

**New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling**  
**Board of Directors June 17, 2015**

Present; All directors and executive director

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M.

The meeting opened with introductions and a welcome to Bill Butynski as our newest board member and a welcome back to Abby Shockley and Roy Woodman.

The minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting were approved following a motion by Pat Long and second by Debi LaPlante.

Ed noted the Board president's vacancy needed to be filled and our by-laws state officers serve 3 year terms. We are in the second year of this term and a motion was made by Pat and seconded to elevate Dot Duda from vice president to the president for the balance of the term and leave the vice presidency vacant until the September meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Anyone interested in serving as vice-president for the balance of the term should make their intentions known prior to the September meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peter Duda presented the report noting the opening balance for the quarter was \$22,612.33 expenses totaled \$3357.32 leaving a balance of \$19,605.01. Copies of expenses were provided. Motion to approve was made by Pat, seconded and approved.

**Executive Director's Report:** Ed informed the board of various projects he has undertaken on behalf of the Council. He submitted two grant applications (Bank of New Hampshire and Bishop's Charitable Assistance Program), testified before House Ways & Means Committee on the casino

bill, submitted the annual report to the New Hampshire Charitable Trust, and attended the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling's Annual Conference and the meeting of the Northeast Consortium on Problem Gambling. He attended, was introduced and presented briefly to the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs as a guest of Bill. Ed gave a briefing of the meeting with Director Joe Harding of the Bureau of Substance Abuse for the Department of Health & Human Services and Lindy Keller and Mike Rogers from his staff. Dot and Bill also provided details of the meeting noting the opportunities that were presented to the Council. Ed thanked Debi for her prompt response to a request from Director Harding for research material.

**Legislative Update:** Patrick provided details of the pending legislative action which found both the keno and casino bills off the table for this legislative session. Pat noted the current mood of the legislature is not favorable to funding treatment and prevention services. He cited the Drug Court for Manchester as an example of a worthwhile project facing a tough battle for funding. (Defeated 6/23). Bill noted the Governor and some legislators do favor treatment and recommended we continue to advocate and educate. Recommendations were also made to meet with Paul Kelly, New Hampshire Charitable Gaming, Jack Womczak, N.H. "Drug Czar" and N. H. Rep. James MacKay who serves on the Health & Human Services Oversight Committee.

**Website Update:** Maura updated the Board on the progress of the website design by providing members with wireframes outlining the proposed site. The discussion that ensued provided some great recommendations. The NH Lottery is once again providing technical assistance for this project and Maura, Debi and Roy are spearheading the effort.

**Comprehensive Plan:** A discussion regarding the request for a Comprehensive Plan for Problem Gambling Services by Director Harding concluded the draft prepared by Ed is deemed insufficient as our response. Abby and Bill both recommended a more extensive plan which is in line the *Collective Impact Strategy* the D.H&H.S is familiar with. Kathy explained the draft she submitted to Ed was prepared for Massachusetts public officials contemplating gambling expansion and not geared to the clinical needs of public service agencies providing intervention, prevention and treatment. The recommendation was made to develop an outline response to the request and provide their staff the opportunity to engage in the process of developing the plan. The recommendation was approved and a committee of Abby, Debi and Bill will coordinate the task.

**Work Plan:** A brief discussion of the work plan reiterated the goals of building the board, fundraising and increasing awareness of the Council. No specific action was taken.

**Future Meetings:** The Board agreed to maintain the same dates, times and location for future meetings.

They are: September 16, 2015 (Annual), December 16, 2015, March 15, 2016 and June 16, 2016

Pat motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 and the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy Woodman, Secretary