

## **For Discussion of the Role of ACPG**

Legislative Workgroup Meeting – April 8, 2016

### DUTIES PER CURRENT STATUTE:

#### **NRS 458A.070 Additional duties. The Advisory Committee shall:**

1. Review each request received by the Department from a state agency or other political subdivision of the State or from an organization or educational institution for a grant of money or a contract for services to provide programs for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling or to provide services related to the development of data, the assessment of needs, the performance of evaluations or technical assistance;
2. Recommend to the Director each request received pursuant to subsection 1 that the Advisory Committee believes should be awarded;
3. Establish criteria for determining which state agencies and other political subdivisions of the State and organizations and educational institutions to recommend for grants of money or contracts for services pursuant to subsection 2;
4. Monitor each grant of money awarded by the Department to provide programs for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling or to provide services related to the development of data, the assessment of needs, the performance of evaluations or technical assistance; and
5. Assist the Department in determining the needs of local communities and in establishing priorities for funding programs for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling and funding services related to the development of data, the assessment of needs, the performance of evaluations or technical assistance.

#### **NRS 458A.080 Appointment of groups to consider specific problems and review requests for grants or contracts.**

The Chair of the Advisory Committee may appoint groups consisting of members of the Advisory Committee, former members of the Advisory Committee and members of the public who have appropriate experience or knowledge to:

1. Consider specific problems or other matters that are related to and within the scope of activities of the Advisory Committee; and
2. Review requests for grants of money or contracts for services related to specific programs for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling or services related to the development of data, the assessment of needs, the performance of evaluations or technical assistance.

## BACKGROUND & RATIONALE FOR CHANGES:

When the ACPG was created in 2005 most of the duties as defined in the statute and subsequent bylaws, were directly related to developing, reviewing, recommending and monitoring the grant award system within DHHS for the Problem Gambling Fund. Today, the majority of these functions are now carried out by DHHS staff and consultants, allowing the ACPG to take on a new role focused more on advancing the system, rather than implementing and monitoring it. This would require the ACPG to be more engaged in external policy discussions and workgroups that can impact the broader efforts of the state in addressing problem gambling issues.

## RECOMMENDED CHANGES:

### **NRS 458A.070 Additional duties. The Advisory Committee shall:**

1. Advise the Department on current issues and trends in the field of problem gambling to assist in establishing priorities and criteria for funding programs and services for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling or to provide services related to the development of data, the assessment of needs, the performance of evaluations or technical assistance;
2. Review outcome and evaluation reports compiled by the Department, for each funded program and service for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling, and funded services related to the development of data, the assessment of needs, the performance of evaluations or technical assistance.

### **NRS 458A.080 Appointment of groups to consider specific issues and other matters related to problem gambling.**

The Chair of the Advisory Committee may appoint groups consisting of members of the Advisory Committee, former members of the Advisory Committee and members of the public who have appropriate experience or knowledge to:

1. Consider specific issues and policy matters related to prevalence, impact, and prevention and treatment of problem gambling, within the scope of the duties of the Advisory Committee; and
2. Assist in research, development, and recommendation of strategic plans to advance the funding and delivery of adequate programs and services for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling.