The Face We Seek – Healthy, Happy, Non-impaired

> By Michael R. Stone, Executive Director The Winners Federation Symposium on Racing and Gaming Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008

Benefit the Sport

Positively effect bottom line

Add to positive public perception

• Stable, Healthy Workforce More Productive Workforce

- **Better Product**
- More Revenue
- Increased Profit

Early Intervention

- \$7,300 less in health claims
- 44 percent fewer days missed
- 81 percent less attrition
- \$3-\$16.50 in benefit for every dollar invested

U.S. Department of Labor Website, article from *Business First of Columbus*

7:1 benefit:cost per dollar spent on addiction treatment

UCLA study reported in Addiction Professional

General Motors wellness program

- 13 percent reduction in medical costs
- \$452.72 per employee

George Washington University Medical Center, Ensuring Solutions to Alcohol Problems

- Health Care costs for employees with alcohol problem 2X higher
- Untreated substance abusing employee
 costs employer \$640 annually
- Problem drinkers spend 4X as many days in hospital

George Washington University Medical Center5, Ensuring Solutions to Alcohol Problems

Impairment in the workplace

- 79%/16M drug users employed
- 52M binge drinkers employed
- 13M heavy drinkers employed
- Alcohol use/impairment affects 15% of American workforce
- 7% of workforce drank alcohol at least once during the workday
- Highest rates of alcohol and drug use among occupations high risk for accidents, injuries

U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

- Substance abusers absent from work 3
 weeks more/year
- Drug abusers filed 2X workers compensation claims
- Average disability claim costs employers \$12,600
- Each drug abuser uses 2.5X more medical benefits
- Every \$1 invested in treatment returns \$4 in reduced crime, criminal justice and theft

U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse

Winners Federation Resources

- Directory of Counseling and Addiction
 Services
- 2009 Professional Conference
- The Winners Forum
- Racetrack Managers Guidebook Concerning Addictive Behaviors
- Customized Training Programs

Maintaining healthy, happy, non-impaired workforce sound business decision

- -Improved product
- **–Positive bottom line**

1 + 1 = 4