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Jerry Long Selected to Lead the Indiana Council on Problem Gambling

ICPG also introduces overhauled website featuring more resources and information

INDIANAPOLIS –The Indiana Council on Problem Gambling (ICPG) has selected Jerry Long to serve as the organization’s new Executive Director. Jerry brings over 25 years of experience working in social service and state government. Long served as a program director for the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction prior to his selection.

“Problem gambling, while not a highly visible addiction, is an issue that needs an advocate based on the number of Hoosiers now seeking and receiving treatment. Over the past few years there has been increased activity in the State’s help line. The Council’s mission is to ensure that there are sufficient treatment and support resources to address this need,” Long stated.

Long is also excited to announce the expansion of Council’s web site which now includes statistical data on those who have sought and received help for a gambling problem as well as resources designed to help problem gamblers and their families. Further expansion of the web site will continue in the coming months. The Council can be found online at www.indianaproblemgambling.com.

“Providing helpful information online is a logical progression for the Council,” said Long. “With the internet being the medium of choice for many Hoosiers, the expanded website will allow the Council to aid more Hoosiers who may have or know someone who has a gambling problem as well as those doing research on this issue.”

The Indiana Council on Problem Gambling strives to generate awareness, promote education, and be an advocate for quality treatment for problem gamblers in the State of Indiana. The Council also administers the Indiana Problem Gambling Help Line which provides assistance to problem gamblers and their family members. The help line can be reached 24 hours a day and seven days a week at 1-800-944-8448.

Those interested in learning more about problem gambling can contact Mr. Long toll free at 1-866-699-4274 or visit the Council's web site at: www.indianaproblemgambling.org.