

**2014 National Conference on Problem Gambling**

**Bios - (As of 6/17/2014)**

<b>Youssef Allami</b>	After obtaining my B.Sc. from McGill University (Canada), I am now finishing my second year as a doctoral student of clinical psychology at the University of Montreal (Canada). My thesis is conducted under the supervision of Dr. Frank Vitaro, who has published widely in the area of adolescent gambling and delinquency.
<b>Christopher Anderson NCGC II</b>	Christopher W Anderson, MS, LMFT, NCGCII/BACC is in his 34th year as a practicing psychotherapist. For the past 26 years, he has worn many hats in the field of gambling addiction including: Primary treatment of gambling addicts / families; Training/supervision of clinicians seeking gambling treatment certification; Keynote speaker, presenter, and trainer at numerous conferences in North America; Former NCPG Board Member and Executive Director of the ICPCG; Consultant to the Illinois Gaming Board, gambling treatment programs, and financial professionals. Chris is one of the most highly sought after speakers and trainers in the field, and is a recovering compulsive gambler.
<b>Sheryl Anderson NCGCII</b>	Sheryl Anderson has more than 30 years of experience in the mental health field, having worked with families and mental health agencies and educational systems. She has presented at many state and national conferences and her passion and commitment to help families and individuals is well known in the field of addiction treatment. She is a masters level, Nationally Certified Gambling Counselor – II through the International Gambling Counselor Certification board, a Minnesota State approved Gambling Treatment Provider, an Alcohol and Drug Counselor Reciprocal – MN; as certified by the Minnesota Certification Board and Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy.
<b>Marie Apke CCGC</b>	BDA Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Apke administers and oversees Problem Gambling Help Lines for 10 states, administers problem gambling research and professional training programs, and is responsible for clinical oversight and supervision of the firm's national problem gambling services.
<b>Jessica Auslander</b>	Jessica Auslander, MA, LPC-CR, NCC, DCC is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Ohio who is new to the gambling field. She became a counselor in Maryhaven's Problem Gambling Program July 2013, and anticipates obtaining the NCGC-I May 2014. She has worked in the fields of trauma and in the school setting before becoming a clinical counselor and focusing on addiction and problem gambling. She has presented at the local, state and national levels on a variety of topics including Korsakoff's syndrome, technology and communication, and trauma informed care.
<b>Jerry Bauerkemper CCGC</b>	Jerry Bauerkemper, B.S., C.C.G.C., is the executive director at the Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling. He was the first director of problem gambling for the state of Nebraska. In addition, he was appointed and served on the Nebraska's commission on problem gambling. He has been providing counseling to gambling families since 1986. He has published research on the prevalence of problem gambling in the Nebraska Probation Department. He received the 'First Step' award in 1999 for his work with problem gamblers. He is a nationally recognized expert on problem gambling, who has provided training throughout the United States.
<b>Claire Baxter</b>	Claire Baxter is a PhD Candidate in Applied Social Psychology. Claire Baxter's research focuses on problem gambling from a social psychological perspective. Claire Baxter is associated with the SOPL research lab, which has been researching problem gambling from a social perspective for the past 10 years. Claire has experience not only in the research lab, but also in the community as a program evaluator.
<b>Rebecca Beardsley</b>	Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Employed in the gaming industry for eight years and in the healthcare industry for twenty. Officer of the RGANM. Lobbied the Legislature on a number of health/safety issues for over ten years. Experienced in policy development, training and leadership. Collaborated with lawmakers to attain funding for treatment, providers to address co-occurring disorders including problem gambling and trained the community and business to heighten awareness and develop strategies to address social issues.
<b>Jody Bechtold NCGCII</b>	Jody Bechtold, LCSW, NCGC-II, BACC, has been providing outreach, intervention, and education to individuals with gambling and co-occurring disorders, as well as their families. Since 2008, she has been providing prevention workshops, harm reduction interventions, and treatment to older adults. She has developed best practices for working with this growing population.
<b>Jeffrey Beck CCGC, JD</b>	Jeffrey Beck is a licensed professional counselor, certified compulsive gambling counselor and attorney. He serves on Board of Directors of the NCPG. He is President of the American Compulsive Gambling Counselor Certification Board and Vice President of Association of Professionals Treating Problem Gambling.
<b>Rick Berman CCGC</b>	Rick Berman, LPC, CADCI, CGACII, is a faculty member at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, where he focuses on training graduate counseling students to become problem gambling counselors. He is coordinator of Lewis & Clark's problem gambling community clinic and teaches pre-certification classes for Oregon gambling addiction counselors. Berman has over twenty years' experience as a therapist,

	specializing in treatment of co-occurring mental health and addictive disorders. He has been a counselor, supervisor or administrator in seven outpatient gambling treatment programs and one residential program. He helped introduce Feedback-Informed Treatment to two of those programs.
<b>Sue Birge</b>	Sue Birge assumed directorship of the RG Check accreditation program in 2013. RG Check offers gaming companies an independent assessment of the quality of their responsible gambling safety net. From 2000 to 2012, Ms. Birge was Executive Director of Policy, Responsible Gambling and Business Services, Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, Ministry of Public Safety, Province of British Columbia. Responsibilities included developing British Columbia's gaming legislation, regulatory framework, policies, and public interest standards; the delivery of programs and services to clients and the general public through the provincial Responsible and Problem Gambling Program; and oversight of Finance and Information Technology operations.
<b>Daniel Blackwood, NCGCII</b>	
<b>Alex Blaszczyński, PhD</b>	Dr. Alex Blaszczyński is a Professor of Clinical Psychology, Director of the University of Sydney's Gambling Treatment Clinic and Research, an associate of Strategic Science, and adjunct professor at the Centre for Gambling and Education Research, Southern Cross University. He has evaluated randomized treatment outcomes studies using behavioural interventions, assessed prevalence of depression and suicidality, determined the relationship between crime, gambling, and highlighted the role of impulsivity in pathological gamblers. He developed a conceptual pathways model explaining the aetiology of pathological gamblers, and has reviewed responsible gambling and harm minimisation strategies. He was chairman of the Working Party for the Australian Psychological Society, committee member of the Australian Medical Association's position papers on problem gambling, and the editor-in-chief of International Gambling Studies.
<b>Amanda Burke</b>	Amanda Burke is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) and a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) with a B.S., M.A., and M.Ed. Additionally, she has presented at multiple national conferences (Examples: American College Health Association; American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) and numerous regional and local conferences (Examples: Health Educator's Institute; Future Educators Association). She serves as a Problem Gambling Prevention Specialist at Townhall II and is part-time faculty at Kent State University.
<b>Margot Cahoon</b>	Margot Cahoon, is the Communications Director at the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling. For over 18 years Cahoon has led the marketing communications and public relations initiatives for leading non-profit healthcare organizations. Under her direction, the Mass. Council has become a social media leader in the field. She has created a face for the organization on popular social media sites: Twitter, Facebook, Flickr and LinkedIn. In addition she manages a weekly Council blog and several websites. Cahoon is the Chairperson for the National Council's Social Media Committee. She holds a BA in Communications from the University of Rhode Island.
<b>Kimberly Caldeira</b>	Kimberly M. Caldeira is Associate Director of the Center on Young Adult Health and Development (CYAHD) at the University of Maryland's School of Public Health. In her 10 years of work on the NIDA-funded College Life Study (PI: Amelia M. Arria), she has focused her research on health outcomes in young adulthood related to substance abuse and dependence, nonmedical prescription drug use, depression and suicide, drunk and drugged driving, HIV testing, and sexual risk behaviors. She has also conducted research on how excessive drinking and drug use relate to academic performance, employment, and other developmental milestones of young adulthood.
<b>Michael Campos PhD</b>	Dr. Campos is a licensed clinical psychologist in the State of California and currently works at the UCLA Gambling Studies Program. At the Gambling Studies Program he is involved in the quality assurance and monitoring activities for the California Office of Problem Gambling's state-funded gambling treatment program. He has published in the field of gambling problems and in the field of substance abuse treatment. He received his PhD and MS from Washington State University and completed his postdoctoral work at the UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs.
<b>Heather Chapman PhD, NCGCII</b>	Dr. Heather Chapman is a clinical psychologist, a National Certified Gambling Counselor and Board Certified Clinical Consultant for the National Council on Problem Gambling, and a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers. She is the Deputy Director of the Veterans Addiction Recovery Center and the Director of the Gambling Treatment Program at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, the only residential and leader of gambling treatment for the VA and Department of Defense. She speaks throughout the world on problem and pathological gambling. Her research interests include gambling and suicidality and personality subtyping of pathological gamblers.
<b>Kelly Chau</b>	Kelly D. Chau is a Ph.D. candidate at Palo Alto University. She is the Associate Director at Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI). Kelly has worked in the behavioral health and addiction field since

	2000. She is involved in the development and management of community-based programs that integrates research, addiction recovery services, and behavioral health services to promote healthy lifestyle, enhance functioning, and responsible gambling. Kelly is the chair the Vietnamese Reach for Health Coalition. She actively collaborates with schools and community-based groups in Santa Clara County, promoting education, outreach and cultural competent behavioral health services for unserved/underserved communities.
<b>Tim Christensen</b>	Tim Christensen is a Solutions Architect for Netsmart Technologies, Inc. where he specializes in electronic medical record implementations for large behavioral health agencies in the public and private sector. Prior to this position, he was a clinician, State problem gambling and behavioral health program administrator, and President of the Association for Problem Gambling Service Administrators. He has served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the National Council on Problem Gambling.
<b>Westley Clark MD, JD, MPH, CAS, FASAM</b>	As Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. Clark leads the agency's national effort to provide effective and accessible treatment to all Americans with addictive disorders.
<b>Athena Cymrot</b>	
<b>Anna Dawczyk</b>	Anna Dawczyk is a Ph.D. student at the University of Guelph and a Graduate Research Assistant at the Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre. Anna's research interests are mental health and addictions and she is especially interested in responsible gambling, self-exclusion programs, and translating knowledge into practice. Her theoretical work is on the various frameworks underlying problem gambling interventions and conceptualizations of outcomes and subsequently recovery. Anna's empirical research is on self-exclusion ban lengths and compliance with the agreement. She is also working on a knowledge translation (KT) plan to mobilize the results of her research into practice.
<b>Todd Denny</b>	Todd Denny M.S.W. is the director of Music Mentor Academies (MMA) an innovative residency that attracts youth to the work of health promotion and addiction prevention. MMA received the 2009 national award for best media awareness campaign from NCPG and has been featured on NPR twice. Todd's recent tribal partnerships include: Mescalero Responsible Gaming Program (2013), Northwest Portland Indian Health Board: 48 tribes (2010-2013) Northwest Indian Youth Conference: 48 tribes (2010-2011) Nisqually Tribe (2010-2012) The Lummi Nation (2009-2010), Muckleshoot Tribe (2008), Nooksack Tribe (2008-2010), Yakama Nation (2008-2010), Chehalis Tribe (2010), Squaxin Island Tribe (2009) and Swinomish Tribe (2008).
<b>Jeffrey Derevensky PhD</b>	Jeffrey L. Derevensky, PhD, is Professor and Director of Clinical Training in School/Applied Child Psychology, Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology; and Professor, Department of Psychiatry at McGill University. He has published widely in the fields of child development, developmental psychopathology, gambling studies and education and is on the editorial board of numerous journals. Since 1992 he has developed a comprehensive research program investigating many facets of gambling, is actively involved in treating young people with severe gambling problems, and has been a consultant to gaming corporations and governments throughout the world.
<b>Michael DeVillez</b>	Michael K. DeVillez, Compliance Officer, San Felipe Casino Hollywood; Retired Air Force – Accounting/Finance; University of New Mexico Anderson Business School - Bachelor's Degree; June – October 2006 Temp Interim Finance Director; October 2006 hired as Compliance Officer; Workshops with Buss Productions 2006 -2010, 10 of 16 courses, to earn my Gaming Protection Certification from St. Cloud University; Trained by NIGC – numerous Courses; Compliance Manager for Sky City Casino Dec 2011 – Dec 2012; Compliance Officer for San Felipe Casino Hollywood Dec 2012 – Present; Responsible Gaming coordinator for both casino's since 2007 and elected Treasurer of RGANM in 2010.
<b>Shannon Dick</b>	Shannon L. Dick (M.S. Statistics – Kansas State University) is owner and lead analyst of Western Kansas Statistical Lab. WKSSL's mission statement is to bring affordable data driven decision making to Southwest Kansas. Shannon has extensive work with non-profit organizations as well as commercial clients in and out of the Southwest Kansas region. He is a hired statistical consultant for the Southwest Kansas Problem Gambling Task Force, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Finney County Community Health Coalition.
<b>Shannon Dictson</b>	Shannon Dictson has served as the Responsible Gaming Coordinator for the Mescalero Apache Tribe for 6 years. She has conducted trainings throughout New Mexico including New Mexico State University. Shannon is the Chair of the Lincoln County Community Health Council, a collaborative effort by service providers and community members to promote cooperation among community health related agencies in Lincoln County and Mescalero. Shannon is a 2012 Leadership Lincoln graduate.
<b>Richard DiGregorio</b>	Dick entered the field of Recovery in the early 1980's completing one year Internship at the Substance Abuse Center of Michigan, in conjunction with the Merrill Palmer Institute. Prompted by his own experience and commitment to serve, Dick co-founded The Michigan Council on Problem Gambling,

	under the guidance of Monsignor Joe Dunn. He was Proctored by Dr. Jules Tabor, Joanna Franklin and most recently, Dr. Deborah Haskins and Dr. Henry Lesieur. Dick holds a BA Psych, MBA and a graduate of Florida Addiction Institute with one a year program in Addiction Treatment. Dick has a reputation for bringing a sincere passion of service to the suffering addict. It is his Life's Purpose.
<b>J. Michael Faragher NCGCI</b>	J. Michael Faragher, Psy.D. NCGCI/BACC is the director of the Problem Gambling Treatment and Research Center at the University of Denver. He also currently teaches graduate level Counseling Psychology courses at the University of Denver and in the Applied Psychology and Counselor Education Graduate Program at the University of Northern Colorado. He is also a member of the advisory council of the Problem Gambling Coalition of Colorado.
<b>Mark Farrell JD</b>	Judge Mark G. Farrell is the Senior Justice in Amherst, New York, Civil and Criminal Court, which operates the largest Suburban Jurisdiction in the State of New York. Judge Farrell is an acting City Court Judge in the City of Buffalo, New York and also serves in the capacity of both an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law at the University of Buffalo, School of Law and a Research Associate Professor in the University's School of Social Work. Judge Farrell is a recognized leader in the area of Therapeutic Justice and operates the only Gambling Treatment Court in the world. Judge Farrell founded the first suburban Drug Court in the United States in 1996; the first Domestic Violence Court in Western New York in 1997; the aforementioned Gambling Treatment Court in 2001.
<b>Don Feeney</b>	Don Feeney, MS has been a member of the NCPG board since 2002. Don is co-founder of the Northstar Problem Gambling Alliance, Minnesota's NCPG affiliate, and is currently secretary on its Board of Directors. He has also served on the Minnesota Department of Human Services Problem Gambling Advisory Committee since 1993. Since 1991, Don has been the Research and Planning Director at the Minnesota State Lottery. He serves on the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries' Responsible Gaming Committee and the World Lottery Association's Corporate Social Responsibility Committee. Don holds master's degrees in public policy from Harvard and statistics from the University of Minnesota.
<b>Pat Fowler</b>	Pat Fowler was instrumental in the FCCG's formation and began working with compulsive gamblers and their families as its Deputy Director in 1988. She became Executive Director in the early 90's. Ms. Fowler designed and oversees the statewide 24-hour crisis HelpLine, providing around-the-clock supportive intervention, resource and treatment referrals, and information. She further established and directs the state's first ever compulsive gambling treatment program furnishing free counseling supports to people in need. Under her leadership, the FCCG has grown into a comprehensive statewide organization funded by the State and gaming industry, and recognized as a national leader.
<b>Maria Ging Fernandez</b>	
<b>Judith Glynn</b>	Judith Glynn, M.Sc. has 25 years of experience with skills that span scientific research, public policy, and marketing/communications. She is Advisor, Asian Pacific Association for Gambling Studies and Member, International Think Tank on Gambling Research, Policy and Practice. Judith's perspective is unique, having worked to develop and market Ontario's gaming policy agenda, before managing from start-up the world's largest problem gambling research fund. Judith established collaborations between researchers and industry, regulators, treatment agencies, and vulnerable populations including women and aboriginal peoples. Judith is Principal, Strategic Science, which provides health behaviour-based research and consulting services in gambling, obesity and substance abuse.
<b>Michael Goldman CCGC</b>	I have worked in the addictions field for 30 years and as an EAP counselor for the past 24 years. I am a Certified Problem and Compulsive Gambling counselor, a certified D/A counselor, Certified EA professional and a Licensed Professional Counselor.
<b>Maureen Greeley</b>	Maureen Greeley has served as Executive Director of the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling since November 2006, helping to broaden the Council's reach and strengthen its programs and services. She is currently the President of NCPG's Board of Directors. She served as Chair of the Membership Committee in 2011-2012 and as Interim Recording Secretary for the NCPG Board in 2008. She has worked with and for the National Council since 1998.
<b>Robert Grey</b>	Robert is a Human Resource Specialist with the Santa Clara development Corporation. Operators of the Santa Claran Hotel and Casino located in Espanola, New Mexico. His areas of responsibility includes coordinating a responsible gaming program that educates employees and community members about responsible gaming. He is a veteran of the United States Navy and an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Santa Clara. He has been a board member of the Responsible Gaming Association of New Mexico since 2004 and has served as a past President. He is currently working on his Professional Human Resources (PHR) certificate. In his free time he enjoys participating in tribal cultural activities and spending time with his wife and two boys.
<b>Wiley Harwell</b>	Wiley D. Harwell is the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association for Problem and Compulsive

<b>NCGCII</b>	Gambling and is currently serving as the Vice President of the NCPG Board of Directors. Wiley has a Doctor of Ministry degree from Southern Methodist University, a Masters of Divinity from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky and a bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University. He is a licensed professional counselor, a certified employee assistance professional, advanced certification in hypnotherapy, and is a National Certified Gambling Counselor-II. Wiley has served as the director of employee assistance programs for twenty years and has provided counseling to employees and family members for over fifty companies.
<b>Deborah Haskins PhD, NCGC II</b>	Dr. Deborah G. Haskins, Ph.D., is President of the Maryland Council on Problem Gambling, a Nationally Certified Gambling Counselor and Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (MD). She is a Board-Approved Clinical Consultant and has trained thousands of health practitioners in culturally intentional mental health and gambling treatment, helped hundreds of counselors attain the national gambling counselor certification, and modifies traditional treatment to appeal to communities of color, emphasizing outreach to these communities.
<b>Shirley Hoak JD</b>	Shirley Hoak, JD, is a Certified Addiction Recovery Coach, a Recovery Support Specialist, and a person in recovery from a gambling addiction. She has been a case manager/peer counselor in a gambling treatment program for the past 2 years. She has presented numerous workshops and trainings on issues of problem gambling. She brings the unique perspective of the treatment community and the recovery community together in her work. She is the co-author of the CT. Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services training on Working with People Presenting Gambling Problems and Financial Issues in Behavioral Health Settings.
<b>Robert Hunter PhD</b>	Rob Hunter has directed the Problem Gambling Center, Las Vegas since its inception in 1986. Trained by Dr. Robert Custer, Hunter has presented at gambling conferences nationally and internationally for many years.
<b>Julie Hynes</b>	Julie has specialized in problem gambling prevention for the last 12 years. She is a problem gambling prevention coordinator with Lane County Public Health ("PreventionLane") and adjunct faculty with the University of Oregon, specializing in problem gambling coursework. Julie has been involved in numerous state-level and national publications and leadership roles, policy efforts, work with youth, website development, and is always attentive to the forefront of technology in prevention. In 2012, she was honored with the Wuefeling Prevention Award from the National Council on Problem Gambling for her work in helping advance the field of problem gambling prevention and awareness.
<b>Rebecca Ireland</b>	Rebecca is the Manager of Maine's Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Assessment, Strategic Planning, and Implementation Initiative. She is also the Director of Maine's Higher Education Alcohol Prevention Partnership c/o Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, DHHS.
<b>Connie Jones</b>	Connie Jones is Director of Responsible Gaming for the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers (AGEM). Jones, a 20 year veteran of the gaming industry, has presented at numerous conferences and events on the gaming manufacturer's role in RG and the evolution of RG Technologies. She currently serves on the boards of the National Council on Problem Gambling, the Nevada Council on Problem Gambling, the Problem Gambling Center in Las Vegas and was appointed by Nevada's past 2 governors to serve on the state's Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling. She also chairs the RG Committee for the International Masters of Gaming Law.
<b>Stefano Keel</b>	Steve Keel has experience in public health, child welfare, mental health services and addiction treatment and prevention. He has a MSW from Boston College and a Master of Management of Human Service from the Heller School at Brandeis University. Steve served as the Director of Prevention Services for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), Bureau of Substance Abuse Services for 15 years. In January 2014, Steve was appointed to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, National Advisory Council. In March 2014, he became Director of Problem Gambling Services for the MDPH.
<b>Bob Kerk sieck</b>	Bob Kerk sieck, LMSW, IAADC, is a health facilities surveyor for the Iowa Department of Public Health, working with problem gambling and substance abuse treatment programs. He received an 'Outstanding Contributor Award' in 2013 from the Missouri Alliance to Curb problem Gambling for his work in the field. He holds a master's degree in education from University of Wisconsin at Platteville and has more than 30 years of clinical social work, counseling and administration experience working with children and families, adults, substance abuse and problem gambling. He began work in problem gambling prevention and treatment in the 1980's and has presented at numerous national, regional and state conferences.
<b>David Ledgerwood PhD</b>	Dr. Ledgerwood is a Clinical Psychologist and Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences at the Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan. His work primarily focuses on etiology and treatment of gambling disorder and other addictive disorders. Dr. Ledgerwood has published several research articles on problem gambling focusing on areas including co-

	occurring psychopathology, impulse control and executive function, treatment outreach, and treatment effectiveness.
<b>Bonnie Lee PhD</b>	Bonnie Lee, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor at the University of Lethbridge, Canada. She teaches in the Addictions Counselling program. A Clinical Fellow and Approved Supervisor of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Dr. Lee has been in clinical practice for 18 years. She is also a researcher who has developed Congruence Couple Therapy based on Virginia Satir's work. A recently completed pilot randomized trial of the model indicates significant and positive trends of the model's efficacy in reducing problem gambling, enhancing mental health and family systems functioning. An author of many articles in international journals, she has conducted training in Congruence Couple Therapy internationally in the United States, Canada, Hong Kong and Australia.
<b>Marc Lefkowitz NCGC I</b>	Marc Lefkowitz CCGC, is a California/National Certified Gambling Counselor. He has facilitated counselor and other trainings for the California Council on Problem Gambling, UCLA Gambling Studies Program and NAPAFASA. He is an adjunct instructor in California teaching courses on problem gambling and addiction. He has trained over 100,000 casino employees and developed responsible gaming programs for many gambling venues. Marc, a recovering gambler, has lectured at numerous national conferences on problem gambling; financial matters for addicts; and responsible gambling. Marc recently received California's Life-time Achievement Award for his work with problem gamblers and affected individuals.
<b>Henry Lesieur PhD, PsyD, NCGCII</b>	Henry R. Lesieur, Ph.D., has a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a Psy.D. in clinical psychology from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology. He is a licensed clinical psychologist. Dr. Lesieur is Vice-President of the Rhode Island Council on Problem Gambling. He has treated problem gamblers as well as individuals with a wide range of other disorders. He is a consultant to C.A.R.E. in North Palm Beach, Florida. Dr. Lesieur is the co-author of the South Oaks Gambling Screen (SOGS) that has been translated into 50 languages and is used around the world.
<b>Laura M. Letson MPH</b>	Laura M. Letson has served in the gambling addiction field for nearly 20 years, starting as the New York Council on Problem Gambling's first Executive Director. She is a former member of the NCPG's Board of Directors, including service as the Co-Chair of the Affiliates Committee and Chair of the Public Policy Committee, where she spearheaded and drafted the NCPG's response to the National Gaming Impact Study Commission (NGISC). Laura co-authored the recommendations on pathological gambling appearing in the NGISC's report to President Clinton and Congress, and prepared a series of articles and papers, including the chapter on the social impacts of gambling addiction in the 2010 book, Impulse Control Disorders, published by the Stanford University Medical Center (California) and Cambridge Press.
<b>Maria Lorts Sachs, Senator</b>	Senator Maria Lorts Sachs is Vice-Chair of the Florida Senate Committee on Gaming and is a member of the Regulated Industries Committee which oversees gaming. Senator Sachs is the daughter of a World War II veteran and an immigrant mother, which instilled a strong sense of American patriotism, a profound attachment to American veterans, and a commitment to making a difference within her community. As a prosecutor, she rose through the ranks to Major Crimes Prosecutor, became the Division Chief of Drug Trafficking and Narcotics Trade for Broward County's State Attorney's Office, and thereafter worked for a commercial litigation firm before opening her own law firm focusing on family law and juvenile representation. In 2006, Senator Sachs won a seat in the Florida House of Representatives where she served for two terms before being elected to the Florida Senate in 2010. She served as Senate Minority Whip in 2011 and is currently Senate Minority Leader Pro Tempore. Senator Sachs is an advocate whose community ties are strong and lasting with contributions in the areas of economic prosperity, community safety, juvenile justice, veterans' affairs, seniors, health care, and energy issues.
<b>Ty Lostutter</b>	Ty W. Lostutter is an Assistant Professor at the Center for the Study of Health and Risk Behaviors in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington. Dr. Lostutter has over a decade of experience conducting clinical research and prevention of disordered gambling. He received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Washington in 2009. Dr. Lostutter joined the Board of the Evergreen Council in 2007 and also serves on the Board of the National Council on Problem Gambling.
<b>Jeffrey Marotta PhD, NCGCII</b>	Dr. Jeffrey Marotta serves as President and Senior Consultant with Problem Gambling Solutions and Clinical Associate Professor at Oregon Health & Science University. Jeff received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Nevada Reno and is certified as an NCGC-II. He has served as a university instructor and researcher, a mental health clinician, a government administrator, and executive director for non-profit organizations. From 2000 to 2007, he administered and developed the State of Oregon's problem gambling treatment and prevention system and has since assisted with the development of programs and policies to address problem gambling in multiple jurisdictions.
<b>Katie Marshall NCGC-I</b>	Katie Marshall, LCSW, NCGC is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Nationally Certified Gambling Counselor who works as a therapist for The Connection Inc. Bettor Choice Program in both Middletown

	and New Haven, CT. This program provides outpatient level treatment for problem gamblers and their family members. Katie received her MSW from the University Of Connecticut School Of Social Work in 2011 and has been working in gambling treatment since. Katie provides gambling treatment, education, awareness, and prevention to the residents of Connecticut.
<b>Stephen Martino</b>	Stephen Martino has served as director of the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency since April 2010. From 2005 to 2010, Martino served as executive director of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission where he led the effort to establish Kansas' gaming regulatory framework and organized the opening of the first state-owned and operated casino in the United States. Martino has emphasized the importance of responsible gambling awareness and problem gambling treatment. He founded both the Kansas Responsible Gambling Alliance and the Maryland Alliance for Responsible Gambling. Martino has a law degree from Washburn University School of Law. He lives in Columbia, Maryland, with his wife, Beth, and their two children.
<b>Ken Martz PhD, NCGC II, CCGC</b>	Kenneth J. Martz, Psy.D. CAS. NCGC-II, BACC is a licensed psychologist and currently manages the prevention, intervention and treatment for gambling disorders in Pennsylvania. He has specialized in treatment and management of gambling disorders in outpatient and residential settings for the past 15 years. He holds each of the 3 national certifications in gambling treatment. He has a number of publications and international presentations in the gambling treatment field.
<b>Elizabeth McCall</b>	Liz has worked as a Prevention Educator for the CCPG since 2011. Her main role with the Council is to run the College Program. Liz has recruited 13 colleges and universities across the state to participate in a mini-grant program that educates students, faculty and staff on the risks involved in gambling. The College Program received recognition at the 2013 NCPG Conference in Seattle, Washington. Most recently she has been working with the Military to create awareness on how to best serve this population.
<b>Matt McCreary CCGC</b>	Mr. McCreary is a member of BDA's Executive Leadership Team and oversees operations of BDA's Problem Gambling Services Program for 10 states across the country. Mr. McCreary is responsible for operations, training and clinical supervision of BDA clinical staff and assists in product development, implementation strategies & coordinating quality assurance functions.
<b>Scott Melissa</b>	Scott Melissa, Human Resources Director / Workforce Development Manager. Scott possesses over 12 years of relationship building and business development experience, including six years of experience working directly in nonprofit administration. In this role at Council, my responsibilities include implementing and maintaining professional development programs and creating employment opportunities through corporate partnerships. Scott earned a BS from the University of Massachusetts.
<b>Kirk Moberg PhD, MD</b>	Kirk Moberg, MD, PhD has practiced addiction medicine for 20 years and has served as medical director for three treatment centers, currently the Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery (IIAR) in Peoria, Illinois. Prior to joining IIAR Dr. Moberg practiced in the Champaign-Urbana, Illinois area for the Carle organization where he also served as Chief Medical Officer. His clientele includes patients addicted to substances as well as those with behavioral addictions and he is experienced in the use of Medication Assisted Treatment. Dr. Moberg is certified by the boards of Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine and the Certifying Commission in Medical Management.
<b>Jacqueline Moghaddam PhD</b>	Dr. Moghaddam is a postdoctoral fellow at the UCLA Gambling Studies Program. She began her work in addictions as a doctoral student while working with Native American communities, examining culturally sensitive approaches to treatment. She completed her doctoral internship at the VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System where she continued her work with veterans in a research and clinical setting. She continues her research with both veterans and communities of color in examining the correlates of gambling behaviors, evidence-based approaches for gambling, and culture and treatment.
<b>Cheryl Moss JD</b>	Judge Moss presides in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Division, in Las Vegas, NV. Judge Moss is a member of the Nevada District Judges Association, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Nevada State Bar, and the Clark County Bar Association. Judge Moss was the first judge to initiate a pilot program on problem gambling assessments for parents in child custody cases. She has extensive knowledge in problem gambling, including working with the Nevada Council on Problem Gambling.
<b>Elizabeth Mulvaney</b>	Elizabeth Mulvaney is a clinical social worker with expertise in gerontology. In 2008, she joined Jody Bechtold is developing best practices for working with older adults who gamble.
<b>Debra Neal</b>	Debra Neal, President of Pathways to Empowerment, is a licensed clinical professional counselor, an internationally certified substance abuse counselor, nationally certified compulsive gambling counselor and Motivational Interviewing Trainer (MINT). With her specialized training and twenty years of clinical practice, she has with three specialty areas: compulsive disorders (gambling, work addiction, substance abuse), marriage and relationships and depression/ anxiety. Understanding the negative effects on

	family, Debra's passionate focus is her work with significant others and family negatively impacted by someone else's addictive or compulsive behavior. Using motivational interviewing, her focus is engaging family and gamblers for longer term change.
<b>Ian Newby-Clark PhD</b>	Ian Newby-Clark is an associate professor in the Applied Social Psychology Department at the University of Guelph. He has been researching problem gambling from a social psychological perspective for the past 10 years. His current research focuses on the perceived and actual stigmatization of problem gamblers. His previous research examined self-regulation and self-control in problem gamblers.
<b>Lia Nower PhD, JD</b>	Lia Nower is the Director of the Center of Gambling Studies at Rutgers University. Her research focuses on psychometric measurement and the etiology and treatment of behavioral addictions, specifically disordered gambling, and gambling-related policy issues. She has served as an NIMH pre-doctoral fellow, a Fulbright fellow, and a research intern at the National Research Council at the National Academies. She co-edited a book, The Wiley-Blackwell Handbook of Disordered Gambling, was published in December 2013.
<b>Kristine Odegaard NCGCII</b>	Kristine is a long time licensed gambling therapist with history of gambling treatment in both Minnesota and now Florida. She is the lead gambling therapist for Recovery Road in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.
<b>Roger Olsen</b>	Rev. Olsen is currently a candidate for his NCGC Certification. He is a recovering gambling addict with 19 years clean time. He has been involved in Pastoral Counseling for 30 years. He is a trustee for Gamblers Anonymous, and chairs the Wetumpka, Alabama meeting. He currently serves in the capacity of Resource Development Coordinator for the Alabama Council on Compulsive Gambling, and does all of their live training sessions. He is the Pastor of Cedarwood Community Church in Wetumpka. He has a BS Degree in Psychology and a MEd Degree in Community Counseling. Both From Auburn University of Montgomery.
<b>Victor Ortiz</b>	Victor Ortiz is a social worker with over twenty years of experience in the area of addiction, youth development, child welfare, and behavioral health. He has worked extensively with a wide range of populations, especially in communities of color. Victor has served in various professional positions aimed at improving access, and advocacy of care for individuals and families. In 2010, Victor received his MSW from Simmons College School of Social Work. Currently, Victor serves as Senior Director of Programs and Services for the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling. Victor directs state-wide efforts in the area of treatment development, trainings, and services of problem gambling.
<b>Glenn Osowski NCGC II</b>	Glenn Osowski is a Readjustment Counseling Therapist for the VA Brecksville Gambling Treatment Program in Cleveland. He is a nationally certified NCGC-II gambling counselor. Prior to his VA career he served 13 years as a combat Marine. Glenn is a recovering pathological gambler with 9 years of abstinence. Glenn has over 8 years of counseling experience and certified in IPT and CBASP. He has 3,500 hours treating gamblers both as inpatients and outpatients. His previous work in the VA was with inpatient PTSD patients and supervising a half day VA program for SMI Veterans living in the community independently.
<b>Pete Pennington NCGC I</b>	Pete Pennington, MS, CGAC-I, NCGC, NCC directs state funded gambling disorder treatment for bestCare Treatment Services. His presentation experience includes: Group Work Action Research (ORCA 2011), Trends in Group Work Research (2012 ASGW National Conference), Combining medication and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to Effectively Treat Depression in Primary Care (Volunteers in Medicine), Applying the Feeling State Addiction Protocol to Gambling Disorder (CO EMDR Society), Assessment and Referral of Gambling Disorder (ORCA 2013). He has also done a podcast for the American Counseling Association. Pete and his dog Abby work, live and play in Bend Oregon.
<b>Jonathan Pohl PhD</b>	Dr. Jonathan Pohl is a licensed Clinical Psychologist in Connecticut and works as the Wellness Education Coordinator at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU). Prior to that, he was the Coordinator for the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education at CCSU for 2 1/2 years. As Coordinator, he manages the PFS and Best Practices grants to curb underage drinking. Before hiring on at CCSU, he was a Counselor at Western Connecticut State University for seven years.
<b>Marc Potenza PhD, MD</b>	Marc Potenza, PhD, MD is a board-certified psychiatrist with subspecialty certification in addiction psychiatry. He is a Professor of Psychiatry, Neurobiology and Child Study at Yale University and the founding director of the Yale Problem Gambling Clinic as well as the Director of the Center of Excellence in Gambling Research at Yale. He has consulted to the Connecticut Problem Gambling Services for over a decade in a clinical capacity. He has published over 200 research articles with a majority relating to gambling. He has been involved in DSM-5 research workgroups focused on pathological gambling, generating articles on the topic that have contributed to the proposal to move pathological gambling together with substance use disorders in DSM-5.
<b>Rory Reid PhD</b>	Dr. Rory Reid has extensive clinical and research experience working with pathological gambling and hypersexual behavior. He currently holds a position as an Assistant Professor and Research Psychologist at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior in the Department of Psychiatry and

	Biobehavioral Sciences at the University of California, Los Angeles. With a background in neuropsychology, social work, and marriage and family therapy, Dr. Reid offers a unique perspective on gambling disorders informed by empirical research and clinical experience. He has conducted research on mindfulness and gambling disorders and has published numerous research articles on problem gambling.
<b>Carlos Reinoso</b>	Carlos has been in the field of Human Services since 1998. He has worked in clinical and educational settings, collaborating with many community organizations. Carlos has an extensive background in the areas of case management, training, and community prevention/education activities. He enjoys working with the public and works well with people of many diverse backgrounds. He is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese as well. He has an Associates Degree in Human Services and Behavioral Healthcare, a Bachelors of Science in Human Services and Psychology, and a certificate in Gerontology. He is pursuing his Masters in Community Counseling.
<b>David Roberts</b>	David Roberts brings nearly 20 years of governmental affairs experience in the state legislative process and represents clients before the Florida Legislature in a broad scope of policy areas including gaming, lotteries, taxes, appropriations, procurement, and business and professional regulatory issues. David's comprehensive regulatory experience also allows him to assist clients through Florida's complex regulatory and administrative process in the areas of taxes, licensing, and general business issues. David served as the Legislative Director for the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation before serving as the Director of the Florida Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering, which regulates horse and greyhound racing, jai alai, cardrooms, and slot machine gaming at the state's pari-mutuel facilities.
<b>Stephenie Roberts</b>	Stephenie Roberts, LCSW LCAC SAP KCGC has been a social worker for 37 years. She obtained her MSW from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1976, working extensively in mental health and addiction services for most of her career. In 2003 she founded Change Your Life Enterprises which provides substance abuse, problem gambling and mental health counseling and treatment services in Wichita, KS and the surrounding communities. In 2013 she was elected Chair of the South Central Kansas Problem Gambling Task Force whose mission is to coordinate advocacy, education, prevention, hope and treatment options for problem gambling in the community.
<b>Carl Robertson</b>	Carl Robertson completed his graduate studies at St. Alphonsus College in New York. He has spent the last five years working in the problem gambling prevention field with an emphasis on youth problem gambling prevention. He has presented several times at the National Council on Problem Gambling Annual Conference on topics such as Youth Prevention Programs, and Spirituality in Gambling Treatment. Mr. Robertson also conducts responsible gaming training for the gaming industry through the Customer Assistance Program (CAP program). Mr. Robertson conducts trainings for student assistance, prevention specialists and mental health and addiction professionals. He also provides trainings on the family and financial aspects of problem gambling to behavioral health care providers.
<b>Troy Robison PhD</b>	Dr. Troy Robison is a post-doctoral fellow at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center. He is currently working in the Brecksville Gambling Treatment Program. His research interests include mindfulness based interventions for those presenting with addictive disorders.
<b>Amanda Root</b>	Amanda Root, LCPC, LAC, P-KCGC, NCC Military and Family Life Counselor through Magellan Behavioral Health Services. She earned her Masters of Science (MS) in Community Mental Health Counseling from University of Wyoming. She is currently a Military & Family Life Counselor at McConnell AFB providing counseling services with enlisted, guard, and reserve persons and family members. Prior to that she was a Prevention Consultant with Mirror Inc. She has been actively involved with the Task Force serving as Vice Chair 2013-14 and Treasurer 2012-2013, playing a key role in setting up systems & procedures for the transition to the new fiscal agent and tracking for future growth, and preparing the budget for the final grant monies from the state for this year.
<b>Loreen Rugle PhD, NCGCII</b>	Lori Rugele, Ph.D. has worked in the field of problem gambling treatment and research since 1984. Her career has included the treatment of problem gamblers and their families in both public and private inpatient, residential and outpatient programs. She has provided consultation and training for problem gambling programs throughout the US and internationally. Her research has included treatment outcome, attention deficits among pathological gamblers, neuroimaging and pharmacotherapy with problem gamblers, coping skills among homeless problem gamblers and trauma among pathological gamblers. Currently, Dr. Rugele is Director of Problem Gambling Services (PGS) with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the State of Connecticut.
<b>Sasha Russell</b>	Before joining the Council as Communications Specialist, Sasha was an Adjunct Instructor of Sociology at a local community college. Her passion for sociology has helped open her eyes to various social injustices and problems in the society around her. This is how her road eventually led to the Council Communications Department where she helps to raise awareness about problem gambling. Sasha holds a master's degree in Applied Sociology from the University of Massachusetts, Boston and her BA is from

	Manhattanville College in NY.
<b>Mary Schultz</b>	Mary Jeneverre "Jeannette" Schultz is Collaborative Programs Project Manager for the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) in Denver, Colorado.
<b>Karen Sicher</b>	Administrative Manager, Successful Reentry- Reemployment. Karen began her career with the Council as a volunteer after 27 months in federal prison for a crime related to her gambling addiction. In 2011, she became the Council's Special Projects Assistant and was later promoted to Administrative Manager. Her professional background includes healthcare administration, as well as experience in the non-profit sector. As a person in recovery for problem gambling, Karen brings unique understanding and compassion to the job.
<b>Adam Soberay</b>	Adam Soberay is the assistant program manager of the Problem Gambling Treatment and Research Center (PGTRC), as well as a doctoral student at the University of Denver. In addition to his experience as a clinician, his primary function at the PGTRC is the organization of research projects. He has presented at various conferences as well as published articles in the area of problem gambling studies. Since the completion of an M.A. in counseling psychology, he has been working towards the completion of a Ph.D. in research methods and statistics with an emphasis on psychological and educational research.
<b>Ashley Trantham</b>	
<b>Chelsea Turner</b>	Chelsea Turner is the Director of Government, Regulatory and Operational Affairs at the Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC). She oversees and manages government affairs at the local, state and federal level and is also responsible for the Corporation's social responsibility programs as well as the Purchasing, Claims and Warehouse operations. Ms. Turner has built extensive bi-partisan relationships in her sixteen years as a government affairs professional. She was the Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs for Governor M. Jodi Rell, a Platform Committee Delegate to the 2004 National Democratic Convention, the Treasurer of the Love Makes a Family PAC and a member of the NARAL PAC. She has volunteered and worked for countless Connecticut campaigns, and spent eight years lobbying for non-profit organizations at a private firm. She is also a former Council of State Governments Toll Fellow. Ms. Turner is a graduate of Bates College (BA) and UConn (MPA). Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors for AIDS CT. She is also a proud Mom of two sons and just completed her first season coaching t-ball.
<b>Lonna Valdez</b>	
<b>Mark Vander Linden</b>	Mark Vander Linden currently serves as Director of Research and Problem Gambling for the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. Prior to joining the Commission, Mark was the Executive Officer of the Office of Problem Gambling Treatment and Prevention with the Iowa Department of Public Health. Mark serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Problem Gambling Service Administrators and the National Center for Responsible Gaming. He received his Masters in Social Welfare from the University of California Berkeley.
<b>Patricia Vanderpool</b>	Patricia Vanderpool, Supervising Licensed Professional Counselor, Certified Employee Assistance Professional and qualified Substance Abuse Professional, is owner of EAP Lifestyle Management, LLC, a certified woman-owned business administering corporate Employee Assistance Programs and Work/Life services, workplace training, management consultation, employee counseling and critical incident response. Vanderpool has over 25 years clinical experience and is mental health consultant and EAP for WindCreek casino. She is a recognized national presenter in addiction, and her organization is an approved CEU provider. Vanderpool is a published author and blogger, sits on non-profit Boards and is a member of the U.S. Chamber Council on Small Business.
<b>Rachel Volberg PhD</b>	Rachel A. Volberg, Ph.D. has been involved in research on gambling and problem gambling since 1985 and is widely regarded as the most experienced problem gambling epidemiologist in the world. Dr. Volberg has directed or consulted on numerous studies throughout the world, including national prevalence surveys in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, Singapore and Sweden. She is currently Principal Investigator on the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts (SEIGMA) study. In addition to her work in Massachusetts, Dr. Volberg is involved in longitudinal cohort studies in Australia, New Zealand and Sweden.
<b>Mitchell Wallick PhD, CCGC</b>	Dr. Wallick holds Ph.D.'s in both counseling and addictions, is a fellow of the American College of Addictions Examiners, a diplomat of the National Association of Forensic Examiners and an oral examiner for the Florida Certification Board. Dr. Wallick is a former faculty member of University of Miami School of Addictions Counseling, assistant professor of family and community Medicine at Hershey Medical School and is president of the Professional Training Association. Dr. Wallick is the author of numerous papers in the field of addictions and presents frequently at major conferences.
<b>Marlene Warner</b>	Marlene D. Warner, MA is the Executive Director of the Mass. Council on Compulsive Gambling. She has led the Council to achieve many milestones including: offering both online and regional training opportunities for clinicians, working with veterans and corrections communities to build the capacity of

	professionals to understand the impact of problem gambling, and developing programming and services to serve ethnic and linguistic minority populations. Under her leadership, the Council successfully secured grant funding and developed curriculum and materials to support financial education programs, managed the development and promotion of the state's first certificate for problem gambling clinicians, reinitiated the Mass. Partnership for Responsible Gambling (MPRG) with key industry and vendor partners, planned and facilitated Your First Step to Change recovery weekend for people in crisis, and established a workforce development program to assist people in recovery to be retrained for a new career.
<b>Don Weinbaum</b>	Donald Weinbaum has been involved in the addictions field for over 35 years. He is currently Executive Director of The Council on Compulsive Gambling of NJ, Inc., which operates a statewide prevention, advocacy and treatment network for persons with gambling problems. He retired from NJ State government in 2008 following a 27 year career. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Cornell University and an MBA in Health Care Administration from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He is a Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor and a Certified Criminal Justice Professional.
<b>Kathryn Weiser</b>	Kathryn Weiser MHSc, is a Research Analyst at the Problem Gambling Institute of Ontario at CAMH, where she brings a critical research lens to the development of education, prevention and policy resources. In addition, Kathryn provides evidenced based research to support her team's mandate in developing and implementing clinical training initiatives. She has held positions in research, policy and health promotion at, for example, CAMH, Toronto Public Health, University Health Network, St. Michael's Hospital and The Hospital for Sick Children. Kathryn has an Honours B.A. in Psychology from York University and a Masters degree in Health Promotion, from the University of Toronto.
<b>Christopher Welsh MD</b>	Christopher Welsh is an addiction psychiatrist who is the Medical Director of the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. He completed a psychiatry residency at New York University/Bellevue Hospital and an addiction psychiatry fellowship at the University of Maryland Medical System. He has worked extensively in various areas of addiction with a specific interest in medical and psychiatric co-morbidities, including gambling disorder. He is also very involved with education of health care professionals in screening and intervention with problematic substance use, including problematic gambling.
<b>Jennifer Welty</b>	Lifelong New Mexico resident with 19 years in the Indian Gaming Casino Industry. Many years ago, I recognized how important it was for the Casinos in New Mexico to be involved with Responsible Gaming. I have worked diligently with the New Mexico Responsible Gaming Association to make a difference in the lives of problem gamblers. I look forward to our continued growth and effectiveness in New Mexico and wish to help provide a model to the rest of the country in the Responsible Gaming arena.
<b>Betty White</b>	Betty White is a survivor of a loved one's compulsive gambling problem. She has lived through every possible emotion in the recovery process. Betty went from financially independent to living on disability, and from traveling all over the world to carefully conserving gas. She has lived through unimaginable changes, heartache, and physical pain because of her husband's addiction to gambling, yet she is a survivor and wants to share her tragedy and her path toward recovery in the hope that others may learn and be able to avoid such tragedy in their own life.
<b>Keith Whyte</b>	Mr. Whyte became the Executive Director in October 1998. Previously, he served as Director of Research for the American Gaming Association, where he was responsible for research and public policy issues, including problem gambling. His prior experience includes the American Bar Association's Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, where he dealt with policy issues relating to civil rights, human rights, healthcare, and immigration law. He began his career working on healthcare policy in the office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Keith is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College.
<b>Andrica Wilcoxon</b>	Andrica V. Wilcoxon, BS, M.Ed., a Community Prevention Specialist at Kansas City Kansas Community College/Community Outreach Counseling Program. Her work includes coordinating, planning, and implementing community service events, outreach projects and the development and implementation of various community initiatives regarding prevention in the areas of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, adult/teen sexuality, HIV/AIDS/STD and STIs, anti-bullying, gambling, parenting, and more. Andrica is experienced as an educator to children, youth and adults. She is a frequent speaker to K-12 students on the topics of Making Wise Choices and currently is serving as Chairman to the Northeast Kansas Problem Gambling Task Force.
<b>Jorge Wong PhD</b>	Jorge Wong, Ph. D., is the Director of Clinical and Regulatory Affairs at Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI). He is a Licensed Psychologist who actively serves in numerous local, state and national organizations advocating for cultural competence in service delivery and social justice. He completed his Doctorate at Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, Palo Alto University. Dr. Wong has

	also presented and consulted internationally about best practices in behavioral health program development and treatment strategies affecting Asians across the life span and range of disorders. He is currently on APA Committee on Professional Practices and Standards (COPPS).
<b>Smith Worth</b>	Smith Worth is the Program Administrator for the North Carolina Problem Gambling Program with the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. She formerly worked as a Clinical Instructor at the Jordan Institute for Families, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Smith has over twenty-five years as an Addiction Specialist and Employee Assistance Counselor. Smith was awarded a Masters degree in Social Work from the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a licensed clinical social worker and a licensed clinical addiction specialist.
<b>Jim Wuelfing</b>	Jim Wuelfing, is a prevention and recovery consultant for the Massachusetts Council as well as owner and CEO of the New England Center. Aside from his work in problem gambling prevention, Jim is the lead author of the Recovery Coach Academy which has been used to train thousands of recovery coaches across the nation. Jim has co-written and trained the highly praised workshop, "Racism of the Well Intended". Jim has been on the faculty of the New England School of Alcohol Studies for twenty years and has served on both the planning committee and the faculty of the New England School of Prevention Studies since 2000.
<b>Donna Zaharevitz</b>	Donna is a gambler in recovery and has been working in the recovery field for over 16 years. She has appeared on both national and local news media discussing the addiction of gambling and recovery services provided in the state of CT and other area states. She presented at a press conference at the U.S. House of Representatives advocating for education, research and treatment for the addiction of gambling. In 2008, the CT Department of Corrections granted her permission to start the first of its kind Gambling Intervention Group at Niantic's Women's Correctional Facility. She is a certified recovery coach. In addition, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Substance Abuse Council. Donna also serves as a peer counselor for problem gamblers and their family members.