

New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2017

Present: Dot Duda, Ed Talbot, Debi LaPlante, Maura McCann, Courtney Tanner

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM.

Dot Duda began the meeting with a motion to accept the minutes from the December 14, 2016 meeting. Motion was made by Debi LaPlante and seconded by Maura McCann. Motion was passed.

Ed Talbot provided the Treasurer's Report. From December's meeting until today, expenses totaled \$7,289.73 for Executive Director Compensation, office rent, phone bill, fees, etc. After those expenses were paid, as of March 29, 2017 the balance of funds stands at \$19,648.34.

Ed Talbot gave the Director's Report. Ed has attended the following meetings: Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Drugs, New England Consortium, met with Diane Pepin from the NHADACA Association & Training Institute, Kelly Riley, Center Director from Hope for New Hampshire Recovery Center in Manchester (would like to host a GA Meeting) and Holly Cekala, Executive Director of NH Hope for Recovery (set up a meeting for all center directors for a presentation on problem gambling).

Ed has completed and mailed grant applications for Bank of New Hampshire, Sugar River Bank and Mascoma Savings Bank. All applications had to be in by the deadline of March 31, 2017.

The council's Annual Report due to the Office of the Attorney General has been completed, notarized and sent to that office on March 29, 2017. The report needs to be filed by the May 15, 2017 deadline.

Ed is also working on a Rochester informational night for a GA Meeting in conjunction with Frisbee Memorial Hospital. He has also contacted Janice Spinney at the Mount Washington Valley Supports Recovery Coalition for a presentation on problem gambling.

Under other business from his report, Ed completed a survey for NCPG with Julie Hynes from the University of Oregon on NHCPG. Lastly, the office space lease has been renewed for one year at the same monthly rate of \$252.08 per month or \$3,205 for the year.

Ed Talbot and Courtney Tanner will be working on presenting a WEBINAR on problem gambling and on the NH Council on Problem Gambling. This could be a Power Point Presentation by Ed to any interested parties.

Debbie LaPlante has a screening tool kit (3-4 pages) that she will provide that the council could customize for use.

Under Legislative Report- there is quite a bit of activity regarding gambling in New Hampshire with legislation in the works for two casinos as well as offering Keno.

Maura McCann reported that she needs to work with the IT folks to update the Council's website with the latest minutes and also information under the "What's Happening" tab. Further Maura reported that the lottery has renewed their Silver Level membership with the National Council on Problem Gambling. Along with that renewal, information specific to New Hampshire on that website now reflects the New Hampshire Council's information, telephone and contact information. Lastly, Maura reported that the New Hampshire Lottery is now a member of the World Lottery Association.

The council took the time to renew the 5 year plan and what has been accomplished from that plan.

- A fully functioning Board.
- A funded agency and staff.
- Recognized as the resource for help for problem gambling issues
- Develop partnerships to advance the mission.
- Become a national leader in generating and disseminating research on trained clinicians and problem gambling.
- Educate the general public and professionals on problem gambling.
- Train and certify clinicians in an integrated health system and assure that there are a sufficient number of trained clinicians.
- Conduct a needs assessment to inform programs.
- Develop prevention efforts for high risk populations.
- Develop a statewide network.

Courtney Tanner suggested taking another look at this and to draft a 3-year plan that is a robust strategic plan, developing goals and objectives, etc.

Under New Business: Discussion was about having a training at Lottery Headquarters for the Recovery Centers and any other interested party as well as offering CEU's for attending. Courtney Tanner said she will help with this as it is a six-week application process.

The council discussed the need for some type of disclaimer on the council website, stating that the website was a resource for assistance, etc. Maura McCann will review other website disclaimers. With Courtney Tanner's legal background, we may be able to bring something forward at the next meeting.

Dot Duda made a motion to adjourn at 1:25 PM, which was seconded by Debi LaPlante and approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board will be June 21, 2017 at the Lottery Headquarters in Concord NH.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura McCann
Vice President