

New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2016

Present: Dot Duda, Peter Duda, Debi LaPlante, Roy Woodman, Ed Talbot

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 12:25 PM.

1. Dot called the meeting to order and stated that a quorum was present.
2. The first item for review was approval of the minutes for the December 16, 2015 and March 16, 2016 meetings. The decision was made to table the item until Maura arrived at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned with neither item approved.
3. Pete Duda gave the Treasurer's Report, which after donations and expenses left a balance of \$15,998.95. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. This was approved unanimously.
4. In his Executive Director's Report, Ed outlined the following:
  - a. The Annual Report (required by the Attorney General) has been submitted to the New Hampshire Charitable Trust.
  - b. We received a letter dated April 26, 2016 from the Bank of New Hampshire that our grant request of \$1000 was not approved.
  - c. Ed attended a meeting of the state Senate Ways and Means Committee and gave some testimony on the nature of gambling problems within state. He stated that they listened courteously, but there was no evident desire on their part to fund a program to address the problem.
  - d. Ed attended the Mount Washington Economic Council meeting and spoke with Governor Hassan following the meeting and she requested a follow up letter which was submitted.
  - e. Ed read the response from the Governor's Budget Director which indicated they would speak with Director McIntyre and Joe Harding, D.H. & H.S. Director. The request is submitted as the state decides how to spend a \$70 million surplus.
5. The website update. Maura McCann was not present so the discussion was postponed.
6. Financial issues and opportunities.
  - a. Ed stated that his contract for the Executive Director assignment is up for renewal and that he would willing to adjust the monthly stipend from \$2500.00 to \$2000.00. A motion was made to adjust the contract amount for the next six months and it was seconded. The directors then voted unanimously to approve the change.
  - b. Discussion of revenue possibilities. A lengthy discussion was held to find ways to present recovery stories and post outside council activity on our website that would illustrate to possible funders that the council is active and successful. Directors focused on the training of clinicians that is conducted by the Mass Council on Compulsive Gambling and how we may be able 'piggy-back' on their training classes to include NH clinicians and potentially develop a certificate training as 'specialists' in addressing compulsive gambling. The group focused on providing a half day training session in the fall which would give attendees a good introductory course on problem gambling and award continuing education credits. The event would be held at the N.H Lottery and would be by invitation. Ed & Dot will work on the course content and Ed will apply for C.E.U. s
  - c. Debi also proposed the idea of a Think Tank being created to further our opportunities for funding and providing services in New Hampshire.
  - d. Another suggestion was for a "GO FUND ME" program.

- e. Ed is exploring an operational grant from The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and a concept paper needs to be submitted by August 19.
  - f. Finally, a proposal was submitted to present at the New Hampshire Behavioral Conference October 27 & 28. Notification should arrive shortly.
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7. No new business items for the September meeting were brought up at this time.
  8. Pete Duda made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Debi LaPlante and approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board will be September 16, 2016 at the Lottery Headquarters in Concord NH.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Woodman  
Secretary