr, Suamico, WI  
54173



Visit our Website Event Page for more information

<https://wi-problemgamblers.org/events/>

2024 Board of Directors

Pat Jirovetz -  
President

Ed Ramsey -  
Vice President

Mark Wesenberg -  
Secretary

Diana Abelt -  
Treasurer

James Harrison III

Jessie Harvath

LeAnne Holden

Doug LaBelle

James Lewis

Andrew Schreier

Todd Zangl

2023 Administrative Staff:

Rose Blozinski -  
Executive Director

Cheri Braley -  
Operations Manager

Alta Valenta -  
Conference Coordinator

**WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING**

For help: Call: 1-800-426-2535

Text: 1-850-888-4673



**WISCONSIN COUNCIL**  
ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

1585 Allouez Ave.  
Green Bay, WI 54311  
Phone: (920)437-8888  
Fax: (920)437-8995

Find Us • Like Us • Follow Us



Non-Profit Org.

U.S. Postage

**PAID**

Green Bay, WI

Permit No. 460

## Inside This Issue:

- 24th Annual WCPG Statewide Conference
- Conference Sponsorships and Contributions
- Award Recipients
- Training Information/Webinars
- 5K Run/Walk



Newsletter now available via  
**email....**

Please contact  
The Wisconsin Council  
on Problem Gambling  
1-800-Gamble-5  
or email:

[wcpg@wi-problemgamblers.org](mailto:wcpg@wi-problemgamblers.org)

View this newsletter on the web at:

[www.wi-problemgamblers.org](http://www.wi-problemgamblers.org)