

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING**

**Board of Directors Meeting      March 16, 2016**

Present: Dot Duda, Ed Talbot, Maura McCann

At today's meeting, the following was reported:

Ed Talbot gave an update on the Executive Director's Report.

The office rental on Ferry Street in Concord has been finalized as of March 1, 2016. Ed is pleased with the space provided and the other agencies that are part of the space. Ed attended a number of meetings on behalf of the council: Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drugs as well as the Northeast Consortium of Gambling Council in Sturbridge, MA with Dot Duda. He promoted the Disordered Gambling Screening Day to a number of entities: New Futures, NH Providers Association, Carroll County Coalition on Public Health, NH Charitable Trust Foundation and Ad Care Criminal Justice Systems. Ed provided verbal testimony to the Senate Ways & Means Committee on the Keno legislation and he was present and planned to testify to House Ways & Means Committee on the Sports Lottery bill. Due to lack of time, testimony ended but written testimony was provided. Further, Ed was present at Senate Bill 551 however the legislation was tabled. He provided again, written testimony on HB 630 and that legislation was deemed Inexpedient to Legislate. Lastly, Ed presented to the Recovery Task Force on Disordered Gambling Screening.

For potential funding of the Council, Ed has sent a request off to Bank of New Hampshire the necessary paperwork. He is further looking for additional funding from New Futures Recovery Centers as well as the NH Charitable Foundation's organizational grants.

The group briefly reviewed a Paychex proposal and at this time, the item is tabled.

Maura McCann reviewed the new website with the group and further reviewed the press release that would be going out the afternoon of March 16, 2016.

Next up for discussion was how to add personnel to the NH Council on Problem Gambling. The thought was to send a request out to the current board members for suggestions. A reminder to all board members, if they are unable to attend the scheduled meeting, please let Ed Talbot know via email or telephone call prior to the meeting date.

At the end of the meeting, discussion centered on training mental health providers specific to problem gambling. From that discussion, an idea came about to reach out to the agencies that also occupy the 10 Ferry Street address in Concord and to see what type of response it would receive. If favorable, it could be offered to a larger group. Work will begin on a template for an invitation to that training and once that is done, a decision would be made as to where and when it would be held.

Maura McCann called for a motion to adjourn the March 16, 2016 meeting. Dot Duda seconded and hearing no further discussion, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:05 PM.