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Media Advisory: National Conference on Problem Gambling July 21-22 in Portland, Oregon

Oldest and Largest Conference on Problem Gambling & Responsible Gaming

Media are invited to join more than 550 attendees from across the country and around the world will gather at the Doubletree by Hilton in Portland, OR on July 21 and 22 to discuss problem gambling and responsible gaming in more than 50 plenary, breakout and poster presentations in the Main Conference.

Keynoter Dr. Jeff Marotta will present for the first time the *Results of the 2016 Survey of Problem Gambling Services*, a project of the Association of Problem Gambling Service Administrators (APGSA) in collaboration with NCPG. The Survey provides the only national compilation of comprehensive information about funding and distribution of problem gambling services in the United States. Results include overall national spending on problem gambling programs as well as trends over the past decade and state-by-state breakdowns. Dr. Marotta is President of Problem Gambling Solutions, Inc. and has served as a university instructor, researcher, clinician, government administrator and non-profit executive director.

Saturday morning features Dr. Marc Potenza, Professor of Psychiatry, Neurobiology and Child Study at Yale University. He has published over 200 research articles in addition to serving as Director of the Center of Excellence in Gambling Research at Yale and the founding Director of the Yale Problem Gambling Clinic. Dr. Potenza received NCPG's Lifetime Research Award and his lecture *Gambling Addiction Research Over the Last 20 Years and the Next 20 Years: How Far We Have Come and How Far We Still Need to Go*.

Dr. Cliff Kuhn will discuss *Energizing a Joyful Recovery* at lunch on Saturday. He is a Professor of Psychiatry at University of Louisville School of Medicine where he has taught since 1974. As an expert in the healing power of humor, Dr. Kuhn has helped thousands to tap into their natural positive energies every day to enjoy greater happiness, better health and more success.

Four additional presentations feature a plenary talk from a subject matter expert in the style of the popular TED Talks. Dr. Heather Chapman provides *Some Thoughts on Helping People Change* and Mark Vander Linden discusses *Play My Way: Using Customizable Technology to Advance Responsible Gaming*. On Saturday Dr. Jim Kooler describes *Prevention: From Silos to Strategy*. Finally, Dr. Sandra Adell describes *Retracing the Road to Recovery*. The remaining breakout and poster sessions are divided into Community & Recovery, Prevention, Responsible Gaming and Treatment tracks.

NCPG is the national advocate for problem gamblers and their families. NCPG is neutral on legalized gambling and works with all stakeholders to promote responsible gaming. For more information on the 31st National Conference on Problem Gambling, visit www.ncpgambling.org/conference.

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