

New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2017

Present: Dot Duda, Ed Talbot, Debi LaPlante, Maura McCann, Courtney Tanner, Heather Gray, Ginger Ross

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM.

Dot Duda opened the meeting with a review of the March 2017 meeting minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Courtney Tanner and seconded by Debi LaPlante. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Talbot reviewed the treasurer's report with the group. The council is in good shape through October of 2017. However, the council is still looking into sources of further funding. The council has applied for grants through Bank of New Hampshire, Mascoma Savings and Sugar River. All of which have been denied. Ed Talbot will apply to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and will report back to us with the outcome.

Director's Report: Ed Talbot stated that he has filed the council's annual report with the State of New Hampshire. He further provided to the council that he has spoken at the following Recovery Coach Academies in Seabrook and East Bridgewater, Massachusetts. He further attended a Gambler's Anonymous meeting in Rochester.

Ed Talbot spoke of the getting the three states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont together. Maura McCann stated that since they work as a Tri-State group already that she would reach out to both Vermont and Maine to see how they both support this initiative in their states.

Ed Talbot will be speaking at the Recovery Center in Berlin.

The recorded webinar that Ed Talbot did will be posted shortly.

Further discussion was held regarding the 1% of sales that will be earmarked for the Department of Health & Human Services (State of New Hampshire) from the sale of Keno. The language is:

- (a) One percent shall be paid to the department of health and human services to support research, prevention, intervention, and treatment services for problem gamblers.

The subject of Fantasy Sports and specifically Draft Kings/Fan Duel came up. The New Hampshire Lottery oversees the registration of such companies who offer Fantasy Sports here in the Granite State.

The NH Council on Problem Gambling and the council becoming part of the National Affiliation is on hold at this time. Individuals on the board are members along with the New Hampshire Lottery.

The group then looked at the 3-year plan for the council. The council is about making sure that people are aware of gambling addiction and specifically those who provide addiction services. Discussion has been ongoing to incorporate gambling specific questions when a service provider screens a client for services. Should the council be reaching out to these providers to supply them with fact sheets and screening questions to use. There are many variances of gambling from poker, to lottery, to fantasy sports and more. Packets could be sent out to recovery coaches, providing them with a tool kit as well as Ed Talbot's services. Ed Talbot and Maura McCann will work on such packets. Debi LaPlante will provide resources, treatment guidelines, etc.

Part of this 3-year plan would include the Department of Health & Human Services and their plan of the earmarked revenue for substance abuse.

Here are the considerations of the 3-year plan:

- 1) Funding
- 2) Continue the work with the Recovery Centers
- 3) Provide packets as well as a letter from Ed Talbot and his services
- 4) Continue to work on a comprehensive 3-year plan for the council

A motion was made by Courtney Tanner to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 PM. The motion was seconded by Maura McCann and voted by the group affirmatively.

The next meeting of the Board will be September 20, 2017 at the Lottery Headquarters in Concord NH.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura McCann  
Vice President