

Name of Agency: Nevada Council on Problem Gambling ID #: 1302.01

SFY15 Due Dates: (Quarter1 - October 31,2014) (Quarter2 - January 31, 2015) (Quarter3 - April 30,2015) (Quarter4 - July 31,2015)

For each Outcome, please provide a brief narrative description of major activities accomplished in the reporting period and describe any challenges or changes related to each goal.. (Expand the space as necessary - **Do not enter text in the shaded spaces on the form**)

Quantitative Measures (Enter number for each quarter)

| Outcome #1: NCPG will distribute 2500 printed brochures, guides, booklets, and posters through participation in 15 community health and wellness events and outreach activities throughout Nevada. | Q1   | Q2   | Q3   | Q4  | YTD Total |
|--|------|------|------|-----|-----------|
| A. Number of brochures distributed. (Outcome Measure is 2500)  | 1229 | 6104 | 2008 | 800 | 10141     |
| B. Number of Community Health and Wellness events and outreach events attend throughout Nevada (Outcome Measure is 15)   | 3    | 6    | 11   | 5   | 25        |

**Narrative for Outcome #1 Q1:**

Distribution of the new brochure titled, "Risk and Resources: Problem Gambling and Suicide" was launched to the general public at the Walk In Memory, Walk In Hope event in Henderson and in Reno. A total of 37 individuals were recruited to walk as "Team NCPG" at both locations. NCPG participated in National Recovery Month activities in Southern Nevada.

**Narrative for Outcome #1 Q2:** The *Risk and Resources: Problem Gambling and Suicide* brochure was distributed to many Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention member agencies. NCPG continues to participate in community-wide outreach events such as the Veterans' Service Fair, the Annual Disability Awareness Day, and Project Homeless Connect among others.

**Narrative for Outcome #1 Q3:** NCPG participates each year in the Veterans Standdown sponsored by US Vets. This year our staff and volunteers prepared 400 "goody bags" containing personal care items and a problem gambling information card for distribution to the participants. 250 of the bags were distributed at the event and the remaining 150 were provided to Metro after the event for distribution through their ongoing homeless outreach efforts.

**Narrative for Outcome #1 Q4:** Distributed 45 new books ("All Bets Are Off" by A. Wexler) to 20 public libraries and one prison, throughout Nevada. Completed the Spanish translation of "*Risk and Resources: Problem Gambling and Suicide*".

| Outcome #2: NCPG will develop and promote a mini-grant awards program in 10 Nevada counties and will award at least 4 grants in FY15. Collaborative partners that receive mini-grants will be required to provide NCPG with outcome reports that will be shared with DHHS. | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | YTD Total |
|--|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| A. Developed and promoted mini-grant program in 10 Nevada Counties. (Outcome Measure is 10)  | 0  | 0  | 10 | 0  | 10        |
| B. Awarded mini-grants to collaborative partners. ( Outcome Measure is 4)  | 0  | 0  | 3  | 0  | 3         |

**Narrative for Outcome #2 Q1:**

NCPG hired a new full time Program Manager in August (Doreen Alvarado) and a new Program Coordinator in September (Ashanti Lewis) Our first priority has been training on current prevention and outreach activities, and reviewing existing program resources that can be used to support development of the mini-grants program in Q2.

**Narrative for Outcome #2 Q2:** NCPG has concentrated its efforts on creating a comprehensive platform for the release of the mini-grant initiative, including project timeline, guidelines, and evaluation measurements. Met with Dr. Marotta in November to review initial plan and made some revisions. RFA will be issued in January.

**Narrative for Outcome #2 Q3:** NCPG released the Request for Applications for the **NCPG Mini-Grant Program for Problem Gambling Prevention Activities** in January, directly promoting the opportunity to over 20 coalitions and service providers throughout Nevada. NCPG was invited to give a presentation at the monthly CARE Coalition meeting in February, which prompted several follow-up inquiries by coalition members who have not previously addressed problem gambling issues. In follow-up calls to all of the coalitions, many expressed interest but declined to submit proposals due to the timing of the RFA coinciding with the release of many other major RFA's for their primary funding. NCPG will revise the timeline for an earlier release date to avoid this conflict in future RFAs. Of five completed applications received to date, three met the criteria for funding and NCPG has met with each applicant to finalize their project outline, budget request and goals. All projects are targeted for completion by June 30, with a deadline of July 15 for outcome reporting.

**Narrative for Outcome #2 Q4:** Received final outcome reports for two of the three mini-grant projects. A total of 11 awareness presentations were given with 127 participants and a combined satisfaction rating of 85% among all attendees. Both agencies are continuing to provide problem gambling information and promoting resources for help, and plan to engage in the mini-grant process in FY16. Activities of the third mini-grant project were completed but due to an untimely staff change, the agency was unable to provide a final outcome or financial report.

| <b>Outcome #3:</b> NCPG will review successful models for problem gambling peer support programs, and utilize the information to develop a multi-year project plan to guide the development of PRESS ON! Council staff will make volunteers aware of available service or training opportunities and document at least 50 hours of engagement by volunteers during FY15.  | Q1                      | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | YTD Total |
|---|-------------------------|----|----|----|-----------|
| <b>A.</b> Number of documented hours that volunteers engaged in with the PRESS ON program. (Outcome Measure is 50)  | 12                      | 0  | 34 | 16 | 62        |
| <b>Narrative for Outcome #3 Q1:</b><br>Reviewing existing policies, procedures and documentation for NCPG volunteers, to revise as needed in development of PRESS ON. Four peer volunteers assisted in recruitment of walkers and participated in Team NCPG for the Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope event in Henderson.   |                         |    |    |    |           |
| <b>Narrative for Outcome #3 Q2:</b> Though no volunteer hours are reported for this quarter, NCPG has been compiling volunteer contact information and will convene a PRESS ON planning meeting in Quarter 3 to discuss strategies for Problem Gambling Awareness Month (March 2015)  |                         |    |    |    |           |
| <b>Narrative for Outcome #3 Q3:</b> PRESS ON volunteers directly participated in a planning session for Problem Gambling Awareness Month and provided support for several community outreach activities during the quarter, including Lunch n Learn presentations at treatment facilities. PRESS ON volunteers generated grassroots support for Problem Gambling Awareness Month through the "Have the Conversation" campaign to get members of the community to wear promotional buttons and post pictures to social media.  |                         |    |    |    |           |
| <b>Narrative for Outcome #3 Q4:</b> PRESS ON volunteers provided onsite support for participant registration at the Nevada State Conference on problem gambling and gave awareness presentations to key constituent audiences in Southern Nevada: Seniors United, Mainstream Basic Programs Training, Leadership Las Vegas, and H.Y.P.E.R. "Monday Night Out" event.  |                         |    |    |    |           |
| <b>Quarter 1</b> :Provide any additional comments, suggestions, anecdotal stories of program success, etc. in the space below.  |                         |    |    |    |           |
| As a result of NCPG's partnership with the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention, problem gambling is now a recognized issue at the Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope event, and walkers may select the designated burgundy colored beads to demonstrate their support or to acknowledge they have been affected by a suicide related to problem gambling. In addition to Team NCPG, there were many others, including supporters walking with Lanie's Hope, who were wearing the burgundy beads.   |                         |    |    |    |           |
| <b>Quarter 2</b> :Provide any additional comments, suggestions, anecdotal stories of program success, etc. in the space below.  |                         |    |    |    |           |
| <b>Quarter 3</b> :Provide any additional comments, suggestions, anecdotal stories of program success, etc. in the space below.  |                         |    |    |    |           |
| The original meaning of the acronym PRESS ON was "Peers in Recovery Expanding Service, Support and Outreach in Nevada". During the PRESS ON planning session for Problem Gambling Awareness Month, some of the newer volunteers in attendance expressed concern that referring to people as "Peers" would cause the public to automatically assume the participants were GA members. This could create problems for people who want (or need) to maintain anonymity, and could discourage other interested parties from participating thinking they wouldn't 'qualify'. This generated a very positive discussion about inclusion, anonymity, and community support, which resulted in the group suggesting and unanimously supporting a change to the acronym. PRESS ON now stands for "Promoting Recovery by Expanding Service, Support, and Outreach in Nevada". It was not only a good solution to the question raised, but the discussion created a stronger bonding and sense of empowerment for the group as well. |                         |    |    |    |           |
| <b>Quarter 4</b> :Provide any additional comments, suggestions, anecdotal stories of program success, etc. in the space below.  |                         |    |    |    |           |
| Our experiences with the mini-grant projects were very encouraging and we gained useful perspective regarding ideas to improve the process and outcomes in FY16. The pre-post tests were informative and we will continue to incorporate these surveys into our program activities.   |                         |    |    |    |           |
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