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& VISN 1 Network Education System

Treatment of Problem and Pathological Gambling

Monday, November 22, 2010

**VISN 1 Network Education Center, Building 61
Edith Norse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital
Bedford, MA
9:00am – 2:30pm**

Target Audience: Nurses, social workers, psychologists, physicians, other mental health clinicians, rehabilitation professionals, and peer support providers

Planning Committee:

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Overview

Problem and pathological gambling (PG) is prevalent among veterans in treatment for psychiatric and substance abuse disorders. Individuals with gambling problems are at increased risk for depression, suicide, financial loss and medical problems. Many clinicians have limited education and experience in assessing and treating problem gambling. The expected outcome of this educational activity is participants will be better able to understand and treat gambling disorders.

Purpose & Objectives:

At the completion of this educational activity, the participants will be able to:

- *Describe the various treatment options and their empirical support*
- *Identify a framework for treating PG*
Manage issues of compliance and goal setting
- *Develop a comprehensive treatment plan with attention to co-morbidity*
- *Employ treatment for PG (understanding that this might be further enhanced by supervision or further continuing education)*
- *Review the financial impact and resources to help address it*
- *Formulate and employ plan for relapse prevention*
- *Identify community and VA resources.*

Program Schedule

9: 00 – 9:30am	Registration
9:30 – 12:00pm	Treatment of Problem and Pathological Gambling Presenter: Edward J. Federman, Ph.D.
12:00 – 12:45pm	LUNCH
12:45 – 2:15pm	Treatment of Problem and Pathological Gambling Presenter: Edward J. Federman, Ph.D.
2:15 – 2:30pm	Wrap-Up, Questions, and Evaluation

Coffee and tea will be provided, but participants will need to bring or purchase their lunches.

To successfully complete this educational activity and receive continuing education credit, the participant must:

✓ Sign in ✓ Complete & submit an eval form ✓ Remain for the entire program

If above criteria is met, Certificates of Attendance will be awarded at **2:30pm**

If any participant is in need of accommodation due to a disability, to attend this program, please contact the Education office at 781 687-2045 at least 3 weeks prior.

Continuing Education Accreditation

Nurses: 4.0 Contact Hours

The VA New England Health Care System, VISN 1 Continuing Nursing Education Provider Unit is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Social Workers

VA New England Health Care System, Network Education System, Provider #1110 is approved as a provider of continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards. www.aswb.org ASWB Approval Period April 11, 2009 – April 11, 2012

Social Workers will receive 4.0 clinical education clock hours for participating in this course

Psychologists

The VA New England Health Care System, Network Education System is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The VA New England Health Care System, Network Education System maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

#CE Hours/Credits 4.0

Physicians:

VISN 1, VA New England Healthcare System, Network Education System is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education as a provider of continuing medical education for physicians.

VISN 1, VA New England Healthcare System, Network Education System designates this educational activity for a maximum of 4.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity

There is no financial or commercial support associated with this educational activity. All participants involved in the planning and presentation of this activity have signed a full disclosure release form. There is no real or perceived conflict of interest to report.

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To Register e-mail the following information to: Barbara.Rofman@va.gov

There is no fee to attend this program.

Name: _____

(please indicate with a check)

MD RN APN LPN SW Pharm

Psychologist Other (please specify): _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

**Registration deadline is November 12, 2010. Registration is limited!
Please register early! No on-site registration.**

Faculty

Edward J. Federman, Ph.D., is an invited trainer on pathological gambling at national, regional, and local forums. His research on pathological gambling has been funded by Harvard Medical School, and he is co-author of the book, *Don't Leave It To Chance: A Guide for Families of Problem Gamblers*.

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DIRECTIONS: From North Shore, South Shore, & Boston.

Access I 95 / RT 128. Take Exit 31B (RT 4/225 West). Follow for 1.3 miles. Take first right turn after Bedford Shopping Center onto Hillside Road. (Green Sign for VA Hospital). Follow Hillside Road to Springs Road. Springs Road takes you through the Bedford VAMC Campus. For Building 61 take the last left before exiting the campus.

Parking is available directly in front of the building or at the rear of the building.

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