

**Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling (ACPG) Legislative Workgroup**

**Draft Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2018**

**Meeting Location**

Held via teleconference with physical location at DHHS, 4126 Technology Way, Suite 102, Carson City NV 89706

**Members Present**

Tony Cabot, Chair  
Alan Feldman  
Connie Jones  
Carol O'Hare  
Denise Quirk  
Ted Hartwell

**Members Absent**

Judge Cheryl Moss  
Debra Robinson

**Others Present**

Lori Follett, Cathy Council, and Shannon Gruening, DHHS Office of Community Partnerships and Grants (OCPG)  
Merle Sexton, Bridge Counseling Associates

**I. Call to Order, Introductions and Announcements**

Denise Quirk, acted as Chair of the ACPG Legislative Workgroup until Tony Cabot, Chair, arrived. Ms. Quirk welcomed the participants and called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM. Telephone participants introduced themselves and a quorum of workgroup members was confirmed. Tony Cabot arrived at 10:35 AM. There were no announcements.

**II. Public Comment**

None

**III. Discussion on Problem Gambling Strategic Plan Workshop Presentation**

- Lori Follett informed the workgroup that on October 30<sup>th</sup>, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants (OCPG) will host a public workshop with regards to Problem Gambling Strategic Plan. The information is available on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) website including the [Agenda](#), open to the public, and will be going out via Listserv.
  - Alan Feldman asked if he could call-in due to being in Asia during the workshop.
    - Ms. Follett responded there is no teleconference option but she would speak to Cindy Routh and get back to the group.
  - Denise Quirk added that she would appreciate a teleconference option for the committee members and stakeholders, so they can participate if they are not able to make it to one of the locations.
  - Mr. Cabot asked how they would coordinate the presentation of the committee that put together the Strategic Plan.
  - Carol O'Hare responded today's meeting is to discuss what their recommendations, ideas, and concerns for the Strategic Plan and what they will present to the workgroup on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. O'Hare referred to the [Survey](#) that was sent to all Advisory

Committee on Problem Gambling (ACPG) members, saying there are some key questions in the survey she would like the group to discuss.

Ms. Quirk listed the Stakeholder survey questions to the group; a discussion ensued.

- Ms. Quirk asked the group if they should refine what they listed in the survey as their concerns, for example, if ACPG transitions from OCPG to Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA), how will that affect the increase in funding they are asking for?
- Ms. O'Hare stated she doesn't have a clear understanding of what shifting the administrative responsibility over ACPG to SAPTA means, as stated on question four of the survey, what the mechanics behind that are. She stated concerns about how future strategic planning will be administered after June 30, 2021.
- Mr. Feldman stated the critical need is to identify what the survey calls service gaps; he thinks it's more than service gaps. Mr. Feldman stated he didn't fully understand the topic of the transition to SAPTA.
- Ms. Quirk asked for a better explanation of who SAPTA is, how do they integrate, and will they have an opportunity to have a discussion with SAPTA soon?
  - Ms. Follett responded they want to see if SAPTA will meet with the ACPG at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Follett added they will see if SAPTA can attend one of the next subcommittee meetings, if there are any good talking points that come out of the October 30<sup>th</sup> Workgroup they can discuss those in a future meeting.
    - Ms. Quirk asked if they would be able to meet with SAPTA before the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting?
    - Ms. Follett responded she will try and see if SAPTA can meet with the ACPG before the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting as well as attend that meeting.

Ms. O'Hare stated there was a reference in the last ACPG meeting as to when department budgets had to be submitted, she asked if the department has submitted their budget proposal to the Governor's office yet?

- Ms. Follett responded she would have to get back to Ms. O'Hare in regards to the budget proposal.

A group discussion ensued regarding the transition of ACPG from OCPG to SAPTA

- Ms. O'Hare asked for more information about why this transition to SAPTA is happening and what problem is it solving.
- Mr. Feldman asked how this might affect the ACPG's role and mission as it's defined legislatively and what is the strategic direction that is causing the transition to SAPTA, who has articulated that and where is it articulated
- Ms. Follett responded to her understanding this would not affect the ACPG's role and she would have to meet with Ms. Routh about why the decision was made to transition to SAPTA and get back to the group.
- Ms. Quirk added that she is concerned that SAPTA may not follow the same system as the OCPG has set in place.

#### **IV. Next Meeting, Future Meeting Agenda Items**

Ms. Quirk suggested the group prepares a list of important questions in regards to the transition to SAPTA and bring them to the next meeting.

- Mr. Feldman suggested getting all the questions together and giving them to Ms. Quirk to create a master list.
  - Cathy Council responded the questions need to go thru her per open meeting law.

- Ms. O'Hare asked once they get the questions over to Ms. Council, will she then get them to Mr. Cabot for him to compile the report that needs to be given?
- Ms. Council responded yes.
- Mr. Cabot asked what he would do with the questions once they are given to him.
- Ms. O'Hare responded they would be presented in a report in the October 30<sup>th</sup> workshop.

Mr. Cabot motioned the compiled questions will be an agenda item in the next meeting.

- Ms. Quirk seconded the motion and it was carried unopposed.

Mr. Cabot asked the group what date and time would work best for everyone for the next workgroup.

- Mr. Cabot motioned to have the next workgroup on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2018, at 1:30 pm. Motion was carried unopposed.

#### **V. Public Comment #2**

None

#### **VI. Additional Announcements and Adjournment**

There were no additional announcements.

- Mr. Cabot motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Connie Jones and carried unopposed. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.