

New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling

Board of Directors March 18, 2015

Present: Dot Duda, Peter Duda, Debi LaPlante, Patrick Long, Maura McCann, Kathy Scanlan and Ed Talbot

Absent: Abby Shockley, Roy Woodman

Minutes of the December 17, 2015 meeting were approved. Motion made by Dot, seconded by Patrick.

President's Report:

Ed reported the following:

Proposal for a donation from Bank of New Hampshire was denied.

Submissions are allowed each quarter and we will resubmit.

Secretary of State's Annual Report has been file and I.R.S. (990N) and New Hampshire Charitable Trust reports will be filed by May 15 deadline.

Thanks to the Strategic Plan Sub committee for their work and patience.

Ed attended a Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling training on Casino: Challenges and Opportunities.

Dot and Ed attended The Summit, a conference on problem gambling for criminal justice system professionals.

Dot and Ed represented N.H on a conference call and the press conference sponsored by the Northeast Consortium for Problem Gambling Awareness month.

Patrick updated us on the legislation on expanded gambling in New Hampshire. The casino bill passed the Senate and will go to the House in April while the Keno bill is stalled until January.

Ed also informed the Board of a request for "training" by the Hinsdale OTB.

Peter delivered the Treasurer's Report. Balance on hand \$22612.33.

Donations from Jim Hudson and Roy Woodman were acknowledged.

Maura presented the brochures, stationery and business cards for everyone's review. The Board is very pleased with the professional appearance of all items and grateful to Maura for monitoring this project and the NH Lottery for making it happen.

Maura also informed the Board that she has the approval to assist in the development of a website for the council and has requested pricing information. She will also speak with their public relations group to determine our next steps to create an awareness of the council and our mission.

Kathy led a discussion of the Work Plan developed by the Strategic Plan sub committee.

Identified goals: Developing a statewide network by forming partnerships, being recognized as the resource on problem gambling issues, creating a fully functioning Board, education, and training.

The Board exchanged a variety of ideas on developing the network and Patrick has offered to speak with recovery consortiums to bring us into the loop. All are aware of the cuts in services and funding to address addiction and mental health issues and feel there may be a fear that we are after a piece of the shrinking pie. Debi and Dot suggested our focus should be to complement other services if we are to treat the whole person. Attempts to inform and screen will continue with Patrick's contact, the New Hampshire Providers Assoc and the Tri County Continuum of Care.

Maura proposed training for lottery agents and suggested offering it to Dept of Health & Human Services professionals. She and Ed will arrange a date and determine who should be invited. The Board identified Joe Harding and Mike Powers as essential to our success with D.H.H.S.

Debi, Dot, Pat and Ed are all working with candidates for our Board.

Dot and Ed will continue to pursue screenings and *Basis* enrollment.

The work plan will be reviewed at each meeting for progress on these goals.

The sub committee recommended and approved Ed to oversee the progress and completion of this work plan with a timeline of 6 months. Ed was asked to prepare a scope of his work to accomplish the goal and a compensation proposal.

Ed submitted a detailed list of duties and responsibilities similar to that of an executive director. He offered to serve the Board in this manner contractually for \$1000 per month and asked that it be reviewed at the annual meeting in September for expansion, continuation or modification. A motion to approve the contact was approved unanimously. Ed has submitted his resignation as a Board member and will serve as Executive Director.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pat, seconded by Dot and approved.
Meeting adjourned at 1:45

Next meeting: June 17, 2015