

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 10

8:00 am – 8:30 am Registration
Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 8:45 am Welcome Terri Sue Canale, Deputy Director
Office of Problem Gambling

Renée Zito, Director
California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs

Michael Cunningham, Chief Deputy Director
California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs

8:45 am – 9:15 am Presentation Dr. Timothy Fong, Co-Director
UCLA Gambling Studies Program

“California Problem Gambling Treatment Services Program”

From legislation to implementation. An overview of training, treatment, and accomplishments in record time.

9:15 am – 10:00 am Keynote Presentation
Tim Donaghy, Author and former NBA referee

“Personal Foul”

A first-person account of how Mr. Donaghy’s sports betting started innocently, but quickly became an obsession and addiction, one that would consume his life and destroy everything he once cherished.

10:00 am – 10:15 am Break

10:15 am – 11:45 am Presentation Gary Lange, Ph.D.

“Liar, Liar, Money’s on Fire: Treating Families of Problem Gamblers”

A look at the tremendous amount of secrecy and manipulation a problem gambler uses to squander any available financial resources, so much so, that their families often feel as though their “money is on fire”.

11:45 am – 1:00 pm Luncheon/Guest Speaker
Assembly Member Joe Coto

Assembly Member Joe Coto represents the 23rd District in San Jose. Assembly Member Coto sponsored House Resolution 25 designating the week of March 7 to March 13, 2010 as National Problem Gambling Awareness Week and recognizing the collaborative efforts within California to promote prevention, education, awareness, and treatment of problem gambling issues.

1:00 pm – 1:15 pm Presentation Assembly Member Mike Eng

The API Legislative Caucus has historically viewed problem gambling as a priority policy issue. During the 2007-2008 Legislative Session, Assembly Bill 1339 outlined treatment services and expanded the roll of the statewide advisory body. Although this bill was vetoed, the API

Legislative Caucus views the incoming funds to OPG for initial treatment services as an opportunity to set the stage for future policy discussions and possible legislative proposals regarding the issue of problem gambling.

1:15 pm – 2:45 pm Presentation Alicia DeLeon-Torres, National Director
National Asian Pacific American Families Against
Substance Abuse

Vulnerable Populations

An introduction to problem gambling and vulnerable populations is presented focusing on Asian American and Pacific Islander communities including cultural attitude risk factors. Ms. DeLeon-Torres will moderate a panel of personal stories focusing on the Latino, Chinese-Vietnamese, Native Alaskan and Vietnamese cultures

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm Break

3:00 pm – 3:35 pm Presentation Terri Sue Canale, Deputy Director
Office of Problem Gambling

Mike Ryan, Executive Director
California Council on Problem Gambling

Tonya Farrugello, Program Manager
California Council on Problem Gambling

Multi-cultural Website Premiere

The Office of Problem Gambling in collaboration with the California Council on Problem Gambling previews its multi-cultural website for problem and pathological gamblers and their families. Please sit back and enjoy the show!

3:35 pm – 4:15 pm Presentation Dr. Timothy Fong, Co-Director
UCLA Gambling Studies Program

California Problem Gambling Treatment Services Program Advances

A look into the future of problem gambling treatment services for California residents and directly involved affected individuals.

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm Closing Terri Sue Canale, Deputy Director
Office of Problem Gambling

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Reception/Book Signing

Please take this opportunity to assimilate the knowledge gained today, network with friends and colleagues, and get acquainted with the authors at the book signing.

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Thursday, March 11

8:00 am - 8:30 am Registration
Continental Breakfast

8:30 am - Opening Terri Sue Canale, Deputy Director
Office of Problem Gambling

8:30 am - 8:45 am Presentation Sean J

Featured Personal Story

From playing marbles and pitching pennies to blackjack and poker, hear first hand how years of pathological gambling wreaked havoc in the life of Sean J.

8:45 am - 10:00 am Presentation Jeffrey L. Derevensky, Ph.D.
Rina Gupta, Ph.D.

Parental Attitudes Toward Youth Gambling: Are Parents Part of the Problem or Solution? Jeffrey Derevensky, Ph.D.

McGill University

Data from a national Canadian study seeking to better understand parental perspectives and attitudes toward adolescent gambling is presented. An online survey completed by 2710 parents having children between the ages of 13-18, examined four separate domains; attitudes that parents held toward gambling in comparison to other traditional adolescent risky behaviors, parental gambling behavior, parental and adolescent involvement in gambling, and attitudes/awareness concerning youth gambling education, awareness and prevention programs. The importance of the results for the development of parental awareness programs and prevention campaigns are highlighted.

Uncovering the Different Subtypes of Problem Gamblers: An empirical testing of the Pathways Model and its clinical implications.

Rina Gupta, Ph.D.

McGill University

Results pertaining to the testing of the Pathways Model (Blaszczynski & Nower) with adolescent problem gamblers will be presented. To date, this model (prevalent in gambling literature) had not been empirically tested. While the results pertain to a youth population, it is believed the results have wider application. A better understanding of the different problem gambler typologies translates directly into clinical screening strategies as well as treatment approaches and anticipated outcomes.

10:00 am - 10:15 am Break

10:15 am - 11:00 am Presentation Dr. James Kooler, Administrator
California Friday Night Live Partnership
Tulare County Office of Education

Betting On Our Future

Dr. Kooler and students from Sutter/Yuba Friday Night Live will share the process of creating a youth-led and youth-driven awareness campaign on problem gambling. Dr. Kooler will provide insight on the youth development framework and Friday Night Live standards of practice utilized throughout the projects. Youth panelists (Jordan, Suzanne, James, Rayona, Mariah) will share

experiences in creating their awareness projects and will showcase a variety of PSA's, documentaries, and video dramas created through a grant from the California Office of Problem Gambling.

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Presentation Bo Bernhard
Associate Professor
Director, Gambling Research

A Global Problem Gambling Scan: From Sacramento to Singapore--and back again

Dr. Bernhard will examine the ways in which the problem gambling issue has developed globally, with a focus on policy, media coverage, and regulatory approaches on both domestic and international fronts. Particular attention will be paid to an "anthropological imagination" that recognizes cultural nuance while also stressing the importance of "best practice" evidence.

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm Awards Luncheon

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm Presentation Keith Whyte, Executive Director
National Council on Problem Gambling

Gambling – A National Issue

Mr. Whyte will present five reasons problem gambling is a national issue. He will review past and current national efforts to address problem gambling, including current legislation in Congress. Specific tools and recommendations for national advocacy efforts will be reviewed.

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm Presentation I. Nelson Rose, Sr. Professor
Whittier Law School

Compulsive Gambling and the Law: From Sin to Vice to Disease

The idea that an individual cannot control his desire to gamble is changing the way the law treats gambling and gamblers. The conflict between the old view of problem gamblers as being morally weak and the new view that pathological gambling is a treatable disease arises in every context in which the law is involved, from criminal law through family courts to administrative proceedings.

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm Break

3:30 pm - 4:25 pm Moderator Marc L
UCLA Gambling Studies Program

Look, Listen, Learn as Marc moderates a Gamblers Anonymous Open Meeting with an opportunity to ask questions.

4:25 pm - 4:30 pm Closing Terri Sue Canale, Deputy Director
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