

New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2017

Present: Ed Talbot, Debi LaPlante, Maura McCann, Heather Gray

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

Ed Talbot presented the minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Debi LaPlante to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Heather Gray. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Ed Talbot further reported that no one was able to attend the New England Consortium Meeting on Monday, September 25, 2017. He further reported that both he and Dot Duda have their 2-year certification through the MASS Council on Problem Gambling as Problem Gambling Specialists.

The Treasurer's Report was provided and at this time, there is a balance of \$7,794.78. Expenses over the next three months total \$4,806.82 which include director compensation, office rent, phone bill and New Hampshire Providers Association membership.

Ed Talbot reported that the work shop proposal for the Behavioral Health Conference was not selected. He will work further with members of that group to find out why it was rejected in order to present something that may be accepted in the future.

The New Hampshire Charitable Grant(s) were denied. Ed Talbot has made contact with Ann Phillips at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and Ed will be attending a grant-writing workshop in North Conway on October 16. Ann Phillips will be doing that workshop and it will be a great contact for Ed to have in applying in the future.

Ed Talbot did a presentation to the Nashua Recovery Coach Academy at Lesley University. Dot Duda was in attendance for that presentation also. He further reported doing a presentation to the Franklin Recovery Coach Academy and Ed was interviewed for a *Concord Monitor* newspaper article written by Allie Morris and he was interviewed by NH Public Radio.

Ed Talbot met with Cary Gladstone of 211NH. This is a charitable arm of Eversource here in New Hampshire. Ed toured the call center and spoke to those employees about problem gambling and the various areas to direct people to, to find help.

Ed Talbot met briefly with Joe Harding at the Department of Health & Human Services. Mr. Harding suggested that one way to fund the NH Council on Problem Gambling would be through trainings and to charge a fee for the training of which DHHS employees would attend. Mr. Harding further suggested having a proposal together to present to the Governor's Office for their review. The proposal would cover the following but would not be limited to:

- Providing a resume for Ed Talbot and his work on problem gambling here in New Hampshire.
- A history of the New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling from 2013 to present, highlighting accomplishments throughout the years as well as the limited funding each year.
- A proposal for a gap analysis to be done to find out from New Hampshire providers what they have in the way of resources to deal with problem gambling.
- A \$50,000 request to fund that analysis

The meeting dates were set for the following:

- December 20, 2017
- March 21, 2018
- June 20, 2018
- September 19, 2018

A motion was made by Ed Talbot to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 PM. The motion was seconded by Maura McCann and voted by the group affirmatively.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maura McCann  
Vice President  
New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling