

New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2016

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

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

The group discussed the need for more members to attend our quarterly meetings. A number of names were discussed and invitations to attend will be extended. The meeting schedule for the next year was reviewed:

December 14, 2016

March 15, 2017

June 21, 2017

December 20, 2017

The implementation of self-exclusion was discussed and the ability for the NH Council on Problem Gambling to have such a document available for New Hampshire residents who travel to New England Casinos. In Massachusetts, a fillable PDF file is available for self-exclusion for an elected period of anywhere from 6 months up to 5 years. Ed Talbot will be looking into this further.

Discussion was held regarding what the lottery provides regarding "Play Responsibly". The lottery's printed materials carry the Play Responsibly logo as well as the TV/Radio commercials. The brochure is made available for any lottery retailer who has the space to display it. Space is limited to the point that lottery brochures are no longer printed. Maura McCann will look into having information printed via the lottery terminal. A retailer could either print it upon demand or provide it via any counter space available.

The question was asked about the stores that sell our tickets and if they get inquiries for problem gambling. Maura McCann will follow up on that with the sales staff at the lottery and report back to the group.

Ed Talbot requested a block of time to speak to the lottery's sale staff regarding problem gambling. Maura McCann will reach out to the Sales Supervisors for a date/time.

Rick Barnett, president and founder of the Center for Addiction Recognition Treatment Education & Recovery in Vermont has inquired about collaborating with New Hampshire with training, etc.

Dot Duda inquired about the New Hampshire Lottery's involvement with the McGill University request to promote that lottery gifts are not acceptable holiday gifts for minors. To date, New Hampshire has not been a part of this project and there are no plans to do so.

There was a request for Google Analytics for visits to the NH Council on Problem Gambling's website.

Ed Talbot reported that he filed the Annual Report with the Attorney General's office. He recently attended a meeting with the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drugs. He had a meeting scheduled with James Vara, Governor's Advisor on Addiction and Behavioral Health however Mr. Vara had to decline the meeting and has asked that it be rescheduled.

Ed Talbot will be exhibiting at the 2016 NH Behavioral Health Conference at the Grand Summit Resort and Conference Center in Bartlett, New Hampshire October 27 and October 28, 2016. The group discussed what Ed could offer at his table exhibit which would address treatment, prevention and education.

At this time there was no update on a Legislative Report.

Under New Business, Ed Talbot attended and spoke at a daylong conference at the beginning of June in Connecticut, Congregational Assistance Program.

Dot Duda made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Debi LaPlante and approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board will be December 14, 2016 at the Lottery Headquarters in Concord NH.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura McCann
Vice President