

**The Michigan Department of Community Health,  
Bureau of Substance Abuse and Addiction Services**

**presents**

**The Third Annual**

# **Problem Gambling Symposium**

***Problem Gambling is  
a Health Care Issue***



**March 7, 2011**

**DoubleTree Detroit/Dearborn Hotel  
5801 Southfield Expressway  
Detroit, MI 48228**

## Registration

Registration deadline is March 1, 2011. To register on-line, go to [www.mi-pte.org](http://www.mi-pte.org) and click on Problem Gambling Symposium. The registration fee is \$ 25.

Cancellation Policy: For those who cancel by February 25, 2011, your training fee will be returned minus a \$15 administration fee. For cancellations after February 25, no refunds will be made. Substitutions can be made at any time; please email or call The Knopf Company at 734-751-8813 or contact [ashley@knopfonline.com](mailto:ashley@knopfonline.com).

Logistics and registration are being facilitated by The Knopf Company as part of the Michigan Institute for Prevention and Treatment Education (MI-PTE).

## Continuing Education

### *Substance Abuse Professionals:*

Participants will receive a maximum of 5.5 Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals (MCBAP) continuing education hours for participation in this symposium.

### *Social Workers:*

Participants will receive a maximum of 5 continuing education hours (pending). Social workers must bring their social work license number for the evaluation form.

### *Problem Gambling Professionals:*

The National Council on Problem Gambling has reviewed this program and finds that it is consistent with its established standards for gambling counselor education and training for 5.5 continuing education hours (pending).

## Lodging

The DoubleTree Detroit/Dearborn Hotel is located off the Southfield Expressway at Ford Road. A block of rooms is being held until February 4, 2011, at \$99 per night. Contact the hotel directly for reservations and mention the Problem Gambling Symposium to obtain the reduced rate. Double-Tree Detroit/Dearborn Hotel, 5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit, MI, 48228, 800-222-TREE.

## Display Tables

Display tables are available at this symposium. Costs are \$15 for a six-foot skirted table, \$25 with electricity, and additional tables are extra. For details, contact Ashley at 734-751-8813 or [ashley@knopfonline.com](mailto:ashley@knopfonline.com).

## The Planning Committee

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## Symposium Objectives

This symposium has five major objectives:

1. Focus on the integration of mental health and substance use disorder care for problem gamblers
2. Identify strategies for overcoming barriers to problem gambling treatment programs
3. Show how consequences of not treating problem gambling can lead to other health issues
4. Increase participants' awareness, knowledge, and skill related to problem gambling services
5. Identify strategies for wellness for professionals who serve the problem gambling population

## Agenda

**8:00 am     Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 am     Welcome**

*Deborah J. Hollis, Director, Bureau of Substance Abuse and Addiction Services,  
Michigan Department of Community Health*

**9:15 am     Problem Gambling: A Global Scan of Gambling Problems**

*Bo J. Bernhard, Ph.D., Director of Gambling Research, International Gaming  
Institute, University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

This will be an "around-the-world-and-back-again" global tour -- outlining the fascinating ways in which cultures and communities around the world are now treating problem gambling as a major health care issue. From South Korea (where they have a treatment center in the parking lot of the casino -- and employees direct customers to the center when they believe they have a problem!) to South Africa (where researchers sit on the gaming regulation policy boards to ensure that problem gamblers are considered in every policy decision) and all points in between, this has become a rapidly developing international issue.

The objectives of this presentation are:

- To expose audiences to international perspectives on problem gambling
- To understand sociological and "big picture" approaches to problem gambling
- To link these understandings to Michigan and health care

**10:15 am     The Face of Gambling**

*Peter Harrington, J.D. Practicing Attorney*

The objectives of this presentation are:

- To introduce the audience to the "face" of gambling
- To tie problem/pathological gambling to health care issues and to provide examples
- To help define why the symposium is essential to understanding problem gambling and the need for services

**10:30 am     Break**

- 10:45 am Concurrent Workshops**
- 1. Continuation of A Global Scan of Gambling Problems**  
*Bo J. Bernhard, Ph.D., Director of Gambling Research, International Gaming Institute, University of Nevada, Las Vegas*
  - 2. Pathological Gambling: A Serious Health Issue in Our Communities**  
*Denise Phillips, MSW, ACSW, LMSW, CAAC, NCGC-II, BACC, Gambling Solutions and Counseling Services of Michigan, L.P.C. and Peter Harrington, J.D. Practicing Attorney*  
Participants will be able to engage in a dialogue with a recovering compulsive gambler and his therapist. Gambling history, the recovery process, and clinical treatment of pathological gambling will be presented. Also, clinical assessment and treatment of pathological gambling and the co-occurring disorders will be discussed.  
The objectives of this presentation are:
    - To increase clinical skills in the assessment of pathological gambling
    - To increase the clinical skills in identifying co-occurring disorders
    - To learn about resources for compulsive gamblers and their families
  - 3. Problem Gamblers Who Do Not Seek Treatment: Implications for Primary Health Care**  
*David M. Ledgerwood, Ph.D., Wayne State University*  
Only a small proportion of problem gamblers ever seek treatment. This workshop will discuss research on factors that predict treatment seeking, and new projects designed to provide outreach to problem gamblers identified in health care settings who would otherwise not seek treatment.  
The objectives of this presentation are:
    - To know the factors that predict whether problem gamblers seek treatment
    - To learn the relationship between gambling, health and treatment seeking
    - To understand how evidence based practices can be applied to outreach to problem gamblers in primary health care
- 12:15 pm Lunch**
- 1:00 pm Repeat of Concurrent Workshops**
- 2:30 pm Break**
- 2:45 pm Compassion Fatigue Due to Working With Clients With Gambling Problems—Avoiding Burnout and Staying Healthy**  
*Paddy Laske, CPC and Brenda Szalka, MSW, CARE's WorkLife Solutions*  
Compassion fatigue is a condition of the mind and body, or the "body's mind." It is a result of internalizing and absorbing the negative energy of others.  
The objectives of this presentation are:
  - To understand the definition of compassion fatigue as it pertains to the family members and the professional therapist and/or caregiver
  - To recognize symptoms of secondary stress of compassion fatigue
  - Know strategies for wellness and optimal health when faced with disappointment, relapse, rejection and on-going and daily heavy worries and stress often associated with working with problem gamblers
- 4:00 pm Adjournment**