

Gambling Consultation Calls

Scheduled meetings designed to (1) increase the workforces' capacity to become "gambling informed;" and (2) assist in meeting criteria to earn Board Approved Clinical Consultant (BACC) hours towards statewide and international gambling certifications.

Calls are structured with a Learning Community format which encourages and enables participant involvement and capacity building. Primarily facilitated by the Behavioral Health Program Manager of the Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS), Problem Gambling Services (PGS) Unit, Fiorigio (Fred) Fetta. Participants are encouraged to enroll by emailing fiorigio.fetta@ct.gov to be included in the membership list. Microsoft Teams links and topic are forwarded upon enrollment and prior to each meeting.

Treatment Strategies Conference Call

Discussion of pre-determined treatment strategies across the continuum of care. Topics include content identified for the International Certification Examination for Gambling Counselors (see pages 6 – 20 of the following link for examples of content: [ICGC-Training-Application-Crosswalk-.pdf](#)) and gambling-specific areas that are not included in the exam topics, but are of interest to the Learning Community.

First Wednesday of the month from 1:00-2:00 pm, EST

Case Consultation Conference Call

A gambling-related clinical case is presented as pre-arranged with the call facilitator. Cases include: problem gambling, clients who meet criteria for gambling disorder, individuals who meet criteria for gambling disorder along with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, and persons affected by gambling (i.e. loved one, family member, spouse, and significant other).

Clinical staff participating in these calls in support of their BAAC hours, will need to participate in a case discussion. Staff working towards the International Certified Gambling Counselor credentials should prepare a case presentation for the group (an example outline will be provided to staff when they are ready to present). Staff who are working on competency-based credentialing (e.g. the Specialty Certificate in Problem Gambling) and may not be treating a client with co-occurring problem or disordered gambling, will be asked to provide treatment recommendations on a case presented by the facilitator.

Third Friday of the month from 9:00 – 10:00 am, EST

If you have any questions, please e-mail Fiorigio (Fred) Fetta: fiorigio.fetta@ct.gov.