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## MEMORANDUM

TO: GPCS Board Members

FROM: William T. Desmond, Ph.D.  
Director of Clinical Services

SUBJECT: Tobacco Use Prevention Project

DATE: January 27, 2012

GPCS has been asked to participate in a project with the Institute for Drug and Alcohol Studies at VCU to examine how public behavioral healthcare agencies in Virginia might better address tobacco use among our young consumers. Under this grant application, community services boards may develop individualized goals with consultation from VCU. Clinical Services would likely wish to emphasize screening for tobacco and nicotine use as part of the comprehensive assessment we carry out on adolescents entering services.

The research component of the project will call for administration of surveys to clinicians who treat adolescents, and a small chart review conducted by the Institute. Clinicians will also receive training on screening, assessment and treatment of tobacco use/nicotine dependence. Training and other resource requirements would be paid for under the grant, such that clinicians' time would be the only cost bourn by GPCS.

This project would be implemented in two "waves" of CSBs and other participating agencies. GPCS's participation would begin in January of 2014.

Additional information regarding this project will be presented at the Board meeting in February.

Cc: Susan Bergquist  
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