

2024 Conference Agenda

Theme: The Ripples of Sports Betting Across the Northeast: Tools, Resources and Data for the Social Impacts

7:30 am to 9:30 am: Breakfast and Registration

8:00 am to 9:00 am: **Open Recovery Meeting: Gamblers Anonymous/Gam Anon/All Pathways: A;**

Welcome 8:45 am to 9:00 am: **MGC VIPs/Welcome**

9:00 am to 9:30 am: **Setting the Stage for Sports Betting: What the World Indicated:**

Sasha Stark, Ph.D., Director of Research and Evidence Services, Greo Evidence Insights

9:30 am to 10:30 am: **How Prepared Are/Were We for Sports Betting? Social Impacts of Gaming in the Northeast:**

Follow Up General Population (full findings) and Highlights from the CT Impact Study:

Rachel Volberg, Ph.D., President of Gemini Research, Professor University of Massachusetts, Amherst (MA) Respondents:

Ellen Blake, Public Health Educator III (Prevention Specialist), Maine CDC and Prevention (ME)

Jeremy Wampler, LCSW, ICGC II, BACC, CGT, LADC, Behavioral Health Clinical Supervisor DMHAS, Problem Gambling Services (CT)

10:30 am to 10:45: Break

10:45 am to 11:45 am: **Tools to Minimize Sports Betting Harm: Workshops**

1. How does Positive Play and Online Support Tools Support Sports Bettors?

Michael Wohl, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. Psychology, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON (Canada)

Richard Wood, Ph.D., President GamRes (Canada)

Marc N. Potenza, MD, Ph.D., Director: Division on Addictions Research; Yale Center of Excellence in Gambling Research, Women and Addictions Core of Women's Health Research; Yale Impulsivity and Impulse Control Disorder Research Program; Professor of Psychiatry in the Child Study Center and of Neuroscience, Yale University School of Medicine (CT)

2. Taking a Break from Sports Wagering: Voluntary Self-Exclusion Programs and Related Data (A Panel):

How do we simplify these processes?

Long Banh, MBA, LICSW, Program Manager, Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MA)

Andrew Collier, Deputy Commissioner, Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery (VT)

Nancy A Murray, Former Program Manager, Consultant for Problem Gambling Services in RI (RI)

Milt Champion, Executive Director, Gambling Control Unit and Gambling Control Board of Maine

(ME) Jeremy Wampler, LCSW, ICGC II, BACC, CGT, LADC, Behavioral Health Clinical Supervisor

DMHAS, Problem Gambling Services (CT)

Jonathan Aiwazian, CEO IDPair (National VSE)

11:45 am to 12:00 pm: Break/Bathrooms

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm: Buffet Lunch

12:30 pm to 1:30 pm: Lived Experience Support during Sports Betting Mania

Matt Smith, Head of External Affairs, BetKnowMore (UK) /Gambling Treatment Consultant (UK)

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Stephen Matos, MCCA, Bettor Choice Program Peer Counselor and Recovery Support Specialist (CT)

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm: **Unintentional Impacts: Who Else Is Affected by Sports Wagering? Workshops**

1. Sports Betting Exposure for Youth and College Students: Expert Panel:

Zu Wei Zhai, Ph.D., Assistant professor of Neuroscience at Middlebury College, (Middlebury, VT)

Kaitlin Brown, LPC, LADC, ICGC II, IGDC, BACC, Senior Director of Programs & Services, Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling (CT)

Theresa Glenn, MPH, Program Coordinator, Office of Problem Gambling Prevention, Springfield Department of Health, and Human Services (MA)

2. Navigating Sports Betting as a Concerned Significant Other (CSO):

Eunice Aviles, PsyD, LMHC, LPC, Private Practice Clinician (MA)

Marlene Warner, CEO The Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health (MA)

Dawn Sauma, LICSW, Co-Executive Director Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (MA)

2:30 pm to 2:45 pm: Break

2:45 pm to 4:00 pm: GameSense Third-Party Evaluation and Report:

Michael Wohl, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. Psychology, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON (Canada)

Mark Vander Linden, Director of Research and Responsible Gaming, Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MA)

4:00 pm to 4:45 pm: Where do we go from here? Future of Northeast Betting, Social Implications, and Shared Data/Resources:

Mark Vander Linden, Director of Research and Responsible Gaming, Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MA)

Sasha Stark, Ph.D., Director of Research and Evidence Services, Greo Evidence Insights

4:45 pm to 5:00 pm: CEUs/Evaluation Survey and MGC Closing

-Applied for 6.5 CEU hours-