

DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION PROJECT  
COSIG Grant

The two contractors who have been retained by the Division of Behavioral Health, for the Behavioral Health Integration Project (COSIG Grant) include **ZiaLogic Inc.**, and **Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.** These two contractors were selected based on a range of criteria that included their respective specialization in those fields critical to the success of this project, including, but not limited to essential strategic planning, infrastructure development, and program evaluation support to Alaska's COSIG activities. The level of these respective contractors on the national stage is clearly evident, providing the State of Alaska with a unique opportunity to benefit from their collective professional achievement, experience, and expertise in the field.

### **ZiaLogic Inc.<sup>1</sup>**

ZiaLogic Inc. is a professional services corporation specializing in guiding State and regional clients through the complex process of developing and implementing major systems change for individuals with co-occurring disorders. The designated staff includes Kenneth Minkoff and Christie A. Cline.

Kenneth Minkoff, M.D. is a ZiaLogic Senior Systems Consultant and Trainer, is a board certified addiction psychiatrist who has provided teaching, training, program development, clinical treatment, and system consultation in the area of co-occurring disorders since the mid-1980s, and in 1991 co-edited (with Robert Drake, M.D.) *Dual Diagnosis of Major Mental Illness and Substance Disorder*. He is an experienced mental health and addiction clinician and administrator, with experience in public and private sector settings, and in inpatient, residential, intensive outpatient, and outpatient treatment. Dr. Minkoff was chair of the SAMHSA CMHS Managed Care Initiative Panel on Co-occurring Disorders, authoring the 1998 Report entitled: *Co-occurring Disorders in Managed Care Systems: Standards of Care, Practice Guidelines, Workforce Competencies, and Training Curricula*. Dr. Minkoff has become recognized as the premier consultant on developing comprehensive systems change, because of his equal familiarity and comfort with both administrative and clinical issues in addiction settings and in settings serving individuals with serious and persistent mental illness. In 2002, Dr. Minkoff (with Douglas Ziedonis, M.D.) co-authored the issues paper for co-occurring disorders for President Bush's New Freedom Commission. He has been a senior consultant to numerous States.

The State of Alaska has been contracting with Ken Minkoff, dba Zialogic for the previous five years. He had set the stage for future work in the field of co-occurring disorders. He had met with the Commissioner's Office in March 2003 and discussed the SAMHSA Co-morbidity Project with them and they appeared to support/endorse his work and continued development as the Division of Behavioral Health advanced towards the system-wide efforts of merging the Mental Health and Substance Abuse divisions.

Christie A. Cline, MD, MBA, PC, is President of ZiaLogic and will serve this project as a Senior Systems Strategic Planner. Dr. Cline is a board certified psychiatrist and has served as the Medical Director of the Behavioral Health Services Division of the New Mexico Department of Health. She is largely responsible for the process of strategic planning and implementation of the New Mexico Co-occurring Disorders Services Enhancement Initiative. She also has a Masters in Business Administration with an emphasis in Strategic Planning. During the past 3 years, she and Dr. Minkoff have worked as a team in the process of statewide co-occurring disorder program enhancement, curriculum development, and staff and trainer training. Dr. Cline developed the New Mexico Train the Trainer Curriculum, and has been

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.zialogic.org/toc.htm>

largely responsible for linking the content and process of the training to the overall process of strategic planning for systems change. This project has been described in a Technical Assistance Document commissioned by SAMHSA, and available on the SAMHSA website. In addition, she has been instrumental in designing and implementing system change toolkit materials for development of the CCISC model (CO-FIT 100™, a system fidelity outcome tool; COMPASS™, a program audit and self-survey for dual diagnosis capability; and CODECAT™, a clinician and supervisor competency assessment tool.) that are referenced in this proposal. During the past two years, Dr. Cline and Dr. Minkoff have begun to work together in systems outside of New Mexico to combine their expertise. These systems include: Florida, Maine, Vermont, Worcester and Montgomery Counties (MD), Grand Rapids (MI), Lynchburg (VA), San Diego (CA), Washington (DC), Manitoba, and British Columbia.

## **Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.<sup>2</sup>**

Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. is the designated project evaluator, and will play vital roles in the long-term implementation and evaluation for the COSIG Project. The designated staff includes Amy Salomon and James Winarski

Amy Salomon, Ph.D., Director of Evaluation Studies at Advocates for Human Potential (AHP) will serve as a Senior Research/Evaluator. Dr. Salomon has more than 20 years of experience in applied research, human service delivery systems, program development, and public policy analysis. She will guide Alaska staff in the design of data collection instruments and procedures, assist in the development of screening instruments for individuals with co-occurring disorders, and ensure that all of SAMHSA's human subjects protection regulations are adhered to. During Phase II of the project, Dr. Salomon will collect and evaluate data on the long-term effectiveness of Alaska's integrated service delivery system developed under COSIG.

James Winarski, M.S.W., is an AHP Senior Program Manager/Technical Assistance Specialist who will support this project. Mr. Winarski has 20 years of experience in the fields of counseling, psychiatric social work, program development, and technical assistance (TA). He currently serves as Project Director of a long-term AHP contract to provide technical assistance to grantees funded under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) initiative. Mr. Winarski was one of two AHP staff members who drafted several chapters of SAMHSA's landmark *Report to Congress on Co-occurring Disorders*, which was released on December 2, 2002. He also developed a training manual for SAMHSA on co-occurring disorders among the homeless and has provided on site training in over 15 States on working with homeless individuals with co-occurring disorders. He will be available to help State staff finalize the conceptualization of COSIG implementation plans and assist in the design and implementation of an infrastructure designed to ensure project success.

Advocates for Human Potential was selected because of their ability to work with Zialogic; knowledge and leadership regarding the Olmstead decision and their ability to design the evaluation tool described in the SAMHSA GFA (Guidance for Application).

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