



Problem Gambling Services

Reallocation Discussion

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Treatment System Mid-Year Reallocation Discussion

Situation

- Gambling treatment system claims are below projections

Possible Actions

- Re-balance gambling treatment provider allocations to best fit projected FY23 expenditures
- Increase use of add-on codes (wrap around services) by increasing provider limit from 5% of total budget to 10% of total budget

Even with above two actions, the treatment system is estimated to be over-budgeted approximately \$171,561; necessitating the need to move these funds from the treatment services budget line to other service categories

Investment Options to Consider: Re-allocating \$171,561

| <u>Enhancement Areas</u> | <u>Comments</u> | <u>Fiscal Impact SFY2024</u> |
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| Research enhancements | <p>Currently budgeted \$155,000; Increase budget to fund an additional project(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Rural services needs assessment with recommendations■ Workforce development needs assessment with recommendations■ Student Gambling Study■ Others? | One time program initiative. No SFY23 fiscal impact. |
| Workforce development enhancements | <p>Currently budgeted \$42K; 16K in additional funds to support the additional efforts with the SUD integration project trainings and workforce incentives.</p> | Carry forward into SFY24. Increase in the CASAT budget from \$42K to \$58K (\$16K) |
| Public awareness campaign enhancements | <p>Currently budgeted \$100K. Increase budget to purchase additional ad time for previously produced television ads and/or increase social media purchases.</p> | One time program initiative. No SFY24 fiscal impact. |
| Other ideas? | | |



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SFY2024 Allocations & considerations

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SFY 2024 Allocation Discussion

Situation

- Governor's SFY 2024 budget requests suggest problem gambling services budget will be unchanged (flat budget)
- Few funds are available to add new programs.

Possible Actions

- Add system enhancements based on current (SFY2023) program spending, leaving approximately \$100,000 for SFY2024 enhancements
- Flat fund services and keep extra funds in reserve to program mid-way through SFY2024
- Consider cuts to select current spending items to fund new projects

Department allocation recommendations to follow.

SFY2024 Department Recommended Enhancements

Enhancements

- RFA for Spanish language gambling treatment telehealth provider

Discussion

- Opportunity to offer culturally and linguistically appropriate gambling treatment services to Hispanic community
- Likely need to remove CPGC requirement and replace with mental health professional with addiction treatment experience plus problem gambling treatment education
- Estimated \$50,000 budget
- Would need begin procurement process this quarter to have in place by July 1, 2023
- Seeking ACPG recommendation

SFY2024 Department Recommended Enhancements

Enhancements

- Expand Problem Gambling Integration Project

Discussion

- Add five more SAPTA certified agencies to project
- Conduct “Gambling Endorsement” reviews for current group of 5 pilot agencies
- Increase CASAT budget (\$16,000) and Problem Gambling Solutions budget (\$7,500) to support Integration Project expansion (e.g., costs to conduct trainings, develop program materials, and conduct endorsement reviews).

SFY2024 Possible Changes & Challenges

Potential Change

- Residential treatment rate schedule change from bundled to unbundled.
- Behavioral health treatment services rate study may lead to increased compensation rates.

Discussion

- If this initiative was enacted, potential for Medicaid to cover some of the costs of residential gambling treatment.
- Problem gambling treatment reimbursement rates are indexed to SAPTA rates. If changed, that may impact PGS budget/expenses.