

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling

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MINUTES**

DATE: August 6, 2019

TIME: 9 a.m. to Adjournment

Meeting

Videoconference

LOCATION: Division of Public and Behavioral
Health, 4150 Technology Way, Suite
303, Carson City, NV 89706

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Alan Feldman, Chair
Denise Quirk, Vice Chair
Constance Jones
Carol O'Hare
Ted Hartwell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Carolene Layugan
Donald Yorgason

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT

Kim Garcia
Rhonda Buckley
Brook Adie
Thomas Milazzo
Jeff Marotta
Donna Myers
Raul Martinez
Bo Bernhard

Lana Robards
Andrea Dassopoulos
Stephanie Goodman
Lori Chirino
DeNeese Parker
Sarah St. John
Stephanie Huey

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1. Introductions, Announcements and Roll Call – Completed; quorum met. Alan Feldman advised the group some agenda items would be taken out of order.
2. Public Comment – None.
3. Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2019 and April 18, 2019
Carol O’Hare motions to approve minutes as presented; Ted Hartwell seconds the motion. All in favor said, Aye; none opposed, motion carries.
4. ACPG Workgroups Updates – Item tabled.
5. Directors Office and Bureau of Behavioral Health, Wellness and Prevention Updates
 - a. Discussion on Fiscal Reports – Thomas Milazzo/Directors Office Management Analyst IV & Michele Countryman/Behavioral Health Management Analyst III
Mr. Milazzo gave report of Fiscal Year 2019. Mr. Feldman asked questions about total receipts and funding; Mr. Milazzo supplied answers relating to budget.
 - b. Discussion on Program Updates – Kim Garcia
Ms. Garcia provided spreadsheets for allocation of funds. Questions were asked of spending, add-on codes and funding formula. Ms. Quirk asked if reimbursement rates could be retroactive to July 1 (2019); Mr. Feldman confirms.
 - c. Discussion Program Transfer to Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention – Brook Adie/Health Bureau Chief
Ms. Adie discussed the transfer the Advisory Committee for Problem Gambling from the Director’s Office to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. She has been working with Ms. Garcia to ensure a smooth transition, discussing funding and use of program.
6. Discussion and Recommendations for Strategic Planning for use of the SFY2020 & SFY2021 Biennium Budget Increase Allocations
 - a. Service component allocation overview – Dr. Jeff Marotta/Problem Gambling Solutions
Mr. Marotta referred to power point package provided. Described funds available in budget and how they would be used through six program elements. Compared current allocations to future budgeted allocations.
 - b. Treatment rates and codes: Package options with fiscal analysis – Dr. Jeff Marotta/Problem Gambling Solutions
Discussion held on residential treatment and evaluations, fluctuations of availability for those in need.
 - c. Gambling court investment proposal – DeNeese Parker/Clark County Courts
Stephanie Huey gave brief overview of gambling diversion/treatment court program. Clients are provided with resource options for their addiction; notes gambling disorder must be diagnosed by an appropriate professional. Participants are in program from a minimum of 18 to 36 months. DeNeese Parker noted to Committee requested funds in two proposals. A question and answer session was held. Ms. Parker noted clients pay restitution before any fees are paid to diversion/treatment court. Mr. Marotta gave further discussion on subject. Mr. Feldman recommends taking no action at this time, but to see the results of the program after one full year in service.
 - d. Workforce development investment options – Jeff Marotta/Problem Gambling Solutions
Mr. Marotta brought forward possible ventures for training for staff and interns, through hosting a conference. Committee recognizes many professionals are in need of CEUs. CASAT is a go-to entity for training. Ms. O’Hare also voiced concern that interns must be under supervision. Increasing add-on codes was mentioned, as was training clinics. The Committee

agrees to put placeholder in budget. Mr. Feldman asked for volunteer to chair workforce development group. Denise Quirk volunteers to chair group. No objections from group.

e. Public awareness investment options – Alan Feldman/Chair

Mr. Feldman feels having a local, organized public media initiative will give the Committee the most “bang for the buck,” and work on this as a team. Possibly invest in a small media firm to assist. Would like to have measurable results but need to be realistic on outcome. Mr. Feldman asked to take vote on budget items that have been discussed. 6b – Option 3: Ms. Quirk motions to adopt Option 3; Ms. Jones seconds. Those in favor said ‘aye,’ none opposed, motion carries. 6c – Gambling Court Investment Proposal – Ms. O’Hare motions for approval of \$50,000 (was noted as \$40,000 in budget) in funds; Mr. Hartwell seconds. All in favor said ‘aye’; none opposed, motion carries. 6d – Workforce Development Investment Options. Mr. Feldman wants to clarify placeholder. Ms. Quirk notes if a number be placed on it, she thinks \$75,000 to \$100,000 be placed. Ms. Garcia notes she worked numbers and \$100,000 would be doable. Discussion on this item continues; Mr. Feldman asked to put item on hold for a moment. Further discussion regarding UNLV proposal. Mr. Feldman recommends \$370 to UNLV; make \$30,000 dedicated to other research data collection. Ms. Garcia clarified earmarked money. Ms. Quirk makes new motion for \$400,000 to UNLV; seconded by Mr. Hartwell. All in favor said ‘aye’; none opposed, motion carries. Ms. O’Hare makes motion to put \$70,000 into workforce development grant; Ms. Jones seconds. All in favor said, ‘aye’; none opposed, motion carries. Ms. Garcia clarifies \$40,000 funds to workforce development; unobligated funds are at ‘zero’ dollars. Mr. Feldman said “correct.”

f. Research proposal – Bo Bernhard/UNVL IGI

Bo Bernhard, along with associates Sarah St. John and Andrea Dassopoulous, give information on research budget proposal for a standardized survey and the value of the project. Knows project will work because of data. Database information is great in Nevada. This data will give them a broader sense of who has problems with gambling statewide. New questions are being added to the survey to better identify who has gambling problems, and, with in-depth interviews with those who are doing well. Sarah and Andrea then presented the budget requests to the Committee.

7. Discussion on Outreach to the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Problem Gambling Counselors to establish communication and collaboration – Alan Feldman/Chair

Ms. Quirk lead this discussion. Welcomes members to meet with her regarding the BOE in hopes of having a more collaborative, working relationship with them, in working with the ACPG’s mission and vision. Mr. Feldman asks for recommendations on how outreach will be started. Ms. Garcia noted action would be in activating the workgroup to assist with this item. Ms. Quirk noted she will head up workgroup; Ms. O’Hare volunteered to assist, as will Lana Robards.

8. Discussion for future agenda items – Alan Feldman/Chair

Mr. Feldman would like to have updates on the research discussed in today’s meeting; on smaller grants, asks Mr. Hartwell to lead this. Also included are workforce development and BOE discussion. As well as diversion court.

9. Additional Announcements

Mr. Hartwell brought about discussion regarding strategic planning and the budget. Ms. O’Hare said possibly a timeline of November, for the next Committee meeting, would be an adequate timeline for Mr. Hartwell. Mr. Feldman asked Ms. Garcia how providers would be notified of treatment reimbursement rates; Ms. Garcia said moves will be made to reflect the changes and caps, which are also in strategic plan. A technical memo can also be provided. Mr. Feldman noted he

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would like the public/legislators to know Committee is acting upon approved legislation, would like to get the word out. Ms. Adie noted she can get in touch with the public information office to get some guidance to help get the word out publicly. She asked for any language the Committee could share in starting the process would be helpful. Ms. Garcia announced Tiffany and Brenda Rose, new providers to Problem Gambling were going to be on the call. Brenda was on the line; a new therapy program available 24/7.

10. Public Comment

Stephanie Goodman with Problem Gambling in Las Vegas; made herself available to assist Ms. Quirk in any way. Confirmation made of next meeting; Nov. 14th, 2019 at 9 a.m.

11. Adjournment

Ms. O'Hare motioned for adjournment; Ms. Jones seconded; meeting adjourned.

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